

SOUTH EASTERN SHEFFIELD: ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Three options are set out for South East Sheffield.

OPTION A: 2 DISTRICTS	Arbourthorne/Manor/Darnall Mosborough/Handsworth
OPTION B: 3 DISTRICTS	Arbourthorne/Manor Darnall/Handsworth Mosborough
OPTION C: 2 DISTRICTS	Arbourthorne/Manor Darnall/Handsworth/Mosborough

The key difference between the proposals is that in Option A (the option described in the main paper) Darnall, Tinsley, Housteads and Acres Hill are placed with Arbourthorne and Manor. In Option B they are placed with Handsworth. In Option C, Darnall, Tinsley, Acres Hill, Housteads and Handsworth are all added to the Mosborough unit.

Placing Darnall, Acres Hill, Housteads and Tinsley with Arbourthorne/Manor (Option A, shown in map at appendix A) works reasonably well in children's terms as there is a strong flow of children to Waltheof School in the Manor area from Darnall and particularly Acres Hill (though not Tinsley). There is also a recent history of close working across the Manor/Darnall boundary on young people's issues.

However the connections between the two areas in most other respects is relatively weak. The emerging GP commissioning arrangements in the South East are based on three groups, based on Arbourthorne/Manor, Darnall/Tinsley/Handsworth and Mosborough/Woodhouse/Birley. Option A does not align well with these. As a result Sheffield South East PCT asked for Options B and C to be exemplified.

Option B (shown in map at appendix F) places Darnall, Acres Hill, Housteads and Tinsley with Handsworth, aligning with a GP commissioning group. Arbourthorne/Manor is expanded eastward to include Woodthorpe , Richmond and Hollinsend, while the remainder of the area (including Woodhouse) is placed with Mosborough.

Option B mirrors the GP commissioning arrangements, and also unites Woodthorpe and Manor-Castle, so avoiding the need to split that Action Area. On the other hand it severs Acres Hill and Darnall neighbourhoods from Waltheof School (where most of these children go to school) severs the Woodhouse neighbourhood from Handsworth Grange school (where most of these children go to school), and splits the Handsworth Grange/City school family. Perhaps the most serious difficulty is the size of the area – it is only about half the average Service District size on most indicators, and much smaller than any other area.

Option C (shown in map at appendix G) seeks to address the size problem by combining the Darnall/Handsworth area with the Mosborough area. This option overcomes the problem of having a very small unit and in statistical terms is quite similar to Option A. The option still has problems relating to Acres Hill/Darnall children and splitting the Handsworth Grange/City school family. But the biggest problem is the awkward and elongated shape of the district, stretching from Halfway in the south to Meadowhall in the north, without clear communication routes.