Zoning

Background

Under the original Widnes proposals retaining the current admission arrangements would mean that a significant number of pupils from the East of Widnes would have to travel from the East to the West of Widnes to access secondary provision. Zoning Widnes would address this issue. Zoning is commonly used in other authorities.

A defined admission zone (catchment area) would need to be created for Widnes based on postal address around a school. Parents would then understand that if they lived at a particular address the catchment area they fell within.

In establishing the zone it would be a requirement that admission arrangements did not disadvantage a child from a particular social or racial group or a child with a disability or special educational needs.

The attached map shows the proposed zone for Widnes.

Map Key

Blue Star = Fairfield High School

Green Star = Wade Deacon Red Star = The Bankfield

Corresponding coloured dots indicate the postcode location of where pupils currently live. For Example, a green dot indicates a child attending Wade Deacon.

Please note that although the line on this map extends into Runcorn, the zoning is only proposed for the Widnes area. Therefore, please ignore the line when it crosses the river.