

Context - The Need For School Places

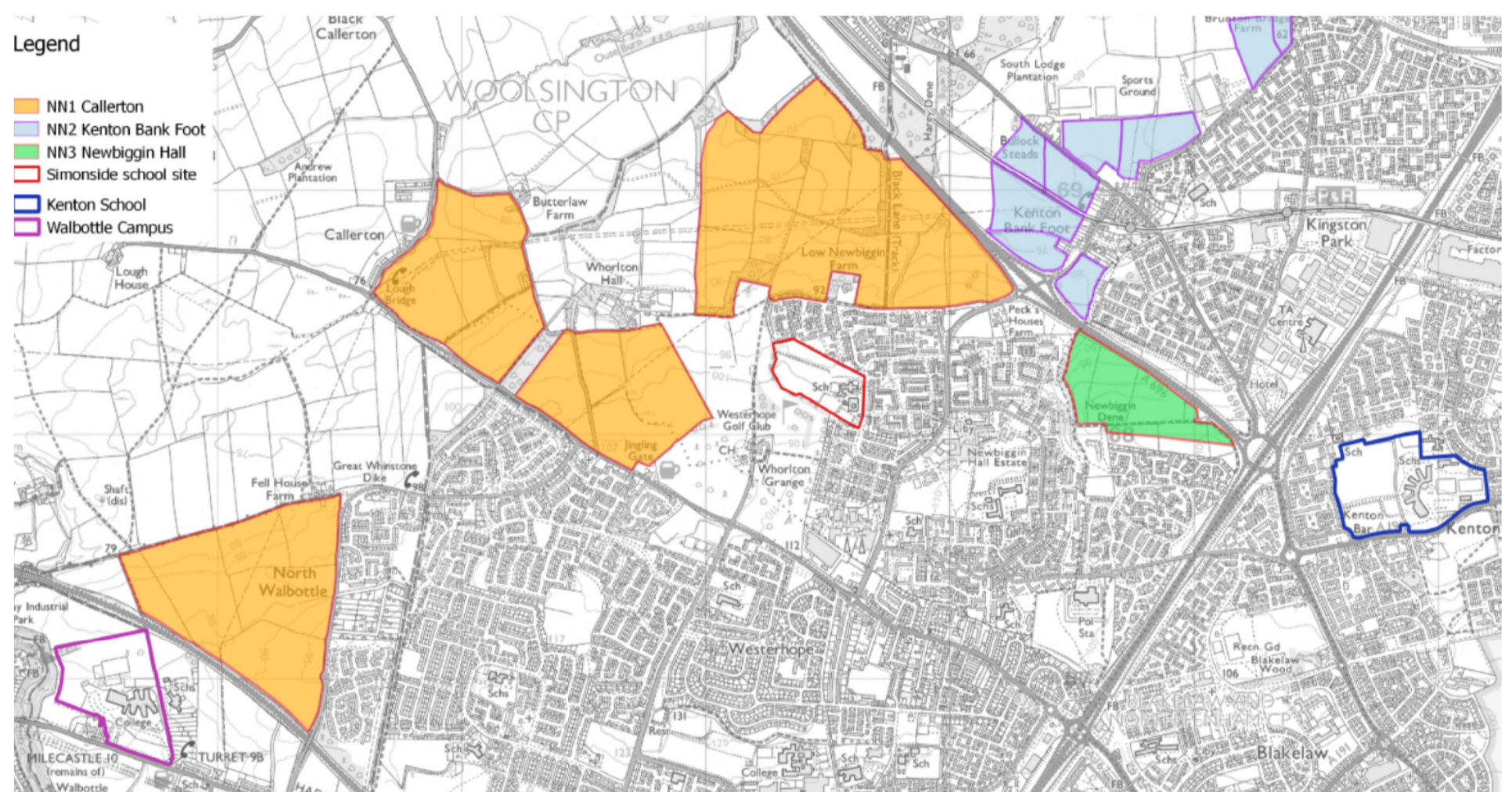
Newcastle City Council adopted the Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan for Gateshead and Newcastle in March 2015. It identifies the need to build 21,000 new homes in Newcastle by 2030 — including developments at Kenton Bank Foot, Lower, Middle and Upper Callerton, Throckley and Newbiggin Hall.

In addition to projected population growth as a result of new housing developments, there is a need for additional secondary school places in the shorter term as larger cohorts of pupils move through primary schools and into secondary schools.

City Wide Context

Newcastle’s population of children and young people has grown significantly in recent years. This is a result of increasing birth-rates, inward migration to the city and the increased success and popularity of Newcastle schools.

National (ONS) population forecasts for Newcastle reflect significant expected growth in the school age population over the next 15 years, particularly those of secondary school age.



Growing Demand for School Places

In the North/Outer West there are currently two large secondary schools - Kenton and Walbottle - and one smaller studio school - Studio West.

The larger pupil cohorts progressing through primary schools will exceed places available in secondary schools unless additional places are created. Additional primary and secondary school places will be required due to growth in the school age population expected from planned housing developments as well as the cohort size growth. See table below for estimated “pupil yields” from housing developments.

Estimated number of secondary pupils generated by new housing in the North/Outer West:

Site	No. Houses	Estimated No. Secondary Pupils	Timescales
Callerton, includes:	3,250	670 pupils	2018 – 2030+
Upper Callerton	1200	248	2020 – 2030+
Middle Callerton	1150	236	2018 – 2030+
Lower Callerton	900	186	2020 – 2030+
Kenton Bank Foot	813	201	2017 - 2030
Newbiggin Dene	300	78	2020 - 2025
Total	4,363	949	2017 – 2030+