



Wirral's Children Heygarth Primary

Consultation
January 2006

The meeting

- Short presentation about:
 - The Review process
 - The Options which affect this school
- Your comments

The Primary Places Review:

September 2004

Audit Commission report on Surplus Places

October 2004

Council begins reviewing North, South, Central Birkenhead and Beechwood

October 2005

Proposals published for North Birkenhead, Beechwood and South Birkenhead

The Primary Places Review:

October 2005

Council begins reviewing Bebington, Spital, Thornton Hough, Bromborough and Eastham

December 2005

Council decides to consult on options for Bromborough and Eastham

Important to:

- Focus on the needs of children not schools
- Think about the next generation
- Share information
- Trust one another
- What will work, and what will not work?

Surplus places – why do we need to act?

- Audit Commission says **surplus space** in schools should be **between 5% and 10%**
- Above 10%, wasting money supporting empty classrooms
- 4%-5% allows degree of parental choice
- No school should have more than 25% surplus – annual return to Government

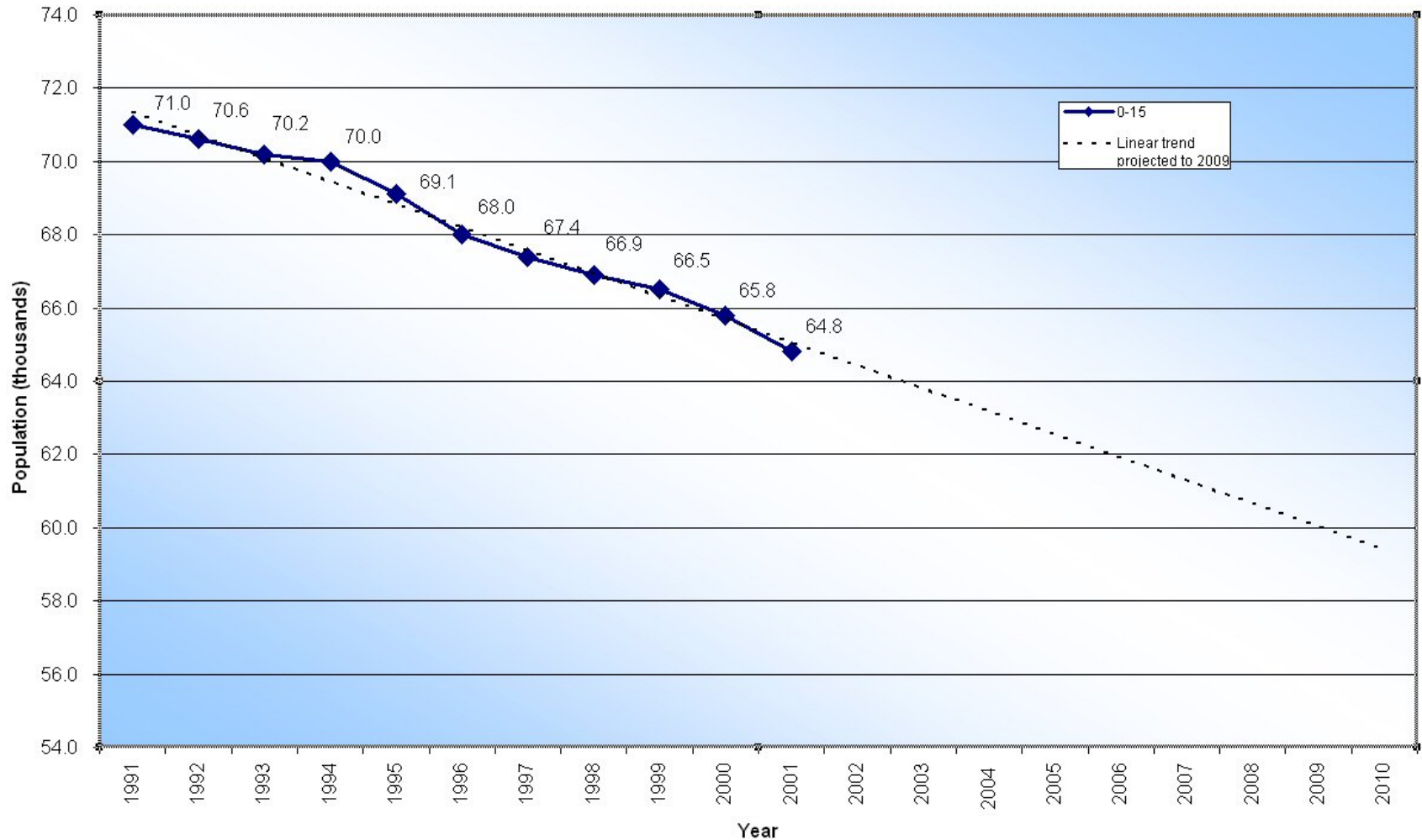
Outcome of Children's Services Inspection, December 2005

- In the primary sector there are too many surplus places.
- Progress in reducing surplus primary school places has been slow, but a clear strategy is now being implemented which is likely to involve some school closures.

Falling population - Wirral

Actual and estimated resident population for Wirral - Children aged 0-15 in line with 2001 Census

(Source: Office for National Statistics)



Surplus places in Wirral

In 2005

12% empty places

Spending £4.2 million pounds or £165 per primary pupil on empty spaces

By 2010

20% surplus places

Spending £7 million on empty spaces

1 in 3 schools will have more than 25% surplus places

Creative removal of surplus

LEA and Schools have created:

- ICT suites
- Libraries
- Parents rooms
- Pre-school playgroups
- Afterschool/Breakfast clubs
- Adult Learning facilities
- Bases for other services

And removed:

- Temporary mobiles

Many complicated factors

- Surplus places
- Small schools
- Location
- Where parents choose to send their children
- Value for money
- Catchment zones
- Housing changes
- Traffic and transport
- Denominational issues

Bebington, Spital and Thornton Hough

Brackenwood Infant
Brackenwood Junior
Church Drive Primary
Grove Street Primary
Higher Bebington Jr
Stanton Road Primary
Town Lane Infant

St Andrew's CE
St John's Infant
St John's Junior
Poulton Lancelyn
Thornton Hough

Surplus places in Bebington, Spital and Thornton Hough

In 2005

8% surplus places

By 2010

14% surplus places

No action at this time – continue to monitor situation

Bromborough and Eastham

Brookhurst

Bromborough Pool

Heygarth

Mendell

Millfields

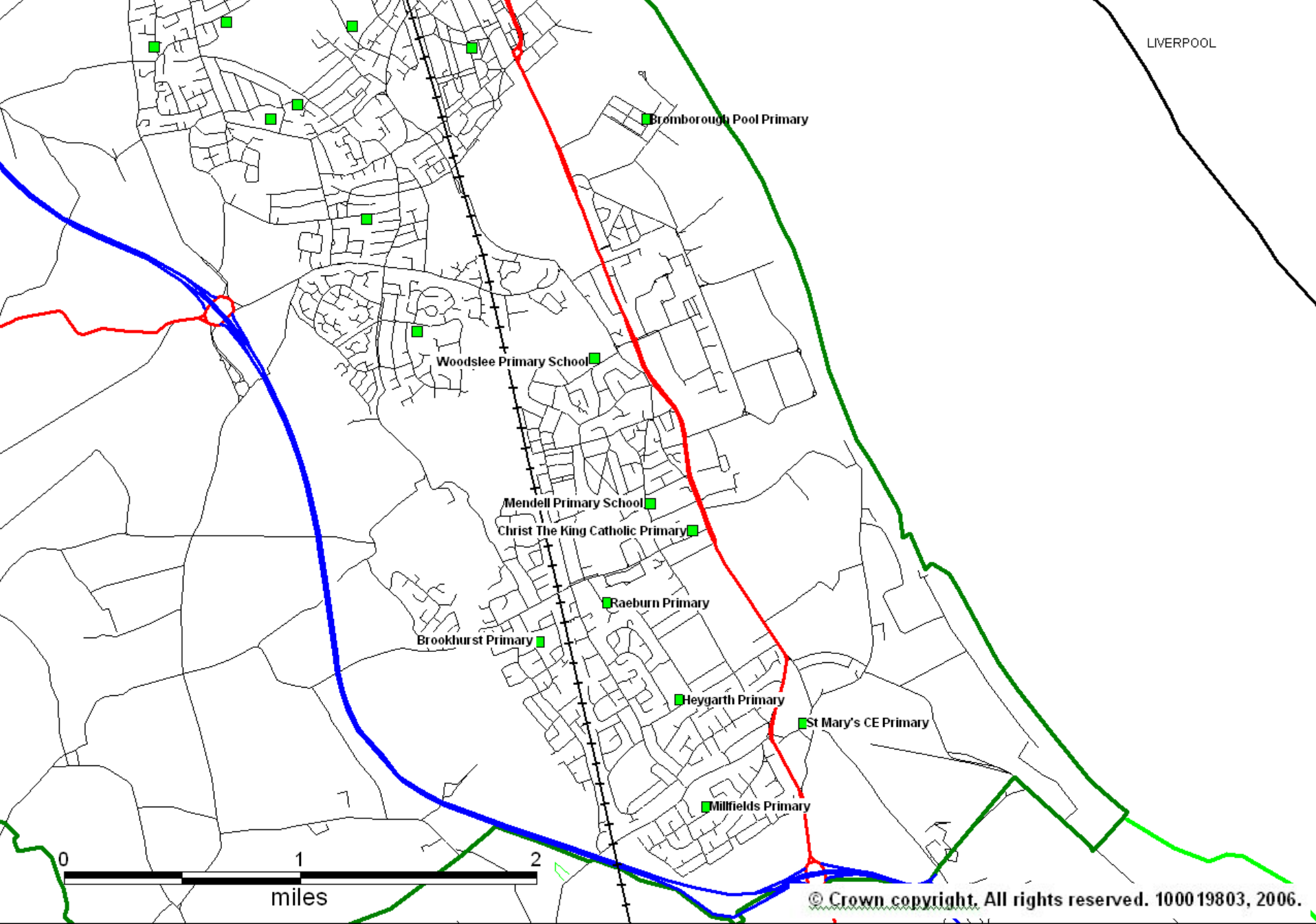
Raeburn

Woodslee

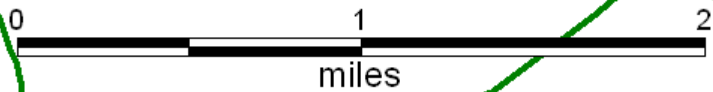
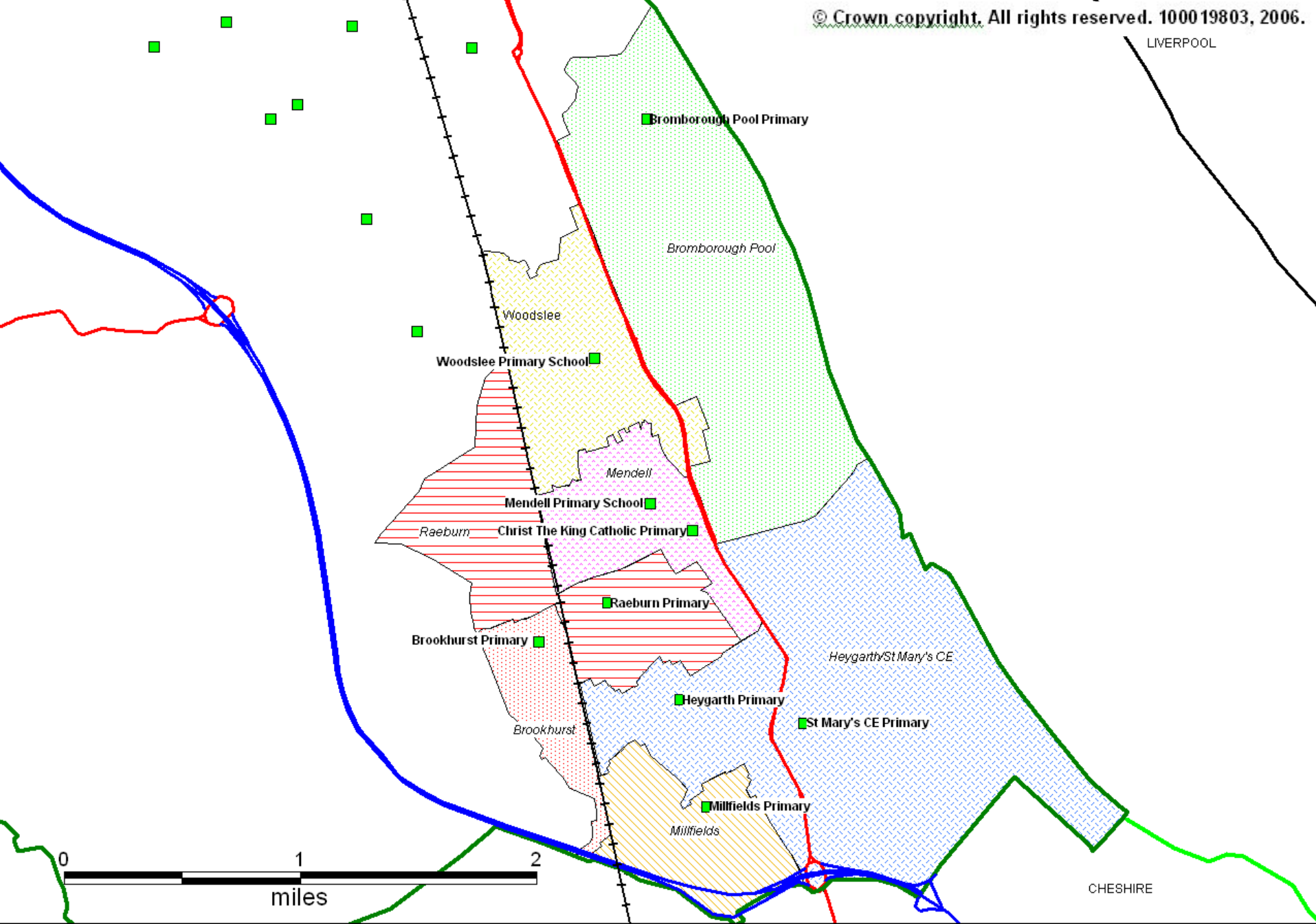
St Mary's CE

Christ the King Catholic

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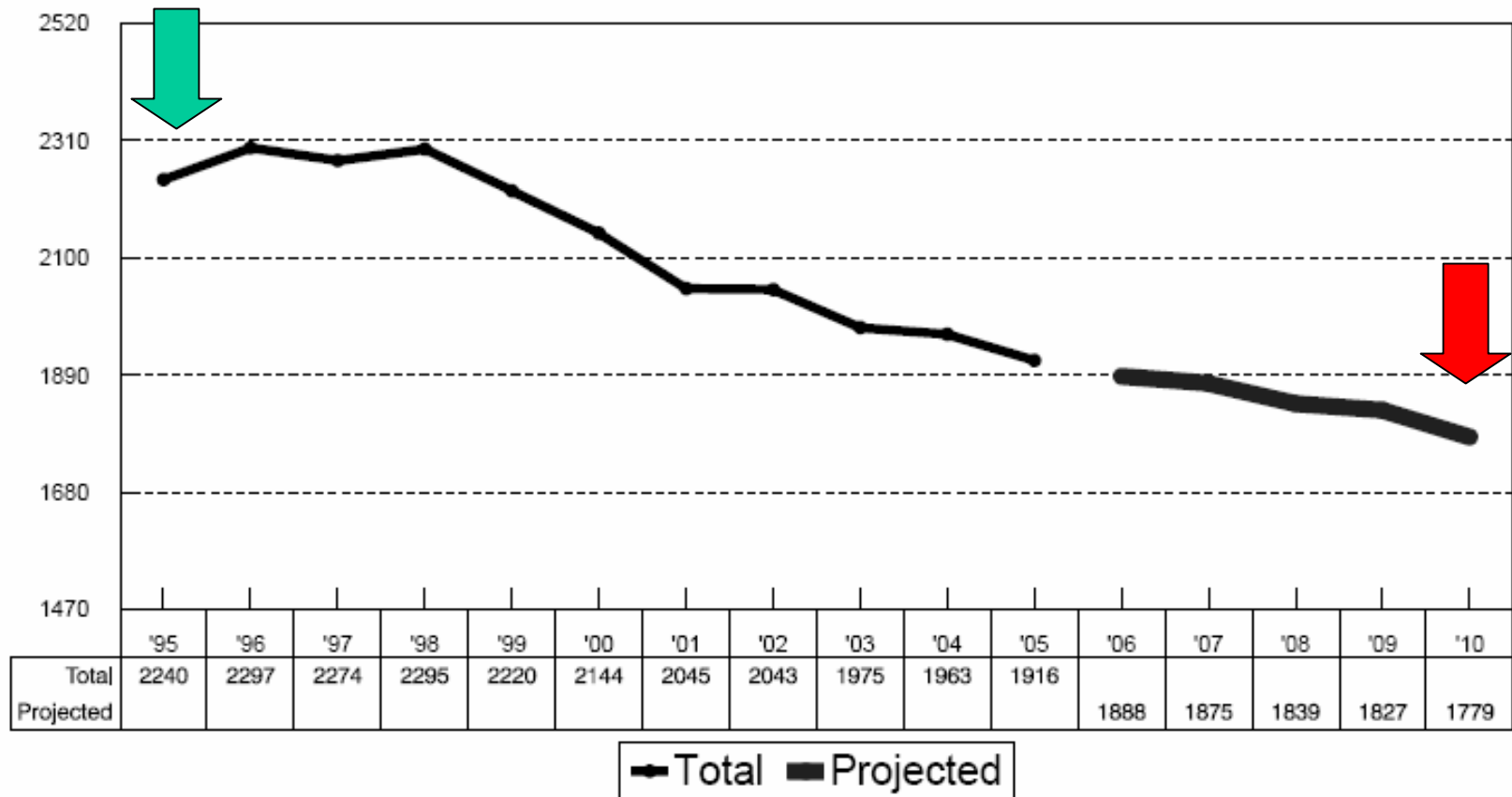
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Bromborough/Eastham Projections

Bromborough Primary Schools
Numbers on Roll 1995-2005 and proj to 2010



Surplus places in Bromborough/Eastham Area

In 2005

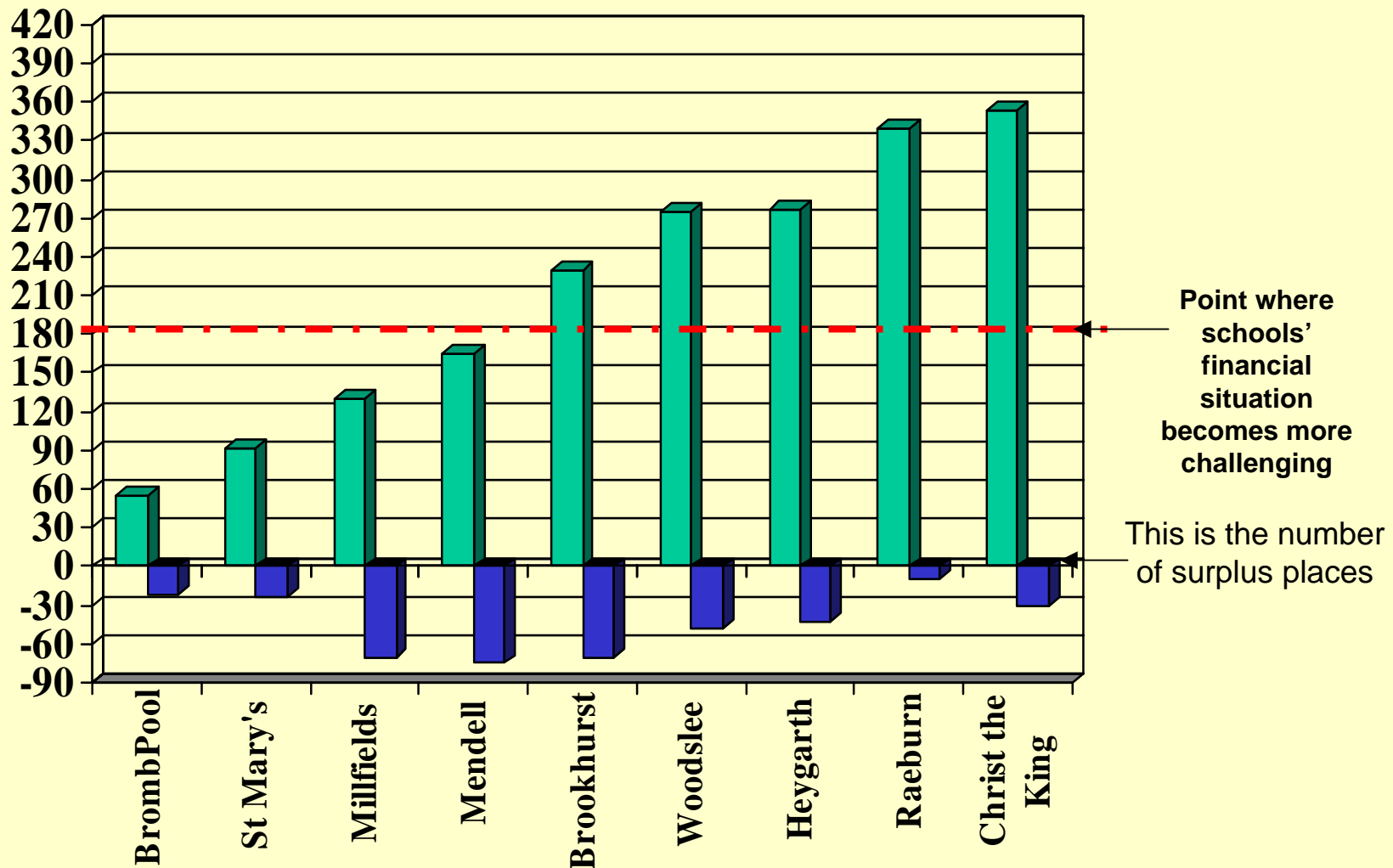
17% surplus places

By 2010

23% surplus places

We must act to reduce surplus places

School size and surplus places

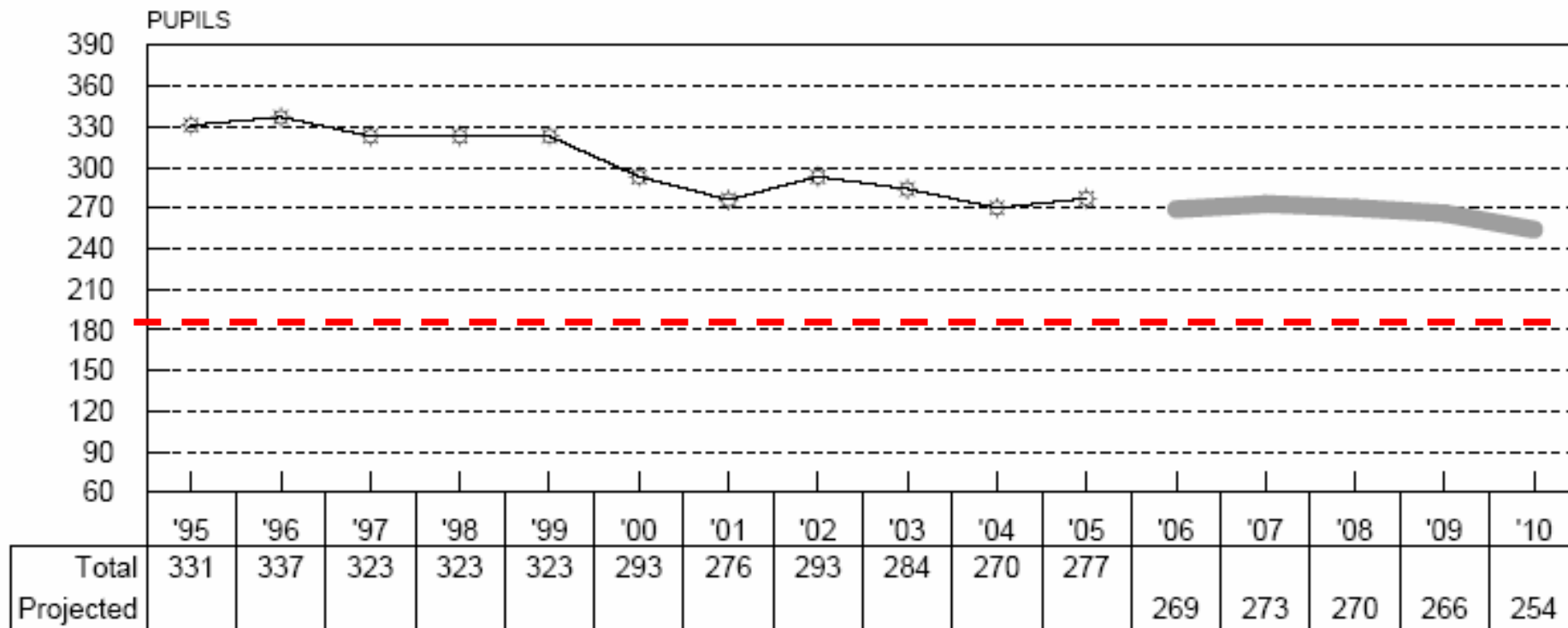




HEYGARTH PRIMARY

NOR 1995-2005 and Projected to 2010

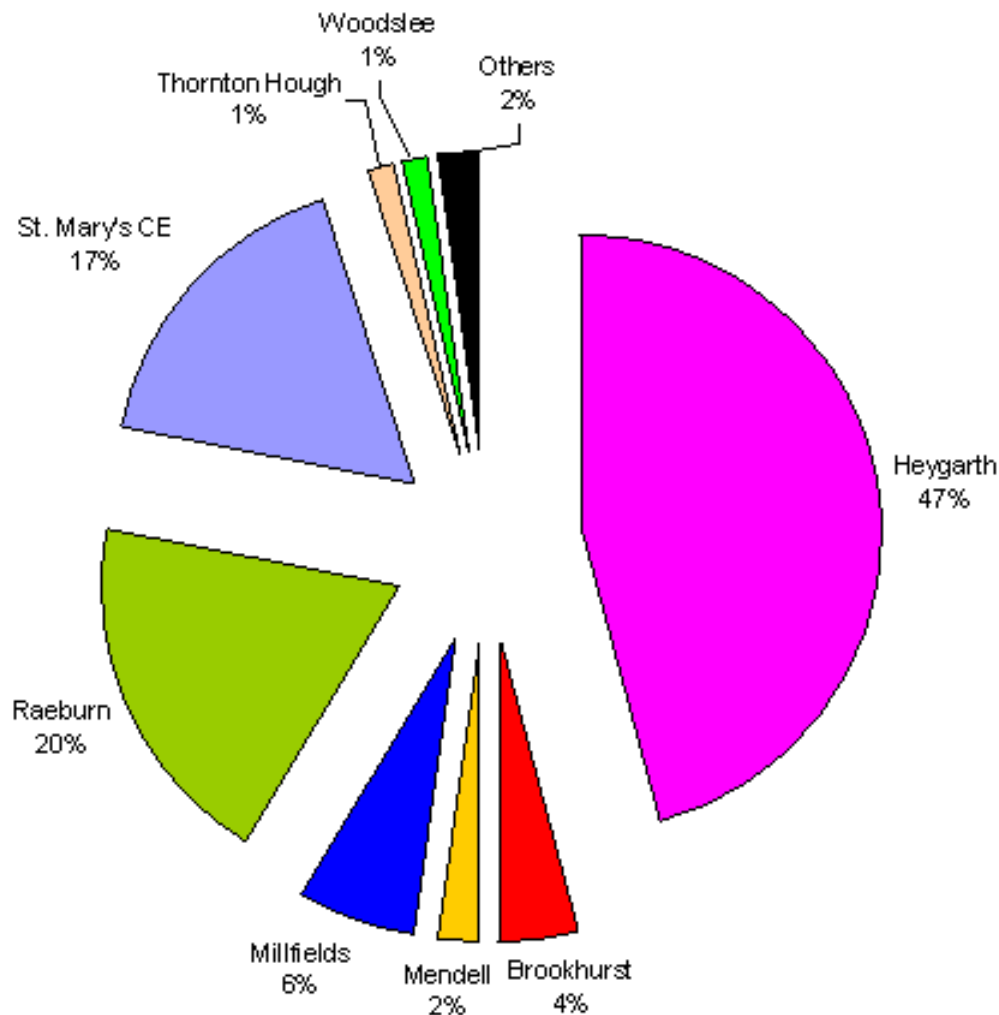
As at: January



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⊛ Total ■ Projected

Heygarth/St Mary's CE Catchment Area -Actual School attended



Total Community/CE pupils in catchment = 406

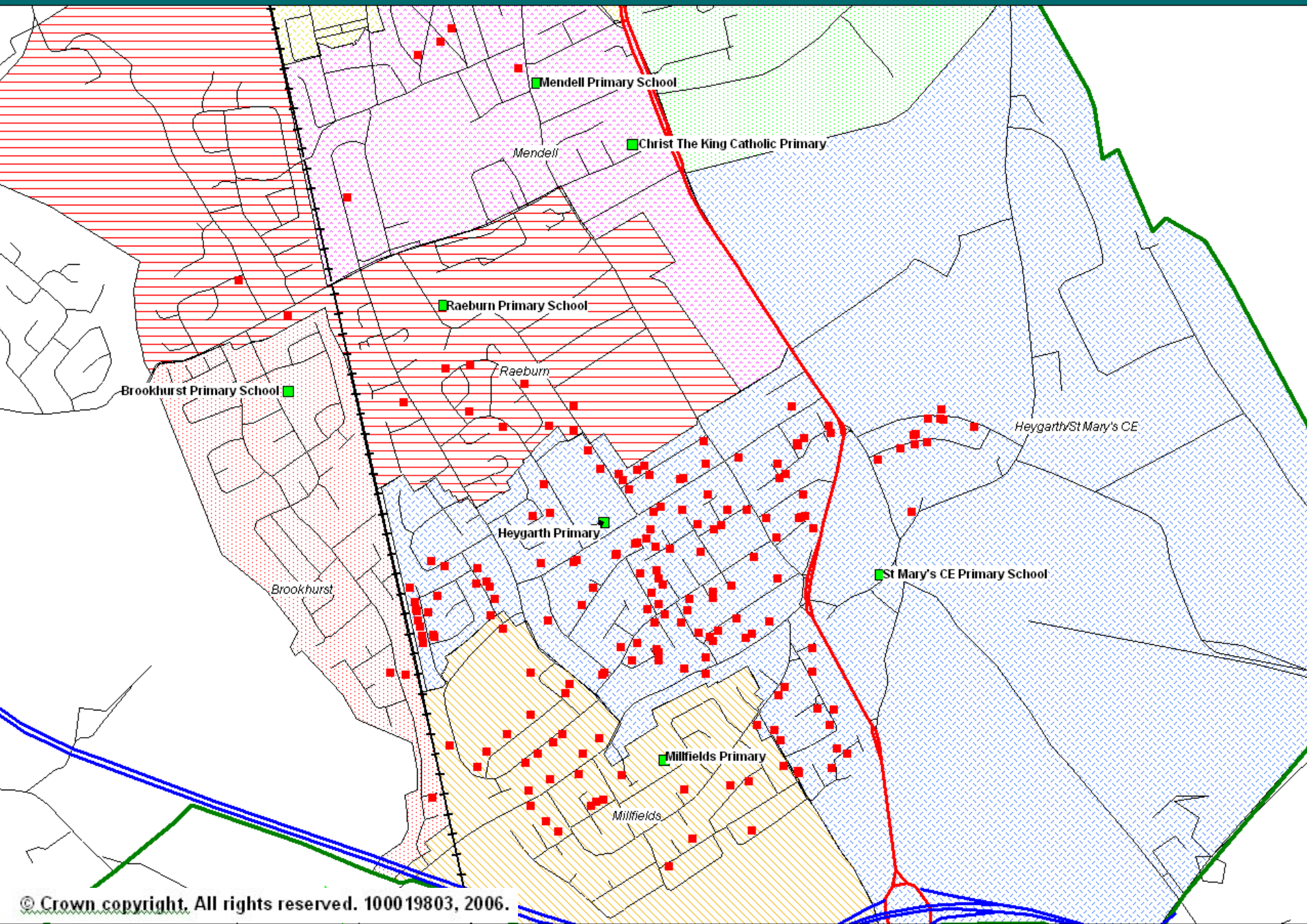
Number of pupils by school		(Reflux)
Heygarth	186	
Raeburn	79	(13)
St Mary's CE	69	
Millfields	26	(49)
Brookhurst	17	(4)
Mendell	9	(1)
Woodslee	6	(1)
Thomton Hough	5	(0)
Others	9	(8)

What Ofsted said (2002)

- Standards by the time pupils leave school are above average in English, mathematics, science, music, history and physical education.
- The headteacher and deputy headteacher provide purposeful leadership. They receive effective and well-informed support from the governing body.
- Teaching is good and leads to pupils being eager to learn.
- The curriculum is stimulating and enriched by an excellent range of extra-curricular activities.
- Relationships are very good and pupils enjoy coming to school.
- Opportunities for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development are very good.

The school needs to improve:

- The progress more able pupils make in Years 1 and 2.
- The use of information and communication technology to extend learning in all subjects.
- The use of day-to-day assessment to match work more closely to pupils' needs.
- The provision of a library in the school.



Possible options for Bromborough and Eastham

- A Brookhurst
- B Bromborough Pool
- C Heygarth, St Mary's and Millfields
- D Mendell

- Options involve all the schools in this area directly, except:
- Christ the King - only Catholic school in this area
- Raeburn – stable school with few surplus places – it may be indirectly affected by some of the options

Options

All the C options relate to schools in Eastham

St Mary's CE, Heygarth and Millfields

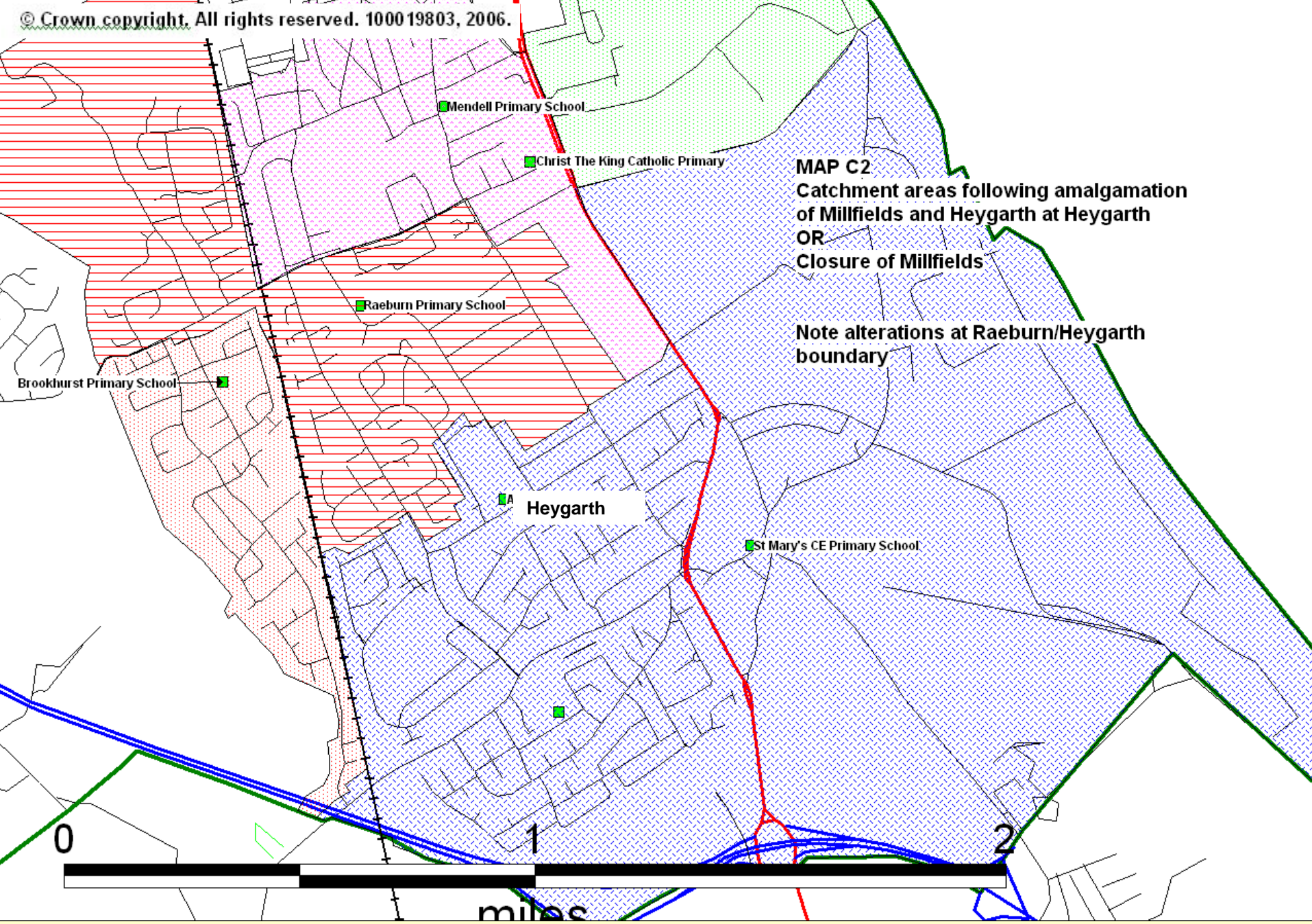
These are the options we will explain in more detail

C1: Closure of St Mary's CE

- Some former St Mary's children likely to transfer to Heygarth
- Shared catchment – no zone changes required
- Nearest CE schools would be Little Sutton CE and Willaston CE in Cheshire, St Andrew's CE in Bebington

C2: Closure of Millfields Primary

- Some former Millfields children will transfer to Heygarth
- Millfields catchment joins Heygarth catchment
- Some changes at Heygarth/Raeburn boundary
- May require new classroom at Raeburn



MAP C2
Catchment areas following amalgamation
of Millfields and Heygarth at Heygarth
OR
Closure of Millfields

Note alterations at Raeburn/Heygarth
boundary

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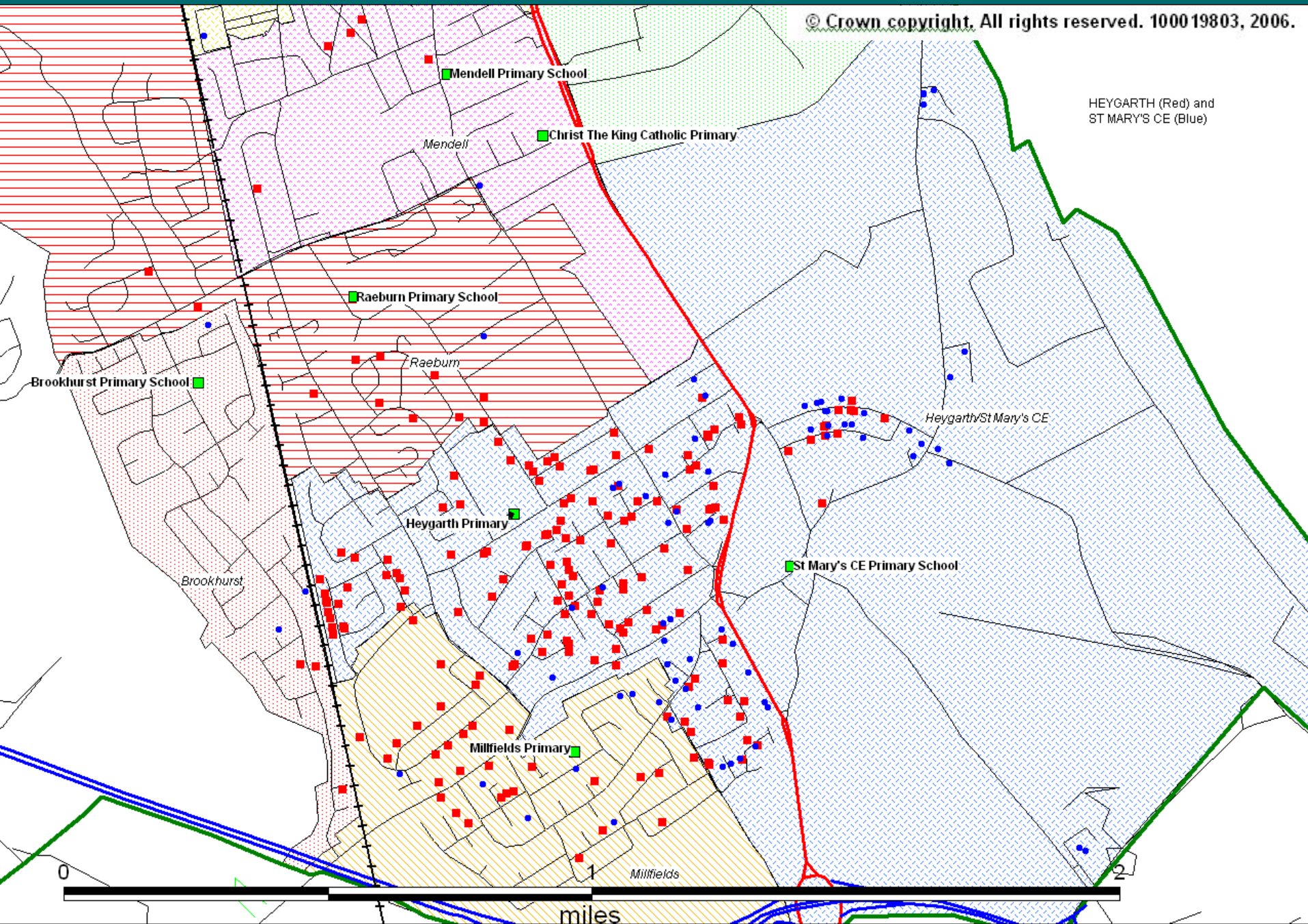
C3: Build replacement CE school in Eastham, Close Millfields

- Millfields closes
- Replacement CE school built for St Mary's CE (210 pupils) – cost £3-5 million
- Need to investigate potential sites
- Catchments re-zoned
- New building likely to be popular with parents and consequently likely to be full – may increase surplus elsewhere

C4: Amalgamate Heygarth and St Mary's

- Two schools less than a mile apart
- Pupil populations overlap, same catchment area – no zone changes required
- St Mary's small, no further extension possible
- Heygarth site can cater for all the children from both schools with internal alterations
- Heygarth buildings would be improved
- Children can move together to the same school
- New school likely to be Church of England

HEYGARTH (Red) and
ST MARY'S CE (Blue)

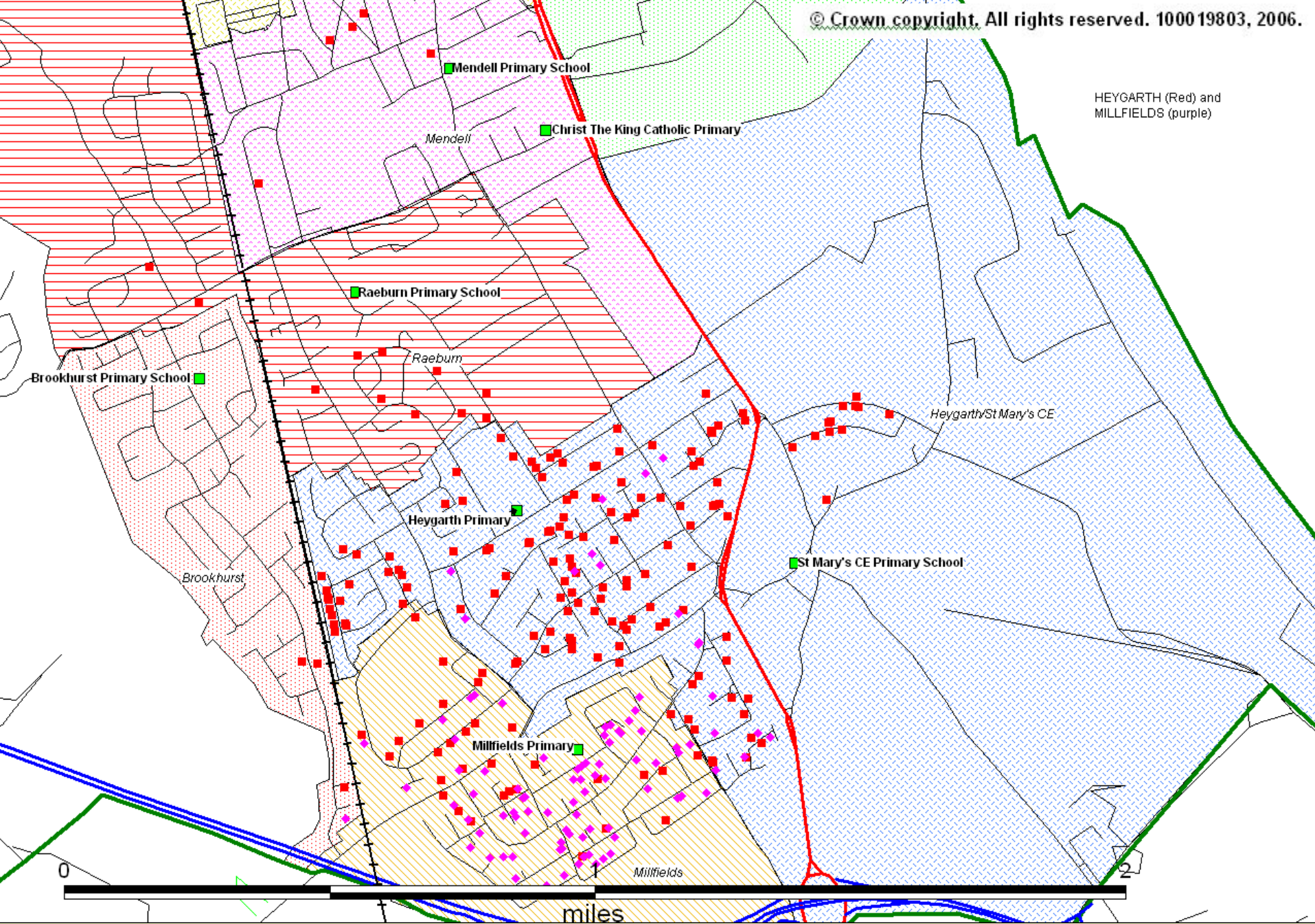


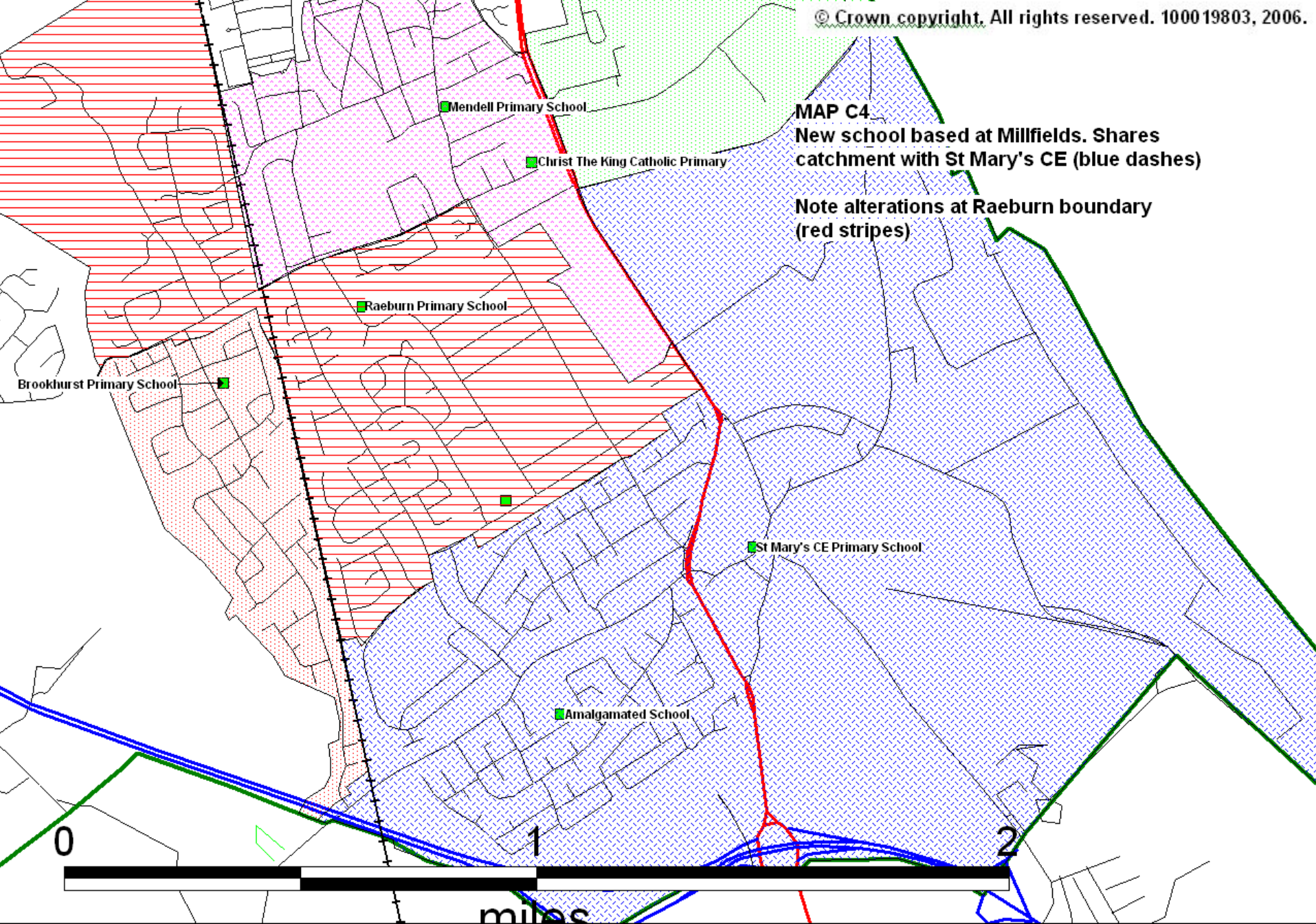
C5: Amalgamate Millfields and Heygarth at either site

Internal alterations at Heygarth OR 4 to 6 new classrooms at
Millfields

- Pupil populations overlap
- Two schools just over half a mile apart
- Buildings would be enhanced
- Children can move together to the same school
- Catchment zones revised

HEYGARTH (Red) and
MILLFIELDS (purple)

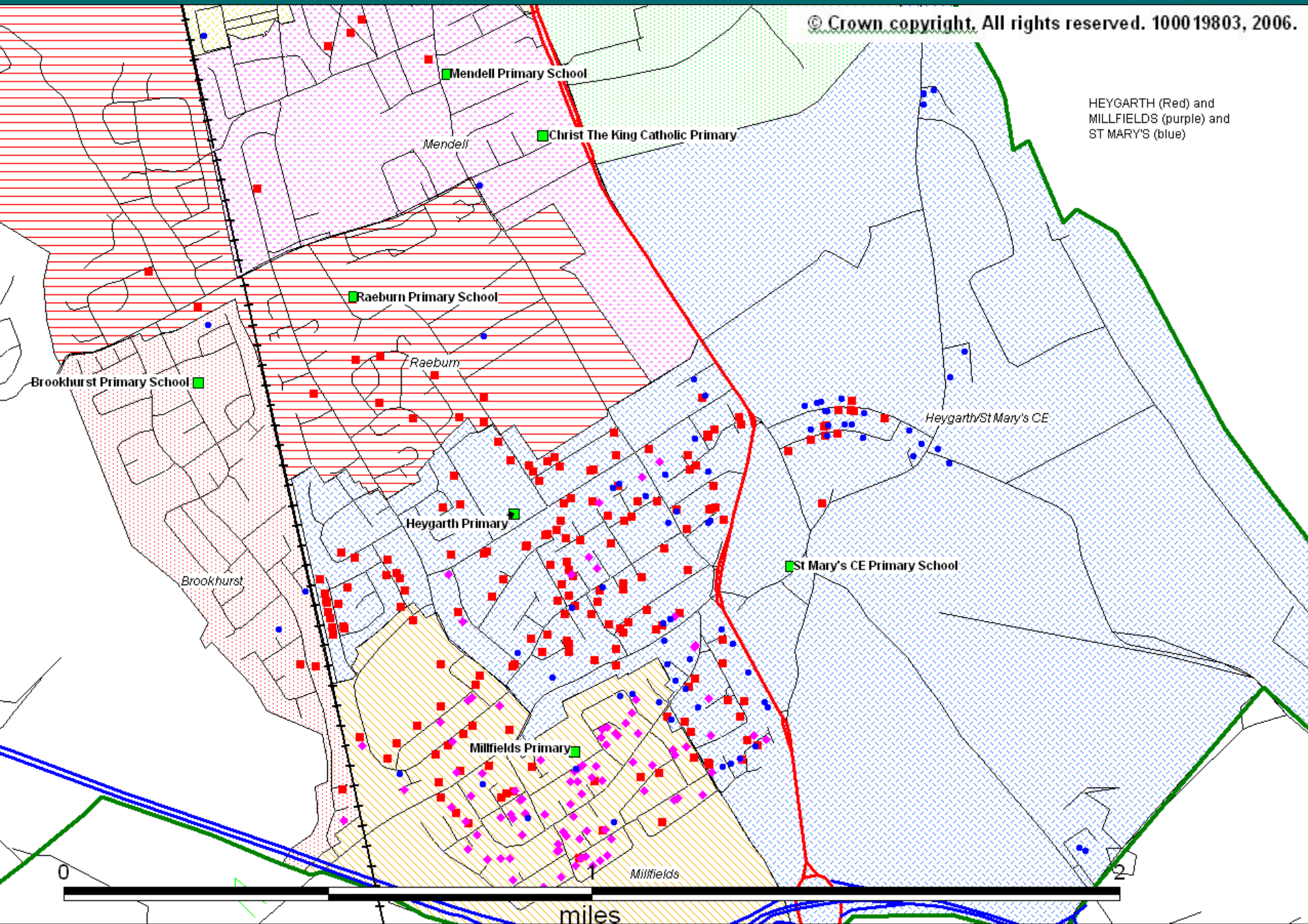




C6: Amalgamate all three schools

- **3 new classrooms at Heygarth OR**
- **7 new classrooms at Millfields OR**
- **Build new school for 480 pupils**
- **Pupil populations of three schools overlap**
- **All three buildings less than a mile apart**
- **Children can move together to the same school**
- **If new school CE Controlled, nearest community schools are Raeburn and Brookhurst**

HEYGARTH (Red) and
MILLFIELDS (purple) and
ST MARY'S (blue)



In any option

- **Places for all the children in local schools**
- **Parents say which school they would prefer their child to attend**
- **Admissions criteria place the children**
- **Children move together so will have friends in their new school**
- **Enhancements to receiving schools**
- **Community/controlled catchment areas revised**
- **Staff redeployed**
- **Council decide future of any closed community site**

Earliest date for any option is September 2007

What happens next?

January/February 2006

Meetings for directly interested parties – parents, staff, governors

Anyone can write and say what they think

All comments/responses must be made by the beginning of March

March/April 2006

Report goes to Council's cabinet.

Council will decide which (if any) options should become statutory proposals.

If proposals are agreed, notices are published. Six week representation period begins.

Anyone can send written comments or objections.

What happens next?

May/June 2006

Representation period ends.

Proposals go to multi-representative Wirral School Organisation Committee.

- May approve
- May approve with changes
- May give conditional approval – for example, pending planning permission
- May reject

If the SOC cannot agree, proposals are referred to the Schools Adjudicator

September 2007

Earliest date for implementation of proposals.

It could take longer, if building work is required, for example.

Remember:

- No change is not an option
- A decision has not yet been made
- Things will be better - and fairer - afterwards
- This is not about saving money for taxpayers
- Funding stays in the overall schools budget
- We must find sensible and effective solutions to high levels of empty places, based on all the factors involved.

Christ The King Catholic Primary

Raeburn Primary School

Brookhurst Primary School

Heygarth Primary

St Mary's CE Primary School

Millfields Primary

