

## **Lancashire County Council**

### **PROPOSED NEW GEOGRAPHICAL PRIORITY AREA FOR 2017/18 ADMISSIONS**

#### **Carr Hill High School & Sixth Form Centre**

Plans are proceeding for a new housing development of around 1,400 properties on the Whyndyke Farm site adjacent to the M55 motorway and bordering (part in) the Blackpool area. Final agreement to this development is still under consideration by Fylde and Blackpool Borough Councils.

When this proceeds it will be situated in Little Marton on the A583 adjacent to junction 4 of the M55 (map attached). The vast majority of this site is within Lancashire but the timetable for approval and development of housing is not managed by Lancashire County Council.

In relation to the statutory duty to co-ordinate of secondary admissions for all schools and academies within its area Lancashire ensures that all families are situated within a defined GPA or intake area for at least one school or academy. This gives children some increased priority for admission to that particular establishment.

In areas where annual intakes have historically been shared, or where the location is outlying, there may be overlap. Part of a GPA can be shared between schools and academies and this does already happen in Lancashire.

In this case the Whyndyke Farm site is already included within the GPA for Lytham St Annes Technology and Performing Arts College - though there have never been residential properties on site from which parents could apply. This is a foundation school and the governing body are responsible for admissions.

The new houses on this site will be situated nearer to some Lancashire secondary schools in the Poulton le Fylde area - but these are unlikely to have available places and there is no safe walking route for access. They will also be nearer to St Georges CEP High School in Blackpool and other Blackpool schools.

The intention for the future is to add the Whyndyke Farm site within the GPA for Carr Hill High and Sixth Form Centre.

This will allow parents who, in future, express preferences for either Carr Hill or Lytham St Annes Technology and Performing Arts College to have some increased priority for admission to both. This will not prevent their free expression of school and academy preferences including for options in Poulton le Fylde and in Blackpool.

Lancashire intends to implement this proposed change for 2017 or 2018 school intakes depending on the housing development timetable (which Lancashire does not manage). The implementation of the small shared area of GPA will depend on housing development getting the necessary approvals and then the building timetable and families actually becoming resident on site.