Proposed catchment change for The Vyne Community School, Basingstoke

Background

There is a misalignment between primary and secondary catchment areas affecting families living in the northern part of the Four Lanes Junior School catchment. While Four Lanes Junior School is a linked school for The Vyne Community School, a significant proportion of households situated in the northern section of its catchment area fall within the catchment area for Everest Community Academy.

This can result in families living in that area who apply for both their linked and catchment secondary schools being unsuccessful in securing a place at either, as they may not rank highly enough under either school's oversubscription criteria. In recent years, some pupils have instead been allocated places at schools further from home, away from their established peer groups, creating social and logistical challenges.

To improve clarity, fairness and alignment between primary and secondary admission arrangements, a change to The Vyne Community School catchment area is proposed.

Proposal

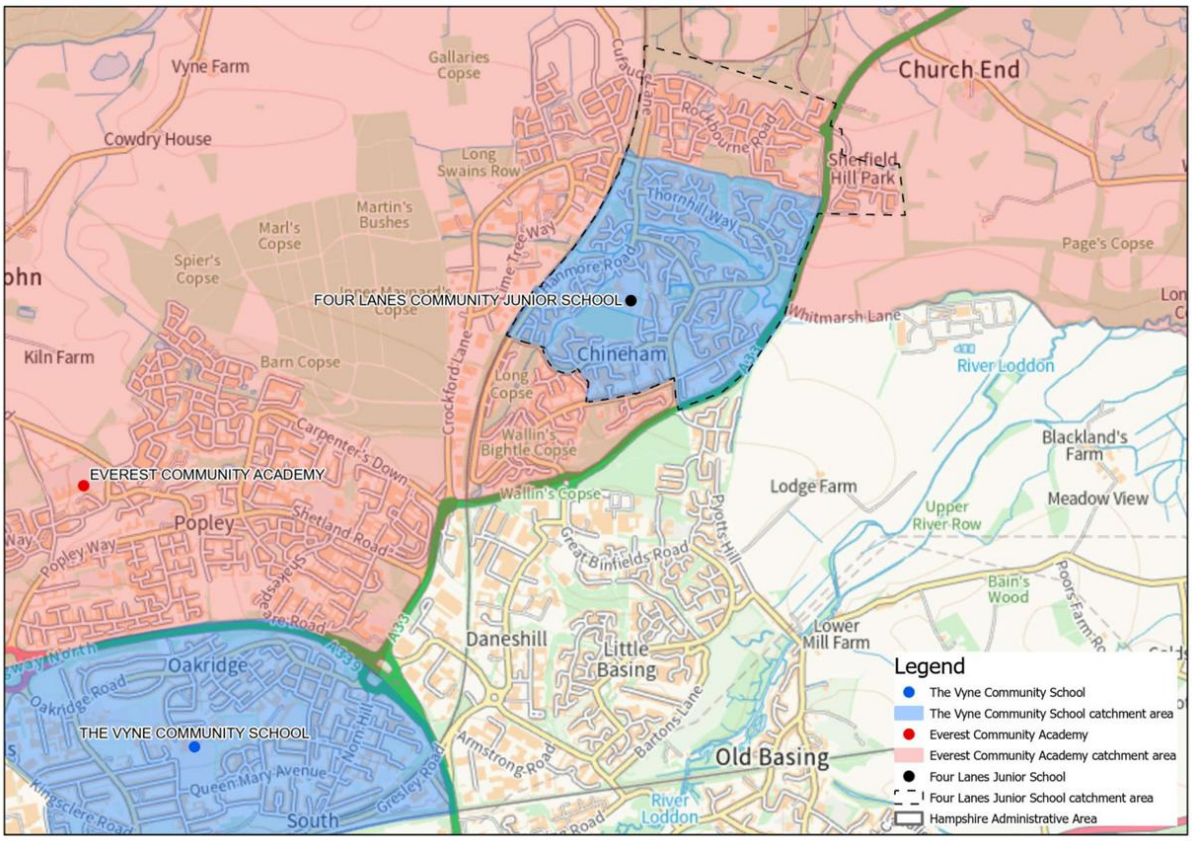
Hampshire County Council proposes that the hatched area shown on the proposed catchment area map be added to the catchment area for The Vyne Community School.

Please see the maps below showing the current and proposed catchment areas.

As Everest Community Academy is its own admission authority, any changes to its catchment area would require a separate consultation by the academy trust. The trust has advised that it is not currently proposing to remove this area from its catchment area. If approved, this proposal would therefore create a shared catchment area, with families living within the hatched area having catchment priority for both The Vyne Community School and Everest Community Academy under their respective admission arrangements.

The proposed catchment change would apply for admissions from September 2028, including applications made in the main admission round for Year 7 entry in September 2028.

Current catchment area map



Proposed catchment area map

