

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (1)

Meeting: Electoral Review Committee

Place: Kennet Room - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

Date: Tuesday 7 May 2024

Time: 2.00 pm

The Agenda for the above meeting was published on **29 April 2024**. Additional documents are now available and are attached to this Agenda Supplement.

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Responses to the Additional Recommendations Consultation

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Appendix A to the report for the meeting on 7 May 2024

Survey Responses

Comment	Recommendation	Status of Respondent	Agree Disagree Amend	Reasons
1	Additional Recommendation 1 – North Bradley/Southwick	A resident Area P (area proposed to be transferred from Southwick to North Bradley)	Agree	Postal Address is North Bradley. I have been a resident of North Bradley for 37 years in Ireland, College Gardens and Church Lane prior to moving to Ireland/Scotland. I have no affiliation with Southwick whatsoever.

Written response 1

I disapprove of the Electoral Review Committee's last minute decision to consider a piecemeal change to the boundary between North Bradley and Southwick in the vicinity of Scotland and Ireland.

Although I am an existing member of North Bradley Parish Council (and a past member of Southwick Parish Council), these representations are made solely in a personal capacity.

The entire existing boundary between North Bradley and Southwick, running from their boundaries with the Trowbridge in the vicinity of Bramble Farm to their boundaries with Somerset in the vicinity of Norris Hill Farm, is ancient and unchanged since 1894 when the ancient parish of North Bradley was divided along the boundary between its then existing ecclesiastical tithings of North Bradley and Southwick (see Wilts VCH VIII 218), and two separate civil parish councils were created pursuant to the Local Government Act 1894. Scotland and Ireland are barely mentioned (see Wilts VCH VIII 219). Apart from a part of Silver Street past Silver Street Farm, and an even shorter part of Brokerswood Road at Druce's Farm, the boundary now follows few modern features, and something that has always struck me as odd is that there is in fact no direct road connecting Brokerswood, or indeed any of North Bradley parish south of Ireland, with the village of North Bradley, except through the parish of Southwick.

It seems to me therefore that any change to this boundary would need more careful and informed consideration than it has so far been given by the Committee, or indeed it is possible to give during the current Community Governance Review.

The opportunity for that will I believe better arise after development takes place following the Appeal Decision APP/Y3940/W/23/3321957 of John Longmuir on 20

March 2024 permitting a substantial amount of residential development on Land south of Trowbridge BA14 0AG straddling both parishes (LPA Ref: 20/00379/OUT¹).

Written response 2

This is the response from North Bradley Parish Council to the recent discussions to review the boundary between North Bradley and Southwick at Scotland and Ireland:

The Parish Council would like to thank you for looking for a solution to the anomaly of the boundary and Scotland/Ireland. It supports your recommendations but stresses that the most important thing is community engagement with the residents before any decision is made.

Kind regards
Karin Elder
Clerk to North Bradley Parish Council

¹ [Planning Application: 20/00379/OUT \(wiltshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-applications/20/00379/OUT)