Wiltshire Council

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Recommendation 1 - Charlton St Peter

1.1 That the parishes of Charlton St Peter (as to be renamed under S75 of the Local Government Act 1972) and Wilsford be grouped under a Joint Parish Council named Charlton St Peter and Wilsford Joint Parish Council.
1.2 The Parish of Wilsford to contain two parish councillors.
1.3 The Parish of Charlton St Peter to contain five parish councillors.

	Status	Agree/Disagree/ Suggest amended	Reasons	Other Comments
1	Resident of Charlton Parish	Agree		
2	Resident of Charlton Parish	Disagree		

Recommendation 2 - Calne Town

2.1 That the area marked as A be transferred from Calne Without to Calne Town as part of the Calne South Town Ward. Calne South Ward to continue to have four councillors.
2.2 That the areas marked as B and C be transferred from Calne Without to Calne Town as part of the Calne Central Town Ward. Calne Central Ward to continue to have five councillors.
2.3 To request that the LGBCE amend the Calne Central and Calne Rural Electoral Divisions to be coterminous with the proposed revised parish boundaries of Calne Town and Calne Without.

	Status	Location	Agree/Disagree/ Suggest amended	Amended Proposal	Reasons	Other Comments
1	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Calne Town	Disagree		This will cost me an extra £240 per year and whilst everything else is going up how can we be expected to have this spring upon us	
2	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Calne Town	Agree		We feel it would be more to our advantage to be included in Calne Town. At present we have to travel to Derry Hill to vote in elections which is very inconvenient.	
3	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree			
4	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Rookery Farm	Suggested amended proposal	My proposal is that Area "A" be expanded to include Rookery Farm in the area to be transferred from Calne Without to Calne Town. Rookery Farm boarders the new Cherhill View housing development and the only access to Rookery Farm is via this development. If the Cherhill View development is to be moved into Calne Town, then Rookery Farm naturally forms part of this community for all matters relating to local government. If Rookery Farm is not included with Cherhill View it will be isolated from its natural hinterland.		
5	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Calne Town	Suggested amended proposal	The recommendations ask for Cherhill View and Rookery farm to be include in Calne Town however your maps exclude Rookery Farm which should be included as it is accessed directly through Cherhill view.	I agree that Cherhill view is Urban in nature however disagree that the estate aligns to the town. There are many ways to access the estate by foot and by car, the former is directly into the countryside accessible by various footpaths and the latter I access via Stockley and Blacklands. Just because a development is classed as Urban does not mean it is closer aligned to the town centre parish nor share the same priorities for the area.	As a new development, Cherhill View has a management company to maintain the grounds. The council are still yet to own to roads on the development. As a resident on the estate, I already pay significant sums of money to both the council and management company but yet regularly have issues with the site. If the estate is to be included in Calne Town, I would expect the management company to be removed and Calne Town take ownership of the site

6	An interested party not necessarily from the area affected by the proposals	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree			
7	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Calne Town	Agree		The Town Council must actively protect the Cherhill View Estate's green spaces from any further housing development.	To ensure that the adjoining Rookery Farm is prevented from future development
8	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		As indicated elsewhere in my response I want Derry Hill and Studley villages to have their own small parish instead of what it has been up to now a large parish with unrelated places in it like Calstone and parts of Bromham / Heddington etc. 2.1 and 2.2 are therefore good.	
9	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Calne Town	Agree		I USE ALL THE FACILITIES (SUCH AS THEY ARE) IN CALNE TOWN	
10	A representative of a parish or town council affected by the proposals, or a unitary represenative from the area affected	Calne Town	Agree			
11	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Calne Town	Disagree			
12	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Calne Town	Disagree		I disagree as a resident of Cherhill view. We pay a yearly maintenance charge for the estate which makes the huge rise in council tax should we move into Calne town hugely unfair. We would receive NO benefits whatsoever and be charged a higher rate of tax.	
13	A representative of a parish or town council affected by the proposals, or a unitary represenative from the area affected	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Calne Town	Disagree		Because our council tax will increase with no further benefit with the cost of living already extortionate and in cherhill way we already pay a management fee?! If you are going to put up our council tax then the council should maintain all grounds on estate so we therefore do not have to pay the management fee!	

14	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Calne Town	Disagree		Bought a new build in Stockley lane which is part of Calne without parish. It is the view of my wife and i that if we were to be consumed in to the Calne Town Parish then we lose not only our individuality but we will be financially out of pocket due to a significant rise in council tax. We are at the moment currently paying a maintenance charge on our estate and this will continue even if we are consumed by Calne Town Parish. We would like to strongly object to being part of the Cane Town Parish as we do not believe their to be any benefits but only more expense, adding to the already financial burden of a high council tax.	
15	A resident of the town of Calne	Calne Town	Agree		It makes sense	
16	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Calne Town	Disagree		I disagree as I feel strongly that our community (Redrow development at Stockley Grange and Cherhill View) has a stronger identity in keeping with the Calne Without Parish Council. We have close rural links to our nearby countryside setting and as a resident on the development feel passionately about our sustainability and environmental aspects of the wider development. I am a Director of the private management company looking after the development and as a group of directors we would identify ourselves as sitting within the Calne Without Parish boundary as we do not have an urban setting in which we live. Our links to nature are substantial, and many initiatives are on the development to support this through bat boxes, swift boxes, hedgehog corridors, natural grassland, a protected great crested newt pond, wildflower meadows, and an orchard - these are not urban features, but in fact more rural features for a development of our type. Additionally, we have a farmhouse located centrally to our development and work hard to keep open and safe access to countryside walks and public rights of way. The Parish Councillors at Calne Without represent our best interests, and we feel are better placed to govern a development of our size and nature. They take a keen interest in the residents here and what they can do to support us, and we do not feel we would get the same level of investment both financially or in terms of time from the Town Council. I strongly oppose these changes and would like to request that we remain part of Calne Without.	We are a private development that pays for it's own management and maintenance. All residents on the development contribute to an annual service charge and we only receive limited services from Wiltshire Council. No grounds maintenance is carried out by the Town Council and therefore an increase in precept is unpalatable given the additional costs that we as residents have to contribute for the management of our beautiful, rural development. I do not agree with any increase in the precept as a result of being forced to change the parish boundaries which I am against.
17	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Calne Town	Disagree		As a resident of the Cherhill View, I look to being a part of the surrounding countryside rather than the town of Calne. I do not visit Calne frequently and look to shop online or in Devizes and Marlborough. My focus is on Calne Without rather than Calne town. I believe that governance under Calne Without Parish Council is preferable to other options.	

18	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Calne Town	Agree		The reason we believe we should be part of the town is that the people on this estate use and benefit from the resources in Calne. Nearly all the children on this estate go to school in Calne, we use the Doctors, Dentists, Library etc in Calne, for example our allotment is run by Calne Town Council . We feel that it is only fair that given that we use these resources it is only fair we should contribute toward them. We are not a rural community, we are physically attached to the town of Calne. Houses on Stockley Road just beyond this estate are in Calne Town, as are houses on the Rise. Neither do we see any benefit to us being part of Calne without, especially as if we understand it the boundary changes will actually incorporate Calne without into Derry Hill and ? As we stated earlier we are not a village and we identify strongly with the town.	
19	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Calne Town	Disagree		We are in a rural area and identify as such. There is farm land nearby and the local road network is very much linked to the farms with much farm machinery using the roads on a daily basis. Local walks travel across farmland, not the town of Calne. We do not benefit from town facilities such as local shops, car parks, recreation grounds, doctors surgeries etc.	
20	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Calne Town	Agree		The recommendations provide a logical step in reflecting the continued growth of Calne and the increasing urbanisation of the area. The proposed extensions would be better served by a town council on which they might expect top rely for services and amenities providing better community identity and interests as well as effective and convenient governance.	I recognise the committee is unable (or unwilling?) to consider future development, but I feel this is a factor that should be considered given the broader Government requirement to increase housing stock.
21	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Calne Town	Disagree		There is no merit in recommendation 2.3 given that the area marked A in the Draft Recommendations, which was originally Marden Farm, was developed by Redrow in 2016 and marketed as a rural development with strong links to its immediate environment, not Calne Town. The name "Cherhill View" provides evidence of this identity and its residents purchased properties with this in mind. Its inclusion in Calne South Town Ward is not in the interest of the local community and it is difficult to see how this would ensure effective and convenient local governance. The recommendation would appear to be little more than a means to enlarge Calne South Town Ward because of its proximity.	New housing developments near towns cannot be assumed to hold the same identity and local interests as the town nearby. Indeed, they may have been created to offer quite different interests and identities. In these circumstances it is inappropriate to subsume them in ever larger council bodies because of proximity. In my experience as a previous serving Parish Councillor this differentiation is important and provides means to provide good governance and community opportunity.
22	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Calne Town	Disagree		Cherhill view is identified as a private development outside of Calne town with close links to our rural surroundings rather than the town itself. I had a chat with the local parish councillors who rectify came to the development letting us know they had money to spend on things that would benefit local residents, we wouldn't get this interest from the town council for that reason that's why we believe we are better off being managed by the parish council. As they will have our interests taken into account and will work better for us rather than the town council so therefore we strongly oppose this change.	

23	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Calne Town	Disagree		Item 2.1. Area A is Cherhill View/Stockley Grange Development. It comprises 183 residential dwellings built by Redrow Homes with planning permission from Wiltshire Council. The site has recently been handed over to the residents to manitain which cost around £250 pa per dwelling i.e. £45000 approx per annum for the site. Under conditions specified by Wiltshire Council planning, a substantial area of the site , approx 40% is set aside for wildflower meadowland, amenity land, play facilities and wildlife preservation of bats and great crested newts. Neither Redrow nor the Council provide any support for the maintenance, particularly now that Redrow have left the site. The onus falls upon the residents to stand the cost and to manage the site. The use of this valuable rural facility is not limited to the residents who fund it, but is available to all, which naturally creates some resentment among residents particularly when the site is abused. Cherhill View is , therefore, a rural 'oasis' and in no way identifies with Calne Town Parish. A more appropriate solution is for Cherhill View to be included within the new proposed Heddington Parish which we identify with much more closely in rural nature and community interests. I am one of the directors of the Cherhill View Management Company and we take our responsibilities very seriously to ensure we meet the best interests of residents as well as meeting the requirements set out in the planning consent. We feel our views should be taken very seriously as to which Parish Cherhill View sits most comfortably.	Cherhill View/Stockley Grange is not a development where council tax considerations can be swept under the carpet ! As explained above, residents already pay over £200 pa in maintenance fees to provide a rural facility available to all local people! It would add insult to injury to ask them to pay a further £200 plus pa to lump them in with Calne Town. It should not be 'the norm' for local towns to swallow new developments, each should be considered on merit and identity as in our case the more rural nature of Heddington Parish or possibly Cherhill Parish itself!
24	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		This is part of an overall reorganisation of Calne Without PC and is a logical step.	
25	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		It's important that urban housing expansions of Calne and all other towns that spill over the towns boundary are incorporated within the towns boundaries to ensure that residents pay for the services offered by Calne and have an opportunity to vote in elections to the town council.	
26	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree			

27	A representative of a parish or town council affected by the proposals, or a unitary represenative from the area affected	Calne Town	Suggested amended proposal	• To amend the town boundary to follow the A3102 Beversbrook taking the land into Bremhill Parish Council – Not supported until such time a decision has been made about devolution of services. It is expected that this land would come forward to transfer to the Town Council. The changes do not support effective and convenient local governance and community identity.	• To transfer properties at Cherhill View into Calne Town Council- South Ward and keep 4 Councillors - supported by Calne Town Council • To transfer land at Chilvester Hill into Calne Town Council (Calne Central Ward) and keep 5 Councillors - supported by Calne Town Council • To transfer properties at Regent Park into Calne Town Council (Calne Central Ward) and keep 5 Councillors – extent of the boundary change to include all land subject to development - supported by Calne Town Council • To amend the town boundary to follow the A3102 Beversbrook taking the land into Bremhill Parish Council – Not supported until such time a decision has been made about devolution of services. It is expected that this land would come forward to transfer to the Town Council. The changes do not support effective and convenient local governance and community identity. • Changes to Calne Without Parish Boundary proposed • Changes to boundaries between Calne Without and surrounding parishes • The remaining area within Calne Without to become Derry Hill and Studley with 9 Councillors - no comments were submitted	• Calne Town Council were disappointed to see that the transfer of Beversbrook Sports and Community Facility and allotments into the Calne boundary was not supported and ask that this matter should be reconsidered. This change would fully support the aims of the review.

	Agree	Disagree	Suggested Amended Proposal
Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Calne Town	4	11	1
Derry Hill and Studley	6	0	0
Calne Town	3	0	1
Rookery Farm	0	0	1
Total	**13**	**11**	**3**

Recommendation 3- Bremhill

3.1 That the area marked as D1 and D2 be transferred from Calne Without and Calne Town respectively to Bremhill as part of the Bremhill Ward of Bremhill Parish Council. Bremhill Ward to continue to have five councillors.
3.2 That the area marked as E be transferred from Langley Burrell Without to Bremhill as part of the East Tytherton Ward of Bremhill Parish Council. East Tytherton Ward to continue to have three councillors.
3.3 That the area marked as F be transferred from Christian Malford to Bremhill as part of the Foxham Ward of Bremhill Parish Council. Foxham Ward to continue to have three councillors.
3.4 That the area marked as G be transferred from Bremhill to Langley Burrell Without. Langley Burrell Without to continue to have five councillors.
3.5 To request that the LGBCE amend the Kington, Calne North and Calne Rural Electoral Divisions to be coterminous with the proposed revised parish boundaries of Calne Without, Christian Malford, Bremhill, Langley Burrell Without and Calne Town

	Status	Location	Agree/Disagree/ Suggest amended	Amended Proposal	Reasons	Other Comments
1	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Bremhill	Agree		Our land straddles Cowage Brook in Ratford with half in Bremhill and half in Calne Without. We support 3.1 to become wholly in Bremhill with whom we identify more closely.	
2	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Bremhill	Agree		As a resident of Fisher's Brook I consider that our interests would be best served by becoming incorporated into the parish of Bremhill. The population density is similar to the majority of that parish and the current land use is also much the same. At present, as part of the Calne Without Parish, Fisher's Brook is "out on a limb" and that would be exacerbated if a new parish of Derry Hill and Studley is created. At a CGR meeting in 2019, the proponents of the creation of the new Derry Hill and Studley made it fairly clear to the attendees that their main interests were directed to the high population density area of Derry Hill.	
3	Resident of the Parish Langley Burrell Without	Part of Langley Burrell Without proposed to become part of Bremhill	Agree		All of my neighbours are in Bremhill Parish - it makes no sense that we are in Langley Burrell Without. Also - we are already well served by the Bremhill Parish council and local community activities - eg the Bremhill Parish council already contact us if there are any local matters that affect us such as planning applications, roads etc. Whereas we have next-to-no contact with Langley Burrell Without.	
4	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree			
5	Resident of the parish of Christian Malford	Part of Christian Malford proposed to become part of Bremhill	Agree		Makes sense to put Foxham Farm into the village of Foxham and the parish of Bremhill	
6	Resident of the parish of Christian Malford	Part of Christian Malford proposed to become part of Bremhill	Agree		We have always felt much more aligned with Foxham and Bremhill Parish Council. Particularly as our address is [redacted] Foxham, [redacted]	
7	An interested party not necessarily from the area affected by the proposals	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree			

8	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		As above , I agree with the overall proposal for the new parish of Calne Without so Recommendation 3.1 is good.	
9	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Bremhill	Agree		Fisher's Brook consists of very few houses and is rural in nature. The proposed plan much better reflects the identity and interests of its inhabitants. Bremhill is the view I see from my windows; it is the destination for my daily walk; it is the area with which I identify. It makes much more sense for this settlement to become part of the parish of Bremhill and I thank the Council for the consideration that has been given to residents views thus far.	
10	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Bremhill	Suggested amended proposal	The properties along the A4 do not relate well to the Parish of Bremhill and will not be better served or represented by the proposed change. The properties are well served and represented by the existing Calne without parish which has shown itself to be effective in its governance of the wide range of semi urban and rural residents and their varied issues and concerns. A move to the proposed Derry Hill and Studley Parish would also not be considered an advantage as the dominance of the semi urban in the proposed parish will leave the rural ares less well represented and more isolated.		
11	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Bremhill	Disagree		We have more affinity in Calne Without and Studley than Bremhill. No wish to change,thank you.	
12	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Suggested amended proposal	I largely agree the proposals with the exception of the proposed absorption of Black Dog Halt and the associated properties within Bremhill. To my mind the A4 is a sensible boundary at this point and I would suggest the affected properties (two or three?) are either retained with the revised Derry Hill and Studley Parish or absorbed by Calne Town.	Most of the proposal (aside from properties south of the A4) make sense. They align rural properties with a reasonable association with Bremhill and provide a level of community identity perhaps not present within the existing Calne Without Parish.	As outlines in my response to Q14; I think the A4 provides a suitable boundary for Bremhill Parish.
13	Resident of the Parish of Bremhill	Bremhill	Agree			
14	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		This is part of an overall reorganisation of Calne Without PC and is a logical step.	
15	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Disagree		The existing parish council of Calne Without is efficient and well-run. It is actively engaged in seeking improvements for its communities and does an excellent job in representing their interests. The proposed break-up of an effective parish council is unnecessary. Area D1 should therefore remain part of a retained Calne Without Parish Council.	

16	A representative of a parish or town council affected by the proposals, or a unitary represenative from the area affected	Calne Town	Suggested amended proposal	• To amend the town boundary to follow the A3102 Beversbrook taking the land into Bremhill Parish Council – Not supported until such time a decision has been made about devolution of services. It is expected that this land would come forward to transfer to the Town Council. The changes do not support effective and convenient local governance and community identity.	• To transfer properties at Cherhill View into Calne Town Council- South Ward and keep 4 Councillors - supported by Calne Town Council • To transfer land at Chilvester Hill into Calne Town Council (Calne Central Ward) and keep 5 Councillors - supported by Calne Town Council • To transfer properties at Regent Park into Calne Town Council (Calne Central Ward) and keep 5 Councillors – extent of the boundary change to include all land subject to development - supported by Calne Town Council • To amend the town boundary to follow the A3102 Beversbrook taking the land into Bremhill Parish Council – Not supported until such time a decision has been made about devolution of services. It is expected that this land would come forward to transfer to the Town Council. The changes do not support effective and convenient local governance and community identity. • Changes to Calne Without Parish Boundary proposed • Changes to boundaries between Calne Without and surrounding parishes • The remaining area within Calne Without to become Derry Hill and Studley with 9 Councillors - no comments were submitted	• Calne Town Council were disappointed to see that the transfer of Beversbrook Sports and Community Facility and allotments into the Calne boundary was not supported and ask that this matter should be reconsidered. This change would fully support the aims of the review.
17	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Suggested ammended proposal	Studley Bridge - I am opposed to Bremhill PC request to incorporate the 4 residential properties around Stanley Abbey Farm east of Studley Bridge in to Bremhill. My understanding is that the residents were not consulted by Bremhill before making the request and a majority wish to remain in Calne Without (DerryHill & Studley)as their affinity is with Studley not Bremhill. Bremhill's reasons for the change are very week, the fact that the buried remains of Stanley Abbey demolished around 500 years ago are split between Bremhill and Calne Without is surely not a valid reason to move the boundary. Neither is the fact that 2 properties at Old Abbey Farm are isolated from the rest of Bremhill by the River Marden and have to travel into Calne Without a valid reason to make the changes proposed. Indeed there is a much stronger case to encorporate these two properties into Calne Without rather than the other 4 into Bremhill. The Guidance on CGR's states that residents views should be paramount. None of the 6 houses affected appear to support a change in parish boundaries at this location therefore the only change in this area should be to include Rose Cottage and the bizarre very finger of of land into Bremhill. Land adjoining the A4 between Black Dog Hill and Calne. - I believe the land south of the A4 and north of the National			

				Cycle route should be part of Calne Without (Derry Hill & Studley) There are a handful or residential properties which having called on all of them appear to wish to be part of Calne Without. This area would also fit well with calls to ensure all of the historic grounds of Bowood House to the south should be united within Derry Hill & Studley rather than split with Heddington. The residential properties immediately north of the A4 in this area which take access from the A4 should also be part of Calne Without as a number of residents have indicated to the parish councillors they believe they have a stronger affinity with Derry Hill & Studley.		
18	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Suggested ammended proposal	support Ratford and Fishers Brooke area becoming part of Bremhill but I'm opposed the area adjoining the A4, and the houses near Stanley Abbey Farm being included in Bremhill unless there is strong support for this by the residents concerned		
19	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Bremhill	Agree	See Response 12		

	Agree	Disagree	Suggested Amended Proposal
Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Bremhill	4	1	1
Part of Langley Burrell Without proposed to become part of Bremhill	1	0	0
Part of Christian Malford proposed to become part of Bremhill	2	0	0
Derry Hill and Studley	4	1	3
Calne Town	0	0	1
Bremhill	1	0	0
Total	**12**	**2**	**5**

Recommendation 4 - Compton Bassett and Hilmarton

4.1 That the area marked as H1 be transferred from Cherhill to Compton Bassett.
4.2 That the area marked as H2 be transferred from Calne Without to Compton Bassett.
4.3 That the area marked as I be transferred from Calne Without to Hilmarton.
4.4 That Compton Bassett continue to have seven councillors.
4.5 That Hilmarton continue to have eleven councillors.

	Status	Location	Agree/Disagree/ Suggest amended	Reasons	Other Comments
1	Resident of the parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		
2	An interested party not necessarily from the area affected by the proposals	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		
3	Resident of the parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree	As above , I agree with the overall proposal for the new parish of Calne Without so Recommendation 3.1 is good.	
4	Resident of the parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree	The proposals a re entirely sensible and logical, aligning communities of interest, shared facilities and common interests. In my view this would increase community identity and provide a more effective structure for local governance.	
5	Resident of the parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree	This is part of an overall reorganisation of Calne Without PC and is a logical step.	
6	Resident of the parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Disagree	The existing parish council of Calne Without is efficient and well-run. It is actively engaged in seeking improvements for its communities and does an excellent job in representing their interests. The proposed break-up of an effective parish council is unnecessary. Area H2 should therefore remain part of a retained Calne Without Parish Council.	
7	A representative of a parish or town council affected by the proposals, or a unitary represenative from the area affected	Calne Town	Disagree	• To amend the town boundary to follow the A3102 Beversbrook taking the land into Bremhill Parish Council – Not supported until such time a decision has been made about devolution of services. It is expected that this land would come forward to transfer to the Town Council. The changes do not support effective and convenient local governance and community identity.	• Members were disappointed to see that the transfer of Beversbrook Sports and Community Facility and allotments into the Calne boundary was not supported and ask that this matter should be reconsidered.
8	Resident of the parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		
9	Resident of the parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		

	Agree	Disagree	Suggested Amended Proposal
Derry Hill and Studley	7	1	0
Calne Town	0	1	0
Total	**7**	**2**	**0**

Recommendation 5 - Cherhill

5.1 That the area marked as J be transferred from Calne Without to Cherhill.
5.2 That the area marked as J be named Lower Compton and Calstone Wellington Ward, and to contain four councillors.
5.3 That Cherhill Parish Council comprise three wards (Cherhill, Yatesbury, Lower Compton and Calstone Wellington), and a total of Eleven councillors. Cherhill Ward would continue to contain five councillors. Yatesbury would continue to contain two councillors.

	Status	Location	Agree/Disagree/ Suggest amended	Amended Proposal	Reasons
1	A resident of the parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		
2	A resident of the parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		This proposal should have happened a long time ago. it is an excellent idea that at long last Derry Hill and Studley villages are to have their own parish instead of being part of some "doughnut" around Calne with numbers of councillors who for all their qualities have no real interest in the large village of Derry Hill and the closely associated Studley.

3	A resident of the parish of Calne Without	Blacklands	Suggested amended proposal	My proposed amendment is that cottages number 1 to 5 at Blacklands Crossroads together with the the cottages Wayside, Ivy House and Yew Tree Cottage, comprising the eastern part of Blackland be transferred from area J to area K. Identifiable features on the ground need to be specified as the boundary for this area. I appreciate that roads are the preferred boundaries but cartographical convenience is not one of the criteria. My proposed north boundary of the area to be transferred from J to K is the ditch/stream running west to east (final part of Blackland Street to the west) while the east boundary is the hedge line at Yew Tree Cottage and the south boundary is the hedge line separating Barnetts Field from Lower Down, back to the C50 road. See areas shaded pink on the map below taken from OS Explorer Map 157.	I was one of the Calne Without Residents keen to preserve the parish of Calne Without in the 2020 consultation and so oppose the break up of the parish in principle for the reasons stated then. In response to this 2022 consultation, I object on the grounds of identity, to the division of the Parish of Blackland (recommendations 5 and 6) with the western area assigned to Heddington and the eastern area assigned to Cherhill - the map accompanying recommendation 6 has the word 'Blackland' straddling the boundary between areas K and J. Further, the Royal Mail address finder places my house in Blackland, the Victoria County History History Volume 17 page 17 says that my house is on Blackland Street in Blackland and the 1844 parish map - see Victoria County History - clearly shows my house and the seven other scattered around it as part of Blackland. Recommendation 5 of this consultation assigns my house and the cottages which surround it in the western area of Blackland to the urbanised village of Cherhill, while the rest of Blackland is assigned to the rural area of scattered hamlets of Heddington (recommendation 6). Blackland street is a muddy country lane and the western area of Blackland is of a similar character to that of most of area K in recommendation 6 and thus, the residents here have similar concerns to those who live in area K. Much of area J comprises densely packed housing with the pavements and streetlights of suburbia and thus, the residents are concerned about suburban rather than rural matters. On the grounds of interest and identity criteria, I
4	A resident of the parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Cherhill	Agree		We are much closer, geographically to Cherhill than Derry Hill. The children in this area, generally attend Cherhill school. It appears to me to be a "better fit".
5	An interested party not necessarily from the area affected by the proposals	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		
6	A resident of the parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		5.1 is good, and I fully agree with the recommendation

7	A resident of the parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		This again aligns communities that are linked through facilities (schools and churches) and aides the development of community identity - which to some degree exists despite existing parish boundaries. Aligning the communities as proposed can only increase the delivery of effective and convenient governance breaking the historic and outdated concept of Calne Without where disparate and different communities have less coherence than when the Parish was established.
8	A representative of a parish or town council affected by the proposals, or a unitary represenat	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Cherhill	Suggested ammended proposal	My first proposed modification concerns Blackland. This hamlet is currently split between Middle Ward and East Ward. If Calne Without is broken up it will mean that Blackland will then be split between two parishes. I propose that the two halves are reunited in line with the old 1884 Blackland parish / tithing – map provided to Ashley O'Neill by email. This shows the old 1884 boundary and map 2 (map provided to Ashley O'Neill by email) my proposal as to where the new boundary should be drawn - (on map 2 my proposed boundary is in red, the current one in brown and Calne Without boundary is in blue). As you can see from map 1 Blackland has historical ties to Calstone, and these ties remain strong today. If Wiltshire Council decides to keep Calne Without together, I propose that Blackland joins East Ward. If they decide to split up the parish, I propose that Blackland and Calstone form a new Ward within Cherhill Parish Council. Map 3 (map provided to Ashley O'Neill by email) shows my proposed boundary for Blackland and Calstone ward. This leads me to the second proposed modification to recommendation 5 – There should be 4 wards within an enlarged Cherhill Parish – Cherhill, Yatesbury, Lower Compton and Blackland & Calstone. I think that this would best reflect the different character and identities of different parts of the parish. Lower Compton, for example, is a very different place to Calstone & Blackland. My third proposed modification is that the recommended number of councillors in each ward is changed to reflect the number of residents in that ward. In the current recommendation Cherhill and Yatesbury, with 610 electors, would have 7 councillors (2 Yatesbury and 5 Cherhill), but Calstone & Lower Compton, with 640 electors, would have only 4 councillors. To redress this balance, I propose that Yatesbury has 2, Cherhill has 5, Lower Compton has 4 and Blackland & Calstone has 2. I have canvassed opinion within Calstone (I have an email distribution list which covers over 95% of the residents) and admittedly fewer residents in Blackland. Everyone who has written to me expressed strong support for my proposals, except 1 Blackland resident who supports the idea of Blackland being reunited but would like it to be moved to Heddington Parish, as he sees Cherhill Parish as being suburban. Considering the comments above I propose that recommendation 5 is changed to say: 5.1 That the hamlet of Blackland is transferred to East Ward. The new western boundary is marked in red on the map 2 below. There would be no changes to the number of councillors in either East or Middle Wards. If Wiltshire Council decides to break-up Calne Without Parish, then the following 3 recommendations apply. 5.2 That the area marked as J, with the addition of Blackland as described in 5.1, be transferred from Calne Without to Cherhill. 5.3 Two new wards are created in Cherhill Parish Council. The area marked as “Lower Compton Ward” on map 3 to be so named and to contain four councillors. The area marked as “Blackland and Calstone Ward” to be so named and to contain 2 councillors. The red lines on map 3 show the	

	representative from the area affected			"Blackland and Calstone Ward" to be so named and to contain 2 councillors. The red lines on map 5 show the western boundary of Blackand & Calstone ward, and the boundary between this ward and Lower Compton ward. 5.3 That Cherhill Parish Council comprise four wards (Cherhill, Yatesbury, Lower Compton and Calstone Wellington), and a total of thirteen councillors. Cherhill Ward would continue to contain five councillors. Yatesbury would continue to contain two councillors. Reasons: Paragraphs 73, 74, 80, 84 and 85 of the Guidance on Community Governance Reviews. I believe that moving East Ward, plus the whole of Blackland, to Cherhill Parish Council would be in the best interests of all the residents of these areas. We all utilise the same resources, for example most of the children of East Ward / Blackland go the Cherhill Primary School, they attend the very highly regarded Cherhill Scouts Group, they walk the footpaths over the downs, they use the Tommy Croker Memorial Playing Field, they cycle on the Sustrans 403 route, they are members of Cherhill Gardening Club, and, of course, many of us have watched the famous annual pantomimes! The residents of East Ward don't, however, pay precept / grant funding towards supporting these resources. If the merger goes ahead Cherhill Parish Council will get roughly double the budget and only have to support the emptying of 3 additional bins and the maintenance of 2 additional noticeboards in return. A proportion of the remaining CIL money from the Low Lane development (in East Ward) and Sun Edison solar farm (also in East Ward) grant funding would also be available to provide grants for activities within the enlarged Cherhill Parish Council. I think that rebalancing the number of councillors as I have suggested will enable Yatesbury, Calstone and Blackland to retain their distinctiveness, individuality, and influence within the new parish. It will give Lower Compton a clearer voice the address the unique issues it has within the parish related to the character of the area and its proximity to Hill's. It will also give Cherhill the largest number of councillors in recognition of its size and importance as the heart of the parish.	
9	A resident of the parish of Calne Without	Marden Farm	Disagree		Cherhill view is identified as a private development outside of Calne town with close links to our rural surroundings rather than the town itself. I had a chat with the local parish councillors who rectify came to the development letting us know they had money to spend on things that would benefit local residents, we wouldn't get this interest from the town council for that reason that's why we believe we are better off being managed by the parish council. As they will have our interests taken into account and will work better for us rather than the town council so therefore we strongly oppose this change.
10	A resident of the parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		This is part of an overall reorganisation of Calne Without PC and is a logical step.
11	A resident of the parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Disagree		The existing parish council of Calne Without is efficient and well-run. It is actively engaged in seeking improvements for its communities and does an excellent job in representing their interests. The proposed break-up of an effective parish council is unnecessary. Area J should therefore remain part of a retained Calne Without Parish Council.

12	A representative of a parish or town council affected by the proposals, or a unitary represenative from the area affected	Calne Town	Agree		
13	A resident of the parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Suggested ammended proposal	Agree with CWPC's comments supporting residents that would like to see the whole of Blacklands be part of Cherhill. Also support the redistribution of council seats to achieve better electoral equality.	
14	A resident of the parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		

Additional Comments

If the recommendations do go ahead, then Area J should be extended to include the community of Blackland in its entirety.
• Members were disappointed to see that the transfer of Beversbrook Sports and Community Facility and allotments into the Calne boundary was not supported and ask that this matter should be reconsidered.

	Agree	Disagree	Suggested Amended Proposal
Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Cherhill	1	0	1
Derry Hill and Studley	7	2	0
Calne Town	1	0	0
Marden Farm	0	1	0

	1	2
Blacklands	0	0
Total	9	3

Recommendation 6 - Heddington

6.1 That the area marked as K be transferred from Calne Without to Heddington as a new 'Heddington Without' Ward of Heddington Parish Council. The ward to have two parish councillors.
6.2 The remaining part of the parish would be called 'Heddington Ward', with seven parish councillors. That the parish of Heddington therefore be increased to a total of nine councillors.

	Status	Location	Agree/Disagree/ Suggest amended	Amended Proposal	Reasons	Other Comments
1	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Heddington	Agree		CWPC is no longer fit for purpose, most members are unelected by the parishioners.	The proposed recommendations make logical sence.
2	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Heddington	Agree		We strongly agree with & support the Proposal Recommendation No 6. The area recommended foo combining with Heddington is physically very close to Heddington, & very strong connections within the Heddington community. Since moving here 29 years ago, we have always felt part of Heddington. Being in 'Calne Without' has always seemed an anathema to us. We have strong links with Stockley, but have no links at all with the rest of 'Calne Without'.	
3	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree			
4	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Heddington	Suggest amended proposal	That Rookery Farm not become part of Heddington Parish as it is not connected in any direct way with that area if the Cherhill View development becomes part of Calne Town		
5	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		This proposal should have happened a long time ago. it is an excellent idea that at long last Derry Hill and Studley villages are to have their own parish instead of being part of some "doughnut" around Calne with numbers of councillors who for all their qualities have no real interest in the large village of Derry Hill and the closely associated Studley. Recommendation 6.1 is therefore very good.	
6	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Blacklands	Suggest amended proposal	See previous	See previous	
7	An interested party not necessarily from the area affected by the proposals	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree			

8	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		6.1 is good, because I want the overall proposal for the new parish of Calne Without	
9	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Marden Farm	Suggest amended proposal			We currently pay a management company fee…if paying in line with others surely the council should be taking on the maintenance
10	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Marden Farm	Disagree			I dont believe there to be any benefits of being consumed within Calne Town. We live on the very edge of Calne and Blacklands and would like to stay in Calne without.
11	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		This proposal provides a sensible alignment of communities with many shared interests and facilities. Informally Heddington and Stockley have been linked for many years with a common identity and interests. This formalises that position.	
12	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Marden Farm	Disagree		Cherhill view is identified as a private development outside of Calne town with close links to our rural surroundings rather than the town itself. I had a chat with the local parish councillors who rectify came to the development letting us know they had money to spend on things that would benefit local residents, we wouldn't get this interest from the town council for that reason that's why we believe we are better off being managed by the parish council. As they will have our interests taken into account and will work better for us rather than the town council so therefore we strongly oppose this change.	
13	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		This is part of an overall reorganisation of Calne Without PC and is a logical step.	
14	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Marden Farm	Disagree		The existing parish council of Calne Without is efficient and well-run. It is actively engaged in seeking improvements for its communities and does an excellent job in representing their interests. The proposed break-up of an effective parish council is unnecessary. Area K should therefore remain part of a retained Calne Without Parish Council.	
15	A representative of a parish or town council affected by the proposals, or a unitary represenative from the area affected	Calne Town	Agree			

16	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Suggest amended proposal	Agree with CWPC's comments supporting Lord Lansdowne and Bowood Estates desire to see the whole of the historic Bowood House estate within the singe parish of Derry Hill & Studley rather than split between DH&S and Heddington PC. The new boundary should only include Bowood land with the residential properties in Mile Elm remaining becoming part of Heddington as originally proposed.		
17	Resident of the Parish of Calne Without	Derry Hill and Studley	Suggest amended proposal	include all of the Bowood House Estate in Derry Hill & Studley rather than Heddington.		

	Agree	Disagree	Suggested Amended Proposal
Part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Heddington	2	0	1
Derry Hill and Studley	6	0	2
Calne Town	1	0	0
Marden Farm	0	3	1
Blacklands	0	0	1
Total	**9**	**3**	**5**

Recommendation 7 - Derry Hill and Studley

7.1 That subject to Recommendations 2-6, that the area shown in the map below, being the remaining part of Calne Without parish, be renamed from Calne Without to Derry Hill and Studley.
7.2 That the area marked as L be transferred from the parish of Bromham to the renamed parish of Derry Hill and Studley.
7.3 That the renamed parish of Derry Hill and Studley be unwarded with nine councillors.
7.4 To request that the LGBCE amend the Calne South and Calne Rural Divisions to be coterminous with the proposed revised boundaries of the renamed parish of Derry Hill and Studley.

	Status	Agree/Disagree/ Suggest amended	Amended Proposal	Reasons	Other Comments
1	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Disagree		I believe that decisions taken by larger administrative units will naturally come to recommendations that are for the greater good. I do not believe that splitting off Derry Hill and Studley will be for the greater good.	Fewer parish councils must surely be more efficient
2	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Disagree		I disagree because small units are vulnerable to power-grabbing by egotistical individuals. We need to co-operate, not break ourselves into smaller and smaller units. We need to be looking outwards to the greater good, not being insular, introspective and self-seeking. Small units have quieter voices and are in danger of not being heard when controversial matters arise.	
3	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree			
4	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		Due to the size of Derry Hill and Studley, and taking into consideration the number of houses that have been built in both villages over the last 30 years, it is long overdue that the two villages have their own parish council to better represent the views of the people who live there.	
5	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		For too many years, councillors in Calne Without Council have taken decisions on the development of Derry Hill and Studley which they should not, in my opinion, have been party to. A Derry Hill and Studley Council will give more powers to local democracy.	
6	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		The amount of housing in Derry Hill & Studley has increased markedly over the past thirty years	
7	A representative of a parish or town council affected by the proposals, or a unitary represenative from the area affected	Agree		As a Parish Councillor after requests from a number of residents a survey was taken regarding Derry Hill and Studley having its own Parish Council. Of those canvassed over 90% confirmed that because of the number people living in Derry Hill and Studley that it should have its own Parish Council. As a Councillor of West Ward (that covers Derry Hill And Studley) it is my duty to reflect their views	
8	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		It makes sense to split up Calne without into areas which have a relevance to the residents. As a resident of Derry Hill and Studley I have little or no interest in the far reaches of Calne Without. Indeed I have far more interest in Calne Central.	

9	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		1. The current arrangements of Calne Without do not foster community identity 2. They do not reflect the reality on the ground, an the different issues in the rural/semi rural areas. The ward/voting arrangements do not reflect the population distribution. 3. Current arrangements do not reflect the issues associated with Derry Hill and Studley being treated together as a "large Village" in planning terms and its position on the A4 corridor with its unique identity being swallowed up between Chippenham and Calne.	
10	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		Derry Hill & Studley is big enough - with its own “Community Identity & Interests” to warrant its own Parish Council for “effective & convenient local governance” and	
11	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		This proposal should have happened a long time ago. it is an excellent idea that at long last Derry Hill and Studley villages are to have their own parish instead of being part of some "doughnut" around Calne with numbers of councillors who for all their qualities have no real interest in the large village of Derry Hill and the closely associated Studley. So recommendations 7.1, 7.2, and 7.3 are all very good. Please implement them.	
12	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		The new parish council will truly represent the electorate whereas currently councillors from outside the area i.e. the rest of Calne Without, have a majority and can push through decisions that can adversely affect this area specifically	
13	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		The residents will be better served by the new arrangement	
14	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		My interests are better served by councillor's focused on my immediate local area.	
15	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		Better reflects the identity and interests of the community in this area	
16	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		Community identity. I live in Derry Hill, not Calne Without	
17	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		Derry Hill has grown so much, it needs it's own bounderies	
18	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree			

19	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		It has always been silly that Calne Without has included unrelated areas far from the main villages of Derry Hill and Studley, This proposed change should have happened years ago, but it is very good that you are now suggesting it. Please go ahead with this it will give a much better sense of community and focus to the villages of Derry Hill and Studley. 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 are all therefore very good.	
20	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		Insofar as it is possible for properties in a rural area to be a cohesive whole, the proposed new parish area qualifies as such. Derry Hill and Studley share most interests.	
21	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		The formation of a separate parish for Derry Hill and Studley is long overdue. I do not think of myself as being linked to Calstone or High Penn (for example). Derry Hill and Studley have been developed into a small, nearly urban community. Our parish council should be representative of that. We are not the same as the other much more rural hamlets within the Calne Without Parish council. The integration of the other parts of the Calne Without parish into their adjacent parish's makes much more sense than the current arrangement. I commend you for your excellent recommendations - they are very sensible.	The residents filed a petition that overwhelmingly requested the formation of a separate Parish Council for Derry Hill and Studley. This should be acknowledged and acted upon.
22	A resident of a part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be transferred to another parish	Suggest amended proposal	Please see the answers given in response to Recommendations 03 above	Please see the answers given in response to Recommendations 03 above	
23	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		I feel this revised parish council boundary will mean we have a parish council that is far more representative of the local community and will be more proportionate to community it serves. This will allow for more effective local governance and decision making that represents the interests of the community it represents.	
24	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		To have level representation of our community.	
25	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		Supported. Proposal places governance under more local representation and focus	
26	A resident of a part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be transferred to another parish	Disagree		historic boundaries should not be broken up, Calne without has worked very well	budget, division of CIL money, Sandy Lane will be left behind, restructuring will have to be financed,

27	A resident of a part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be transferred to another parish	Disagree		Calnewithout is a historic parish (created from the old Bowood Estate). Our communities are bound up with this identity and, alltogether, form a substantial weight vs the ever expanding Calne town.	Sandy Lane is a historic village defined by its connections to Bowood. Thus it shares amenities and history with Derry Hill and Studley. Should it remain with these it would either be over represented or underrepresented in the parish council.
28	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		Local control is best	Local control is best
29	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		Having been a resident of Studley for twenty years I am very aware of the often variances of opinion and local preferences across the areas within Calne Without. During this period Derry Hill and Studley have grown significantly and are now very much a fully developed community within its own right, having a school, shop, community hall and church. The interests of this community are often at odds with those of other often quite distant communities within Calne Without. Put simply there is no doubt that Calne Without is no longer fit for purpose and fails to represent properly the various communities within its remit. The proposed changes would bring the whole area upto date and would enable the correct level of representation to all parts of the community. I strongly support the recommended changes.	
30	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		Derry Hill and Studley have grown as a result of significant development in the last 40 years and is a clearly identifiable community with close links and requirements. It needs its own Parish Council to reflect this. Calne Without Parish Council was created in 1890 from a number of small dispersed communities that have little connection and shared requirements, particularly given the significant development of Derry Hill and Studley in the last 40 years. The Boundary Commission has already recognised the need for change by recommending that Pewsham (which is the rural area around Old Derry Hill) should be combined with Derry Hill and Studley. Derry Hill and Studley has 46% of the electorate for Calne Without Parish Council but only 40% of the elected representatives. Derry Hill and Studley is more than big enough to have a viable local council of its own, but recognise that the creation of a separate (or renamed) council must also ensure alignment of the remaining elements of Calne Without with more appropriate communities as identified within this review.	
31	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		Increased accountability of councillors to their electorate + better ratio of councillors to residents than current situation = better democracy	

32	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		The present system is a dissatisfier, and does not work well for rural villagers. It puts off local villagers off participating, as the meetings are further away, and in locations which many of us would not normally visit. I feel this new proposal will instead much better reflect the natural inclination of villagers to identify primarily with their local village, rather than with any nearby town. It will enable rural villagers to feel their needs are not overwhelmed by great numbers of town-based people, and will encourage greater local attendance at meetings and contributions to decision-making. It will remove a cause for discontent, and improve local democracy.	
33	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		Having recently become a bit more involved in the Parish I do not believe in its current form it is able to be very effective. The parish is large and does not have a unique identity, being made up of many different hamlets who bear little relation to each other. I believe the upcoming Jubilee is a good example of why the current structure doesn't work. The Parish Council was not able to lead on any events because there is not just one community to work with, the size of the parish made it impossible to organise an event without the potential to upset other parts of the parish. Although I do believe a Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council will be financially worse off than Calne Without, I see major benefits for the parish council being more recognised, understood and engaged with once more relevant to the area that it represents.	
34	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		More autonomy	Please make this consultation survey easier to use - suggest you are going to get a low response as it is clunky and really difficult to use.
35	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Disagree		I feel that this proposal will undermine longstanding ties between villages and the surrounding countryside. It is absolute madness for the proposed boundary to sever Bowood Park in two given that many of us in Derry Hill live in estate cottages and/or work on the estate.	
36	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		This is the area with the largest population of Calne Without PC, and it makes sense for DH and S to have its own separate PC. At present councillors from across the area are making decisions for places they are not familiar with. The proposed reorganisation ensures that Parish Councillors are working on behalf of their own village/area.	
37	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		I believe that Derry Hill and Studley have sufficient residents to have its own Parish Council. I do not agree with the recent decision by Calne Without Parish Council that the proposed Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council should be 'unwarded'.	I consider and support the recommended proposal that Derry Hill & Studley Parish Council should be 'unwarded'. I do not believe that the number of residents in Pewsham and Sandy Lane justify that these two locations should have their own councillors.
38	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		Derry Hill and Studley have enough residents to justify their own Parish Council.	I do not support the recent decision by the Calne Without Parish Council that the proposed Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council should be 'Warded'.

39	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Disagree		The existing parish council of Calne Without is efficient and well-run. It is actively engaged in seeking improvements for its communities and does an excellent job in representing their interests. The proposed break-up of an effective parish council is unnecessary.	If the recommendations to do go, then the new parish of Derry Hill and Studley should retain its current ward structure (i.e. retaining Pewsham and Sandy Lane wards). This way, the peripheral communities within the new parish would retain their own representation, to ensure that they are not overly dominated by the core village of Derry Hill and Studley.
40	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		For planning purposes, Derry Hill and Studley parish was considered to be a Large Village. Therefore, the residents and councillors should be able to make decisions for our Large Village.	
41	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		The Derry Hill and Studley village has been classed as a large village for Housing allocations. As we are officially a large village we need decisions based on our needs not the needs of the parishes that made up the existing large rural area.	The villagers were asked to take part in a poll and decided by an overwhelming majority that we should have our own Council. There were also two public meetings and two on-line surveys asking for our opinions. Its about time that we saw some positive action driving the needs of our Community towards the end objective. Stop talking about it. and manage the decision.
42	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		Better more representative local democracy. For the purposes of planning Derry Hill & Studley have been considered one entity and a "large village". We should have the local control to go with that status	Should be unwarded to avoid the existing imbalances in representation being re-created in the new Council
43	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		Having been a resident of Studley for twenty years I am very aware of the often variances of opinion and local preferences across the areas within Calne Without. During this period Derry Hill and Studley have grown significantly and are now very much a fully developed community within its own right, having a school, shop, community hall and church. The interests of this community are often at odds with those of other often quite distant communities within Calne Without. Put simply there is no doubt that Calne Without is no longer fit for purpose and fails to represent properly the various communities within its remit. The proposed changes would bring the whole area upto date and would enable the correct level of representation to all parts of the community. I strongly support the recommended changes.	
44	A representative of a parish or town council affected by the proposals, or a unitary represenative from the area affected	Agree			

45	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		I am in broad agreement with the Draft Recommendations but I am strongly against the request by Calne Without PC to create a ward or wards to cover Pewsham and Sandy Lane. It should not be forgotten that the petition that has driven this part of the review and signed by 769 residents specified an unwarded council with 9 Councillors. That wording was based on a desire to have the whole council elected by all the voters to serve the whole parish. There are major benefits in establishing that sort of culture as well as practical benefits in cutting down on co-option, unnecessary elections and the understandable reluctance of good candidates to represent other wards. We currently have 3 councillor vacancies in Middle Ward (2 have been vacant for a whole year) yet there were two very good but unsuccessful candidates in an election and a cooption in other wards who do not want to represent a neighbouring ward. Electoral equality' , a fundamental principle of British local and national government is also an important factor in seeking an unwarded Council. Why should Sandy Lane with 60 to 70 voters have their own councillor when currently over 1200 voters in Derry Hill & Studley have only 6 councillors (215 voters per councillor). Sandy Lane has long been referred to as a modern "Rotten Borough" (without the corrupt practices) but with only around 60 voters until the last election when the LGBCE moved half a dozen houses from West Ward to Sandy Lane in order to take the electorate up to 75. Although Pewsham Ward has 159 voters, around 40 of those are in the 17 houses on Devizes Road which are within Derry Hill, Many of which are within yards of the Lansdowne pub and Village Store & Post Office - the heart of the village. They deserve to have a say in electing councillors for their own village. I am strongly opposed to warding for Sandy Lane and Pewsham but if the Electoral Committee are minded to reject the petition's call for an unwarded council there should only be a single ward for Sandy Lane & Pewsham which should not include the properties moved by LGBCE in 2021 or the 17 residential properties in Derry Hill on the south side of Devizes Road. That would give a electorate in the ward of about 185 compared to an average of about 155 over the whole council of Derry Hill & Studley	
46	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		Agree but opposed to any 'Warding' - petition was for unwarded Council.	
47	A resident of the part of the parish of Calne Without proposed to be renamed to Derry Hill and Studley	Agree		See Response 9	

Recommendation 8 Malmesbury

8.1 That the area marked as M be transferred from St Paul Malmesbury Without to Malmesbury Town. This would be named the Burton Hill and Cowbridge Ward and contain 2 councillors.
8.2 That the area marked as N be transferred from St Paul Malmesbury Without to Malmesbury Town as part of the Malmesbury North Ward (see 8.3).
8.3 That Malmesbury Town Council contain a total of 19 councillors in the following wards as shown in the map below: Backbridge Ward (two councillors), Malmesbury North Ward (six councillors), Malmesbury South (two councillors), Malmesbury West (seven councillors), Burton Hill and Cowbridge (two councillors).
8.4 That the area marked as O be transferred from St Paul Malmesbury to the parish of Charlton. Charlton to be increased to Eleven parish councillors.
8.5 That the area marked as P be transferred from St Paul Malmesbury to the parish of Brokenborough.
8.6 The parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without to be unwarded, with Twelve Councillors.
8.7 To request that the LGBCE amend the Malmesbury, Sherston and Brinkworth Divisions as shown in the map included.

	Status	Location	Agree/Disagree/ amended	Amended Proposal	Reasons	Other Comments
1	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Disagree		I see no benefit to me or my community from this change.	
2	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Anson Place	Agree			
3	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Disagree		The majority of responses received to prior public consultation in respect of these proposals were against the recommended changes. In a democracy it is usually the case that the majority vote takes precedence, so why is that not the case here? I also do not accept the arguments made in the review for incorporating Cowbridge into Malmesbury. The whole premise seems to be based on a misconception that it is urban in area and linked to the town, whereas the reality is different. The councillors considering these changes would see as such if they actually visited the area rather than basing their recommendations just by looking at a map. Cowbridge may lie on the B road linking Malmesbury with Swindon but it is a distinct development, isolated from it. I see no benefits to Cowbridge residents from these changes, whereas I see considerable financial benefits to Wiltshire Council by hiking Cowbridge residents council tax by £200 a year from by increasing the local precept we will have to pay. I do not believe that precept rates are not a consideration in these deliberations, and I suspect you don't either, otherwise why would you make such a great play of saying that they aren't?	The rationale and documentation provided does not explain what additional benefits, over and above those already received by residents of the affected areas, we would receive by being forcibly transferred into Malmesbury against the wishes of the majority of residents. What enhanced services will I receive for the additional £200 a year I will be forced to pay? I am perfectly content with the service and local governance provided by St Pauls Malmesbury without Parish Council and see no logical reason to change it. I feel that the voice of Cowbridge residents will be reduced by having only 2 representatives on a much larger council than they currently get under the current arrangements. Given that the majority in the affected areas are against the changes, how is democracy being served by proceeding with the changes against the wishes of affected residents?
4	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree			

5	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree		Its good to know how many people live where	
6	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree		Sensible rebalancing	
7	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Disagree		I very strongly disagree with the changes suggested. I cannot see any benefits to joining Malmesbury Town Council. Apart from the fact that council tax will increase by some £200 and to me there would be no benefit whatsoever!! I am very happy with the service provided by our St Paul's councillors. I see no reason for this change except to gain more money for the County Council and no further need or necessity to residents.	
8	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Agree		I think the Town Council might be able to support my small community better with some of the issues we experience such as issues with the main road into Malmesbury Town being difficult to use as a pedestrian.	I think the Town Council needs to be aware that this is a two way thing, Cowbridge residents will be paying into their 'pot' but at the same time we expect some of the issues to be addressed thst make it difficult for us to get into the town on foot , e.g. speeding traffic problems down the B4042 and poor footpaths from Cowbridge up the main road.
9	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree		This removes the absurd boundaries from the last change.	Malmesbury residents deserve to be aligned with the Malmesbury governance and not cat aside for political convenience.
10	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Disagree		Too many politicians. Current local political engagement is poor this is not going to improve it.	Unaffordable housing for local residents who were born in the town, the town council has done nothing to address this. Wiltshire Council walks all over them. More land more unaffordable building.
11	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree		makes sense	
12	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree		It appears to make sense bringing the town under one roof	
13	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree		The electoral criteria should be simplified.	
14	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		No proper explanation of why the change needs to be made, how this proposal solves the problem, and why it is better than alternatives. There is no basis of information to support the change.	
15	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree		for so long residents have always thought they lived in malmesbury when in fact they lived in st pauls without. This proposal would clear things up a lot. I think it is only fair that those that use our services should contribute as well.	precept should be gradually increased for st pauls residents to match those that we pay in malmesbury
16	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree		A joined up and inclusive group	

17	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Disagree		I vehemently disagree with the proposed changes detailed in the "Community Governance Review 2021/22" because I do NOT live in Malmesbury, I live outside of it. The clue is in the title of the ward where I live "St Paul Malmesbury WITHOUT", implying that the ward is without things and aspects which the town of Malmesbury it's self enjoys. If I wanted to live in Malmesbury then I would sell my house and buy one in the town. I do NOT wish to be "virtually-moved" by "slight of hand" by the council or anyone else. My house looks onto open fields on 3 sides, meaning that I feel that I live in a rural area and NOT a town. It would be most helpful to Wiltshire residents if councillors and council employees found something more important to exert their energies on rather than trying to interfere with things where it is not wanted by local Council Tax Payers.	
18	An interested party not necessarily from the area affected by the proposals	Lea and Cleverton	Agree		The recommended transfer of area "M" fairly gives residents in Burton Hill and Cowbridge who use Malmesbury Town Council's facilities the opportunity to vote for them and to pay for them. The transfer of area "N" is sensible as this area will contain important retail outlets serving principally Malmesbury Town; the location in SPW is an historical anomaly.	The recommendations are in line with the sensible and fair proposals by Malmesbury Town residents.
19	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Disagree		My Local Council Tax Has just increased by 3.1% and moving to Malmesbury Town will increase this by more than 10%. A total increase of more than 13% for no change in the services you provide. This Increase comes at a time when there is a massive increase in the cost of living. I can see no justification for imposing this increase at this time. Please reconsider !!	
20	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Disagree		Cowbridge is effectively outside the town of Malmesbury being on the other side of the by pass. it is a mile from the centre of the town and cannot be considered as part of the town itself. ST Pauls Malmesbury has dealt properly with all matters arising so my point is if it ain,t broke why try and fix it. I can find nothing from any party as an individual,group recommending this action other than Wilts CC seeing an opportunity to raise more revenue.	

21	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		Effective and Convenient Local Governance - The status quo already meets this criteria therefore no change is necessary. Community Identity and Interests - I cannot see how my interests or those of others in St Pauls Malmesbury without would be better served by the change.	There is a certain irony in the the level of the precept cannot be taken into account, but the transfer of the businesses in N to Malmesbury Town Council can surely only be for financial reasons (8.2). The statement in paragraph 110 'There were no direct road links from Milbourne to the rest of the parish communities, which were accessed through the town of Malmesbury itself.' is incorrect as the A429 is a boundary with Malmesbury and we can use it to travel directly to Corston. If lack of direct road access is an issue then the transfer of the businesses in N would be used to justify further transfer of land to Malmesbury because people living north of Filands will have no direct road link to Charlton without going through Malmesbury. I cannot help but suspect that the transfer of farm land with Cowbridge and Burton Hill (to Malmesbury) will result in the development of that land.
22	A representative of a parish or town affected by the proposals, or a unitary represenative from the area affected	Lea and Cleverton	Agree		Burton Hill + Cowbridge more naturally associated in terms of development and conurbation with Malmesbury Town Millbourne is a rural village more naturally associated with a rural parish such as Charlton; and in practical administrative terms best not separated from St Pau lMalmesbury Without	
23	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree		The ongoing residential developments to the north and east of the town will introduce communities who will rely on the services and participate in the activities within the town. It is reasonable that their needs and views should have elected representation within the town.	

24	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Suggests amended proposal	Whilst I am in strong agreement with recommendations 8.4 and 8.7, I would like to see the new parish council named: Charlton and Milbourne. This would help preserve Milbourne's identity. It also has precedent with the neighbouring parish being called Lea and Cleverton Parish. Additionally, I believe the Charlton and Milbourne villages should be warded with the number of councillors apportioned to the relative populations of the two villages.	I'm in full agreement with recommendations 8.4 and 8.7. Regarding 8.4 The St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish has always lacked cohesion. As someone born and raised in Milbourne, I can confidently say Milbourne has much stronger geographical and shared links with Charlton than the rest of the St Paul's Parish. Milbourne and Charlton already share speedwatch equipment. Charlton cricket club has been something of a breeding ground for young Milbourne cricketers and the village hall has been used to hold events attended by Milbourne residents over many decades. 8.7 I also fully support the transfer of Milbourne to the unitary division of Brinkworth so it links Milbourne into Lea, Garsdon and Charlton. Milbourne has sat uncomfortably in the Sherston division and the other villages to the west of Malmesbury. Moving Milbourne into the Brinkworth ward will remove the 'doughnut' nature of the Sherston ward and make the Brinkworth and Sherston wards more geographically cohesive.	
25	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Corston	Agree		Consequences of Malmesbury St Paul Without Parish Boundary Realignment Should the realignment of parish boundaries proceed as proposed, then this would appear to redefine the actual Malmesbury St Paul Without parish council need to exist at all in its present form. The current parish council Malmesbury St Paul Without boundaries are so disparate that they seem to be almost random and serve none of the constituent communities well. With the boundary rearrangements proposed, should they be approved and adopted, the villages of Corston with Rodbourne should command their own parish council with councillors chosen only from the two villages. This would serve the interests and priorities of the two villages far better than the current arrangement with councillors interests focused on their specific needs and requirements rather than as at present.	

26	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Disagree		I wish that Malmesbury and St Paul Without stays as a separate council to keep its identity and not be pushed into something that does not have its best interest at heart. We have been managing very well all these years. I understand precept levels will not be taken into consideration, [illegible word] on a personal level, and I am sure as for many more more people in St Paul Without this is certainly a matter for consideration financially. I fail to see the benefit of these changes as I have stated above. All has been well for so many years, and we of Burton Hill have been served very well by our existing council and and how it operates. Things get done when needed. This seems to be change for changes sake, with as far as understand no benefit to the residents of Burton Hill.	
27	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Disagree		We strongly object to this unnecessary tampering with boundaries. It is obviously a shameful, devious ploy to squeeze more money out of those who can ill afford it, with absolutely no additional benefits. We already pay maintenance charges. We are pensioners on small fixed incomes. Where are we supposed to find an extra £219.14? Do the instigators of this disgraceful scheme not know that prices are spiralling? They obviously have plenty of money. We are having to wear extra clothing in order to reduce our heating bill; and cutting down on food to stay solvent. Whoever came up with this scheme will not be staying in office when the next elections take place.	
28	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Disagree		Malmesbury town is remote from where we are and would not fairly represent my area	The current council have represented this area well they have met or tried to meet the needs of the residents and being local know the issues. The area is a historic ward and this remains very important. I do not believe a council in malmesbury, which would be very remote from our area, would serve this area well. Apart from the extra charge in council tax the loss of a local council would be very detrimental to St. Paul's without area
29	An interested party not necessarily from the area affected by the proposals	Derry Hill	Agree			
30	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree		It makes more sense to include all urban areas within Malmesbury	

31	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Disagree		I cannot support the recommendation - The St Paul Malmesbury Without has worked perfectly well for many years keeping their residents and businesses as their priority and focus. I can see no advantages for changing the current governance - in fact - only disadvantages in becoming an extremely large and cumbersome entity. The decision to combine surrounding "wards" leaves much to be desired in the running of these individual wards and their individual focus. Decision making would - no doubt - be made on - not what would be good for that particular "ward" but for the larger all enveloping collective - therefore the smaller wards would have less of a say and be lost in what may be considered better for the Malmesbury Town as a whole. Individuality would be lost forever.	Why on earth would the residents/businesses of St Paul Malmesbury Without be better served by 2 councillors only. What "evidence" is there to proceed with St Paul Malmesbury to be transferred to the parish of Charlton or Brokenborough? How - if any evidence - has this been thought out and by whom?
32	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Disagree		I cannot see what the benefits would be to change. SPMWPC are efficient and effective so why change things.	Yes, if WC's proposal goes ahead we are likely to have to pay a substantially increased local council tax with a reduced level of representation and no better service. Sounds as though someone is trying empire building.
33	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		There does not seem to be any benefit to residents of St Paul Malmesbury without by implementing the change. The St Paul Malmesbury without parish council have excellent governance and act upon the interests of residents. It appears that this move by Wiltshire and Malmesbury Town Councils is purely a revenue seeking opportunity for the council with less opportunity for local parish matters to be reviewed and acted upon. St Paul Malmesbury without councillors are neighbours and friends who are always willing to consider ideas and opportunities within the community. I fear Malmesbury town Council would destroy the St Paul Malmesbury without community for financial gain.	Are Malmesbury Town Council trying to "land grab" due to the poor planning from Wiltshire Council in planning for housing?
34	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Disagree		The SPMWPC is an efficient & effective council who listen to the residents and acts accordingly.	I can see no advantage for residents to change the boundaries.

35	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree		Because the people in the areas that are proposed to be moved into Malmesbury already look to Malmesbury Town Council to resolve the issues that should be direct to Malmesbury St Paul's Without parish council, and experience frustration when they're redirected. Furthermore, although they use all of the community facilities, open spaces, services, and events that MTC provides, they have no influence in the decision making process. No such alternative services, open spaces or facilities are provided by MSPW parish, so their influence over significant areas of their lives is curtailed. I have friends in MSPW parish and they have expressed their surprise and frustration at this situation. This situation will become ever more disempowering for them as more facilities and services are devolved to MTC in the future.	Given the lack of equity in the voice that residents of the contiguous built area of the town have with with respect to the administration of the town (as set out in the previous question), and especially given the recent and continued growth of the town, the current situation causes confusion and frustration which impairs community cohesion.
36	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		There seem no merit in the proposal. No potential benefits have been listed in support of the changes. The current work of the parish council seems to be as effective as may be expected under the circumstances.	Who are the 'various interested parties' who made the suggested changes? They are not listed but need to be for full transparency.
37	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree		Parity- citizens of these areas use Malmesbury's facilities but do not have any say in what happens within the town centre, neither do they contribute financially to the services the town provides	School catchment areas
38	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree		Residents of the affected areas in St Paul Without are effectively residents of Malmesbury and should have a say the running of the services they use the most as well as contributing to the cost for those services.	I often see residents of the affected areas being surprised that they are not part of Malmesbury and therefore have no say in council elections and no representation in Malmesbury town.
39	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Disagree		There is nothing wrong with the current arrangement for the parish of St Paul Without. The proposed change would offer absolutely no benefit but it seems it would cost residents significantly more in Council Tax. If this proposal goes ahead we will support a significant compensation claim for all residents affected.	
40	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree		It makes sense that the urban area of Malmesbury is under a single council so that all residents have a democratic say over what happens across the urban area. Currently, residents of St Paul's Without have no say about things that directly affect them on a daily basis because they are part of a different council that covers villages dealing with very different issuess	

41	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Disagree		I disagree with the recommendation. The case for "...changes to governance arrangements of town and parish...to ensure that they...are efficient and effective in their governance as they can be..." has not been made. Where are the facts and data to support this recommendation? By creating a larger MTC by slicing pieces of community from SPMWPC seems the complete opposite of "to be reflective of the identity and interest of local communities...". Why has work continued on these recommendations when in the online WC survey before Christmas, respondents indicated opposition to the proposal by a ratio of 3 to 1?	In my opinion, as a resident, SPMWPC I can see that it is efficient, effective and experienced with good governance, oversight and recommended public policies. It has councillors embedded in both rural and residential communities who have listened to public opinion and action has been taken on issues raised by parishioners. This shows effectiveness at addressing the concerns of both rural and residential communities. Why would you want to change a system that is working efficiently already, especially at a time when there are many more urgent issues and lack of funding available?
42	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree			
43	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Disagree		I am unconvinced of the claim that incorporating this part of St Paul Malmesbury Without into Malmesbury Town Council will lead to tangible benefits. There needs to be a much stronger argument for change as the status-quo is working well for this area of St Pauls Malmesbury without.	
44	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree		The areas in question have no fair and equitable control over, or investment in, all of the services, open spaces and facilities which Malmesbury Town Council, provides and runs.	It is likely that the disenfranchisement of the residents in the outlying areas will increase as MTC takes on more devolved services and facilities.
45	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Disagree		1. The current arrangements work effectively and appropriately for the residents of Burton Hill and Cowbridge. 2. It is unclear whether the proposals will benefit the residents of the St Pauls Malmesbury Without parish. It is likely that the proposals will reduced representation and focus for the parish to the detriment of the residents.	

46	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Disagree		We have not been supplied with any compelling reason why the current arrangements are not working, that is, what would be the benefits of the proposal? We live on the rural fringe of Malmesbury and hitherto have been extremely content with the way that St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council (SPMWPC) has efficiently managed the demands of residents. We enjoy a good relationship with the parish councillors who are always responsive to our requests and have no reason to believe that the proposed changes would improve such service; indeed we very much believe it would worsen. There is much to be said for "if it ain't broke don't fix it" and there is no clear logic to the proposed changes, which we believe will have a detrimental affect on the way that we engage with local government. Currently we are very happy with SPMWPC and do not wish to see the prosed changes come into effect.	Whilst you state the level of precept is not a factor, the timing of this proposal could not be worse. The cost of living in most aspects of life are affected by the current fuel crisis/Ukrainian war and it makes absolutely no sense to impose further significant financial burden on the residents who would be affected by this proposal for no tangible benefit and thus we object in the strongest terms!
47	A resident of the parish of Charlton	Charlton	Suggests amended proposal	I would recommend that instead of the area including Milbourne being transferred to Charlton, it would make more sense for the area to be transferred to the Parish of Lea and Cleverton. I believe that there is a greater link in terms of services and connection between Milbourne and Lea than between Milbourne and Charlton. Lea has a pub and a school, to which a number of Milbourne children attend, and is marginally closer to Milbourne. I gather that the residents of Milbourne identify more closely with Lea than Charlton and if they had an alternative choice they would be more willing to transfer to Lea than Charlton. The parish of Charlton is large on a map but the actual settlement of Charlton is small with parts spread out along the B4040. The interests of the parishioners of Charlton are different to those in Milbourne - Charlton is a thoroughfare - the B4040 is an issue regularly discussed on the PC (Milbourne is not on a major road - our interests will be different). Also, will the parishioners of Milbourne really be properly represented with just 2 extra councillors on the PC of the merged areas? It will not be a recipe for "Effective" local governance. Milbourne has almost as many parishioners as Charlton. Over time I suspect they will want a greater say on parish matters; so Charlton will have a lesser say over Charlton-related matters and presumably there will be less money available for Charlton-based projects out of the precept each year - we'll have to share it with Milbourne and quite possibly vice-versa. I cannot see (yet) any real benefit to either areas from merging.	Please see my comments in response to Q34. I am against the proposal to merge with Milbourne largely because the identity of the parish of Charlton will be morphed with another part of the county which has very little bearing on what goes on in my village. Both villages have different interests and issues. I don't really see how someone in Milbourne on the PC will have a proper feel for an issue in the village of Charlton. It will neither be effective nor convenient for either settlements. They are so separate both physically and in terms of interests and settlement identity.	

48	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Corston	Suggests amended proposal	MSPWC is currently giggled piggledy geographically and the redistribution of all but Corston and Rodbourne makes sense. However, that leaves a councillor heavy rump (C&R). I suggest that could be amalgamated with a successful adjacent PC like Hullavington	Think I might have covered that above	
49	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Disagree		I remain unconvinced on the benefits of the change and feel that there may be a negative impact on the area if the Town Council don't consider the outlaying areas outside of the immediate town centre.	That while Cowbridge is on the edge of Malmesbury and I consider myself to be a resident of the town, I see no clear evidence on the impact of the change for good on Cowbridge.
50	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Foxley Road	Disagree		The present boundary of St Paul Malmesbury Without works so well with good representation and active councillors working in the areas cited to change. As this works so well at the moment I do not feel this change is of benefit to the ordinary residents such as in my household.	
51	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Foxley Road	Disagree		The present boundary of St Paul Malmesbury Without works so well with good representation and active councillors working in the areas cited to change. As this works so well at the moment I do not feel this change is of benefit to the ordinary residents such as in my household.	
52	A resident of the parish of Charlton	Charlton	Disagree		It will dramatically change the character & dilute the effectiveness of governance	The fact that Lea & Cleverton should be expanded to take Milbourne as they have local amenities such as the Village School & better access by foot / bike to Lea & Cleverton
53	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Disagree		Would lead to reduced representation with no demonstrable benefit. The case has not been made to transfer this area to MTC and SPMWPC are doing what needs to be done with the best results for my postcode in mind.	
54	A resident of the parish of Charlton	Charlton	Disagree		The village of Milbourne bears resemblance to Charlton in that it is a rural community. The Filands area is much more urban in feel and proximity to Malmesbury. Charlton Parish is run very effectively based on it's current focus as a rural community. This focus would be substantially diluted if it was to shift to include a developed area such as Filands.	Milbourne to join Lea & Cleverton based on its rural feel and proximity to those villages. Then the Filands area to the north to become part of Malmesbury, as the urban identity is a far better match and Filands was developed for the town of Malmesbury.
55	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Rodbourne	Disagree		The governance of my area is already effective and I see no reason to change this.	This proposal will make my community smaller and less consequential.
56	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree		This corrects a long overdue anomaly in the boundaries of the town of Malmesbury. This change to the boundaries is eminently sensible.	
57	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Disagree		SPMWPC are doing a great job and no benefit from being pulled into Malmesbury Town area.	Cowbridge feels a very separate place to Malmesbury.

58	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Disagree		The proposal describes benefits to the affected residents, but fails to give a single benefit that could occur. At present St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council operate extremely effectively with good governance oversight and recommended national policies. The parish council has individual representatives in each of the parish areas (e.g. Milbourne, Corston, Cowbridge, Rodbourne, Burton Hill, etc, thus providing tailored representation. The parish council have therefore been extremely effective in responses to residents needs and comments. I do not believe that this level of representation would be continued if our parish was absorbed into Malmesbury Town, it is highly unlikely that the town council will add so many councillors as to give the same level of local needs service. It is difficult to even try to understand what benefits the town council will offer as most of the main facilities of the town are provided by Wiltshire Council (e.g. street cleaning and maintenance, leisure centre, etc, etc. The town hall provides some service, but any use of tits main facilities are paid for by the users of such facilities, not taken from the council precept	The result of the WC survey on this matter before Xmas was that residents indicated opposition to the proposal by a ratio of 3:1. Despite this opposition WC have continued to explore the proposal, thus showing no regard for the views of residents which were requested by WC. It would be hoped that the results of this later survey will be taken notice of by WC!!
59	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill Manor	Disagree		The current arrangement with the boundaries works very well indeed and does not need to be changed. MTC has failed to provide any demonstrable benefits by the acquisition of Cowbridge and Burton hill. SPMWPC has operated for many years on behalf of all its parishioners and has been a very effective Parish Council; it does not need to be divided up in this way. MTC chose not to enter into any dialogue with SMPWPC before submitting these unilateral proposals	
60	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Disagree		I'm happy with the current arrangements and see no benefit from changing the boundary.	
61	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Disagree		I am aghast that despite the earlier consultation process showing opposition to the proposal by 3:1 that WC are still pursuing this proposal! There are no identifiable benefits set out in the proposal despite it saying there will be benefits. The current performance of St Paul Without Parish council has served us extremely well to date with attention given to our requests. It would therefore be perverse for us to pay increased precept for no discernible benefit, particularly as we already pay significant estate management fees for services that in most council areas are paid for from our precept	St Paul Parish Council operate very effectively and in addition have councillors who live in and represent the various areas within the parish. It is extremely unlikely that the town council would add the number of councillors necessary to maintain this same level of service.
62	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Foxley Road	Disagree		Simply a change to allow further building on rural areas currently not in the Malmesbury ward. Unnecessary and leaving SPMWPC residents who will remain in SPMWPC with limited influence and inevitable higher costs.	

63	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		I can see no immediate or long-term benefit arising from the proposed boundary changes, and will resist them. Currently Charlton is a completely separate community from my own (Milbourne}, and its representatives are unlikely to have my interests as a priority. Nowhere in the proposal documentation is there any indication or hint as to how my experience might be improved by the boundary change - indeed, it would seem that my level of representation and advice would be reduced. Up to now, St Pauls Without Parish Council have reponded well to residents' concerns, particularly in relation to safety matters. I doubt that Charlton Parish Council would be any closer to providing, for example, a pavement along Milbourne Lane, even with extra funds. Overall the proposal seems to be a cynical attempt to gain revenue while providing nothing in return.	
64	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Disagree		I strongly disagree with the recommendation and it is unclear what benefits there will be to residents of the parish. The SPMWPC is effective and appropriately represented and supported by residents in the parish area. Changing the parish's multiple rural and residential based communities would provide no improvement in governance or identity.	Why change an arrangement that already operates as an effective and efficient parish council and has considerable experience of meeting the needs and demands of both its rural and residential settlements.
65	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Foxley Road	Disagree		As per my response to the Online Survey: I cannot see ANY benefits to this change for the residents of St Paul Malmesbury Without? The existing St Paul Malmesbury Without Council is well structured from every area of the parish, considerate and has done great work for the parish over the last 8 years I have lived here. I believe that the Survey responses also greatly supported a disagreement to the proposal and even the Review committee could see no improvement to what is already a well-represented Parish.	As outlined - what exactly is the advantage for those living in the Parish? As far as I can see there will be significantly less representation if the proposals are agreed.
66	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Disagree			
67	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Disagree		It's is not clear any benefit this proposal will being to me.	SPMWPC operates an efficient and effective council with strong oversight

68	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Rodbourne	Disagree		I cannot see that there are any benefits to the residents of St Paul Malmesbury Without in the proposal.	Historically, St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council have operated on an equitable and efficient basis. They have brought great benefits to most settlements, including some of the settlements that would be lost, under the proposal, to Malmesbury Town Council. I believe that Malmesbury Town Council, being geographically and historically removed from the St Paul Malmesbury Without parish, will not have the best interests of the settlements being moved at its heart. St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council encompasses representation from across the geographical area. If the boundary review goes ahead, residents of St Paul Malmesbury Without are less likely to be heard by a remote and town-focused council.
69	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		The expansion of Malmesbury into the surrounding areas provides it with opportunities to override the views of the residents of such areas when it comes to further development of the town - as there are now few spaces left in the town where new development can occur.	The anomalous pimple on the north eastern corner of the proposed Malmesbury Town is a land grab to collect the rates from Aldi. The current parish council for St Paul's Malmesbury Without is functioning satisfactorily - so why change it.
70	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		No benefit to parish residents. Increase in council tax. Reduced level of representation	No. Please stop meddling in a perfectly adequate current situation that does not require changes
71	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree		Want malmesbury to be unified	Without is a small area. Silly to exclude it and it's residents in Malmesbury affairs
72	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Foxley Road	Disagree		Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraphs 73, 74, 80, 83, 84, 85 and 170 of the Guidance on Community Governance Reviews, Wiltshire Council's own acknowledgement that: "…the SPMWPC was effective and appropriately represented and supported the residents in those areas, and that the parish's multiple rural based communities provided no improvement in governance or identity….." is sufficient reason to reject these proposals. The proposals are simply a bureaucratic political power play, with absolutely no benefit to the people that the respective councils serve.	
73	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Corston	Disagree		The current Parish Council serve us in a professional, efficient & effective manner & I am unable to observe any benefits that would result if such a change took place. Why change the boundaries when such a change is not needed or required?	
74	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		The SPMWPC have done a wonderful job and have the residence interests in mind with any decisions they make. I cannot see any advantage to the residence by changing the boundary. We have very committed councillors and wish it to stay that way.	The parish works well so no need to change anything as it won't be for the better.

75	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		I have found the SPMWPC to be very efficient and taking into account the residence wishes. I can't see anything positive in changing the boundary, the councillors we have are very involved in the parish and I don't think we could do any better.	All the residence I have spoken with agree we should stay as we are.
76	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Agree		We feel we are part of the town and should be included as such. We've lived in Malmesbury for most of our lives	
77	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		St Paul Malmesbury Without council already offers effective and convenient local governance. Most of the parish would count as more rural and therefore not sharing an identity with the town and would be likely to have a reduced priority compared to pressing issues within the existing town boundary.. There is a stronger argument for just the northern part of Burton Hill, to the west of the A429 transferring to the town. The proposed transfer of Milbourne to Charlton is solely to 'solve a problem' created by Malmesbury Town's wish to take other areas of SPMW, there is no intrinsic merit to this at all.	Surely the key factor is the choice of the population. The clear majority of those who responded to the initial survey expressed satisfaction with their existing parish council and no wish for change.
78	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		The current format does and has proved to reflect the identity and interest of those on the SPMWPC area whilst the proposals will not similarly reflect this. The current representation also has a very good track record in regard to effective and convenient local governance. Big is not always better particularly where small local communities are concerned and this proposal suggest no more than a power grab.	Effectiveness of representation. These changes will not benefit those in the current SPMWPC area whose voice will be seriously compromised in areas such as planning and surely this is local representation is key to an effective local council. Simply my 13 years experience suggest the SPMWPC is not broke so don't try and mend it!
79	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Rodbourne	Disagree		St Paul Malmesbury Without becomes too small, it should retain Burton Hill and Cowbridge	
80	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Rodbourne	Disagree		Current boundary arrangement has worked well - has represented my interests at all times and I see absolutely no reason (nor have received any compelling argument) to change the current boundary and representation.	Current St Paul Malmesbury Without parish reflects a good range of rural and semi-rural/urban areas and interests and it is important to retain and protect this mix of community at council level.
81	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		I am very happy with things as they are and think that the Parish Council is doing a very good job.	
82	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Disagree			
83	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Agree		These make sense. Cowbridge is essentially closely associated with Malmesbury	

84	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		Complete waste of time and money. Why change things that are working perfectly well?	
85	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Disagree		I can't see what benefits the change will bring and am happy with the arrangements as they are in St Pauls Malmesbury Without. Indeed I am concerned it will actually bring the opposite i.e. less chance to raise issues related to our area as we are subsumed into a much bigger council. It appears there will be a significant increase in council tax without a corresponding increase in services provided and cannot see the logic in making the change.	
86	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Disagree		See Response3	
87	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Agree		I am surprised that Cowbridge Ward is not part of Malmesbury town, and that it should be included in the Malmesbury North Ward.	
88	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree		The changes to the Malmesbury boundaries will incorporate important services like the primary care centre into the Malmesbury ward and give local people, who use the services in the town, a voice in the way the town is run.	
89	A representative of a parish or town affected by the proposals, or a unitary represenative from the area affected	Malmesbury Town	Agree		The areas recommended for transfer to Malmesbury Town are urban in nature and share their character with the rest of Malmesbury Town. This will lead to a consistent and appropriate level of governance across the whole Town, which will benefit residents of all these areas. There is clearly a sense in which residents in the areas to be transferred identify strongly with the community of Malmesbury.	

90	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Suggests Amended proposal	1) There has been little evidence articulated that bringing Burton Hill and Cowbridge into the town would necessarily improve governance. On that basis, it is hard to agree with the whole proposal in its current form. 2) Area N has clearly already been the source of some confusion with respect to governance, but is it really an identifiable part of the town itself ? That said, it does provide employment and services for the town so, on balance, there is some logic in combining it. 3) In terms of identity, the part of Swindon Road leading out of town prior to Cowbridge is not heavily built up, but doesn't have any of its own facilities or any particular sense of cohesive community. However, the main issues affecting it are the B4042 and new housing developments happening / proposed on both north and south sides; it is not at all clear that the town itself would address and manage those issues more effectively than St Pauls Without, so I am against incorporation into the town for that specific area, as I am for the new Cowbridge Mill area. 4) The PCT and new housing around Burton Hill are much more closely aligned with the town, and so I would agree with the proposal there.	See Q34 response please.	
91	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree		Malmesbury is a growing urban area and as a result of longterm development has extended beyond into the rural area known as St Pauls Without Malmesbury, a rural parish with no assets or concerns for the rural area. This was agreed between myself as Chair of Malmesbury Town Council and Roger Budgen chair of the parish and after a parish meeting agreed to relinquish control of Burton Hill and Swindon Road. He did not agree to Storey Mews moving over as they had formed a group objecting solely based on cost! We resolved the Milbourne issues between ourselves, however the adding of Cowbridge Mill to the ask of MTC has obstructed the issues agreed between town and parish. The chair of Charlton is a very close personal friend of St Pauls Chair and was irritated that Milbourne could go to them. This discussion took place on about 11th January 2022. The claim tonight that the first they knew the review was April 2022 is incorrect. The decision to reject Milbourne into their parish was a political decision so as to ruin MTC revised claims on Cowbridge Mill. Both Parishes run effective councils. The community identity however is that the areas being discussed are clearly Malmesbury and not St Pauls without Malmesbury. MTC has provided services and facilities for Many years to the parish. Our own forms we use to define Malmesbury for our identity clearly includes Milbourne and Cowbridge as well as Foxley Road and Common Road and we do not discriminate against them as individuals or charitable groups. Our community identity is Malmesbury as a growing and thriving community	

					that incorporates part of the parish of St Paul Without. We are a very effective council with assets that are used daily by all around the area. We liase with the parish on planning issues and defend the development of the town on behalf of the parish as MTC has more expertise. MTC negotiations got the Parish the Cil money for the Aldi development. If it was left to the parish they were getting nothing, it was Malmesburys High Street that was adversely effected by this development. I would urge the committee to correct an issue that has been around for many years as can be seen on the Town Bridge and make Malmesbury one town with one controlling body, Malmesbury Town Council.	
92	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Disagree		We are just wondering what the benefits of this proposal are, as we don't seem to have received any compelling reason why the current arrangement is not working. Living on the outskirts of Malmesbury town centre we are very happy with the way the St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council has managed our demands and that they are always responsive to help any requests that we put forward. If everything is running smoothly, why change it! We are very happy at the moment with SPMWPC and do not wish the proposed changes to take effect.	
93	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		The proposed changes make no sense as the natural border is Finland's A429 and the river avon and in original survey a 2 thirds of the residents voted against any changes a	
94	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Corston	Disagree		I simply don't understand what is to achieved by these changes. I can't see what the benefit would be	
95	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Corston	Disagree		The consultation recommendations provide no reasoning as to why an alteration to the boundaries of St Paul Without will benefit the Parish. Unless there is some lack of benefit to the Parish, under the current boundary arrangement, which the recommended alteration to the boundaries will resolve, I see no reason for an alteration. It is odd that the recommendations do not clearly explain why it is thought that an alteration to the boundaries will benefit the Parish - without such evidence of benefit, there should not be an alteration.	

96	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Corston	Disagree		There has not been any compelling reasons why the current parish boundaries are not working and what the benefits of the proposal are. We live in corston and have been extremely content with the way St. Paul Malmesbury without parish council has been managed. There appears to be a good relationship with the parish councillors, evidenced when we were upgrading the park in the village and the putting in of a pedestrian crossing. I don't believe the proposed changes would improve the service to residents that would be affected by these changes ie milbourne, Filamds etc. and indeed it may worsen. The current arrangement is working well and therefore do not see any advantages of changing this.	
97	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Foxley Road	Disagree		There has been no clear justification made by Malmesbury Town Council that an enlargement of the town boundary would enhance the betterment of the town and resident's. The proposal goes against arguments made to vote against recent planning decisions. The 2015 survey conducted by the Malmesbury Town Team clearly demonstrates the Town catchment for Education, Business and Leisure has a far greater reach in population and area than what this consultation could ever consider. Malmesbury st Paul without Parish Council with Malmesbury Town Council within local democracy and financial support. Malmesbury Councilors using the justification "I thought I lived in Malmesbury" clearly demonstrates lack of understanding. The area of Milbourne clearly does not fit within the Parish of Charlton. But is an important part of Malmesbury st Paul without.	
98	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Foxley Road	Disagree		I strongly disagree with the transfer of parts of SPMWPC to MTC as I believe this would give MTC undue influence and weight within the locality at the expense of other PCs. Just because Burton Hill and Cowbridge have developed in close proximity to Malmesbury town does not mean that there has to be one Parish Council to represent all these adjacent areas. Maintaining viable parish councils of sufficient size acts as an incentive for good governance and allows meaningful comparisons to be drawn between them. The concept of a 'Without' PC remains a good one and acts as a limit on the remit of a town council.	

99	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		There seems to be little benefit to anyone in transferring the village of Milbourne from its present council to the Charlton PC, particularly as, I understand they do not want us. We are presently served very satisfactorily and economically by the St Paul Malmesbury Without PC. Geographically we would be a better fit with your other proposals if attached to Lea and Cleverton but they may not want us either. Malmesbury Town Council have no interest in Milbourne other than to gather he precept, a wish they have made no effort to keep secret over many years. The best outcome for residents of Milbourne is to leave it with St Paul Malmesbury Without. 'If it aint broke don't fix it'	
100	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Corston	Disagree		I do not consider it to be beneficial to reduce the size and scope of the Parish council of St Paul Malmesbury Without. As a resident I have always been very pleased with the parish council as it is. The reality of politics is that a smaller body will have a smaller voice - this will effectively diminish the proportional representation that villages enjoy. Growing the district of Malmesbury will benefit Malmesbury only and does not favour the villages most effected and reflects a most unwanted 'concentration' of local authority.	You suggest that the precept is not important but it certainly is for all of us impacted by the current inflationary environment. Real incomes are falling and I would not expect any increase in precept to be concurrent with a rise in services. My understanding is that this has been led by the Malmbesbury council and I believe the actions to be wholly self serving and not in the best interest of the surrounding areas.
101	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Corston	Disagree		There doesn't seem like a reason to change things, it works ok as it is now. Seems like a just a reason to spend money. Please dont go spending money for no reason. SPMW covers a good area and is proactive, why would you want to change this?	I really think your money could be better spent, or even not spent on such a thing. There seems no logical reason for doing this, who is benefiting? Seems like Corston is not. Please leave things as they are.
102	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Agree		I live within 10 minutes walk of the centre of Malmesbury and regard myself as a resident of Malmesbury. I regularly take advantage of the amenities provided and funded by Malmesbury Town Council. I do not feel any affinity with the rather artificial St Paul Without. It is therefore appropriate that I should be represented on Malmesbury Town Council and contribute to the cost of the amenities that I use.	
103	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Corston	Disagree		Increase of council tax	We’re not here to fund Malmesbury council and the benefits for Malmesbury residents and not ours

104	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Foxley Road	Disagree		I strongly disagree with the proposals for the following reasons: 1) At the end of last year Wiltshire Council (WC) carried out a survey based on the proposals put forward by Malmesbury Town Council (MTC). They were rejected by a margin of almost 3 to 1. WC reported that residents opposed to the proposals felt that St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council (SPMWPC) ' was effective and appropriately represented and supported the residents in those areas, and that changing the parish's multiple rural based communities provided no improvement in governance or identity'. 2) Despite this WC have pressed ahead with revised proposals which would take Burton Hill down to close to Home Farm, Milbourne and Cowbridge out of the parish.However, it is reported that WC's preferred option of putting Milbourne into the parish of Charlton has been rejected by that council and their next approach of putting it in Lea and Cleverton does not seem to be having a welcome either. 3) The committee has failed to see that the Cowbridge development is surrounded by green fields, as is much of the south side of Burton Hill. There is very distinct difference in character of these areas from those of Malmesbury town. 4) The committee makes the sweeping assertion without evidence provided that these areas' residents have the same identity and interests as those of Malmesbury. It should have considered that the residents of Corston (even Crudwell) in all probability have the same identity and interests of those of residents of Malmesbury and much of SPMWPC. Just because they may all do some of their shopping in Malmesbury or are members of societies or clubs there, should not mean that they need to be within the boundaries of MTC. No doubt Malmesbury residents do a lot of their shopping in places like Cirencester, Chippenham, Bath and Bristol and go to those places for social and leisure pursuits. Should they be within the boundaries of those towns and cities? The fact is that throughout the country there are settlements which you can drive through and leave one local authority and enter another without noticing you are doing so. I invite the committee to visit the suburbs of Woodley and Earley near Reading which demonstrates this as they are in the area of Wokingham Authority and not Reading although just by driving you would not know it. They are attached to Reading while the seat of Wokingham Authority is 5-6 miles away with open country between. 5) It is difficult to assess identity and interests and therefore it is remarkable that the committee has based almost all its conclusions on its belief that it knows what ones the residents of Burton Hill, Milbourne and Cowbridge have and	It is to hoped that the committee having had its proposal to put Milbourne into the Charlton parish does not revert to the MTC proposal which was so roundly rejected by residents.

					the residents of Burton Hill, Milbourne and Cowbridge have and has virtually ignored the second statutory criterion of efficient and effective governance. The responses to its earlier survey made clear that residents were happy with the performance of SPMW PC on this. It is responsive to the residents requests and representative of the area it covers.The county councillor for the area and his predecessor have both stated this too. The cost of any change in its boundaries will not be insignificant and there has been no justification that any change will result in benefits. 6) WC proposes that the commercial/ industrial site to the east of the A429 be part of MTC as it 'predominately impacted residents of the town'. Why that is so and why it does not impact residents of other areas is not explained. The fact is that the committee is encouraged to take rivers, roads etc as natural boundaries. The A429 provides that and it is incomprehensible as to why the committee makes this proposal.	
105	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Suggests Amended proposal	See Response5	See Response5	
106	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Disagree		Given that local governance is held at the district and county level and that those voters affected by the proposed amalgamation of a portion of St. Paul Without will not be electing a 'Malmesbury' councilor but rather a Sherston councilor how can they be fairly represented under this new arrangement? The Malmesbury councilor cannot do anything meaningful for a resident of Cowbridge at the county or district level. So much for 'Effective and Convenient Local Governance'. Malmesbury councilors are at pains to talk about the delivery of services such as parks and playgrounds but in speaking with their staff the only services they could identify as being solely in the domain of the town council was the cemetery where plots could be purchased by St. Paul Without residents on payment of double fees so amalgamation yields a £450 savings once. Otherwise, the town does provide some social activities such as St. Aldhem's Fair. That was the sum total. I think you can see that I have not been convinced by the argument on community identity and interests issue nor on the governance issue. Quite the contrary since the SPW Parish Council have always responded quickly on real issues having gone to bat for the residents of Cowbridge with Wiltshire Roads to get rid of unsafe parking on the estate and installing and upgrading a walking pathway along the former railway right of way into town; something more pleasant and safer than the pavement along the busy B4042.	Central government guidelines for CGRs speak of the need to use natural and historic 'markers' as the guides for new or reconfirmed parish boundaries. In the proposal from the Committee, the new eastern boundary at Cowbridge seems to use the leat bank as the new boundary for the town thereby skirting what is known as the meadow on the site. Should this not be included within the subject area? As it is, it would appear to be either a link for SPW parish and Milbourne or something to be added to Lea and Cleverton at some early date. In any event, it is a problem.

107	A resident of the parish of Charlton	Charlton	Disagree		As a resident for over 40 years, I see no common community interests between Charlton parish and Milbourne and feel that combining them would be to the detriment of Charlton which now has a well defined sense of community. In the past we developed strong links with Hankerton, but no such ties with Milbourne. The proposal would fundamentally change the nature of the parish with no obvious benefits to either Charlton or Milbourne.	
108	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Agree		I moved here in 2017 and was very surprised that the house I bought was"without" the Town to which I had moved! My community involvement is wholly Malmesbury focussed and MTC offer a rich range of services that I use frequently. I wish to have my say in how Malmesbury is run and accept the higher precept.	
109	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Disagree		I disagree with the recommendation. I attended the meeting at Malmesbury Town Hall and it was particularly notworthy that despite contributions from three members of Malmesbury Town Council not one was able to provide any logical reasoning for the proposed changes. My house is located off Arches Lane and falls withing the area know as Burton Hill. It is geographically separated from the town by the River Avon and is remarkably well served by the St Paiul Malmesbury Without Parish Council. There are no discernable benefits that will accrue to residents. This would seem to be a classic case of "it isn't broken so don't fix it".	This is illogical. At a time when families across the UK are facing rapidly rising costs of living a proposal that brings no benefits but results in a significant uplift in the precept cannot be defended.
110	A resident of the parish of Charlton	Charlton	Suggests Amended proposal	I suggest that the Milbourne part of area O should be added to Lea and Cleverton parish, and the remainder of area O be added to Charlton. Rationale: The only centre of population and facilities in the current Charlton parish is Charlton Village, the remainder being very rural, essentially farms and isolated residential properties. The proposal, by adding the hamlet of Hankerton, almost doubles the number of parishioners, and so radically changes the nature of the parish. For example, how are the residents of Hankerton going to feel about contributing to support of Charlton Village Hall? To my knowledge (and I've been in Charlton more than 40 years) Hankerton residents do not use our hall on any regular basis. The proposal will thus make the job of the parish councillors fraught with difficulties. (Note, I am not, and never have been on the parish council, but know several people who are on it.) Lea and Cleverton parish already includes Cleverton and Garsdon hamlets, and so the concerns of the Parish Council are already more widespread. The addition of Hankerton to this parish thus seems less disruptive to all concerned.		

111	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Foxley Road	Agree		We agree that Burton Hill area is more urban and closely linked to the town and that the more rural areas are either remaining in or moving to rural parishes	The town council made no attempt to consult with St Paul's residents to explain their reasons for wanting to enlarge their area of responsibilty and this sets the tonel for how they would have treated St Paul's residents.
112	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Disagree		I disagree. It is a naive view that Malmesbury Town Council states that the area of Burton Hill and Cowbridge is urban in nature. It shows how little they know of the communities in these areas. Houses along a main road through Burton Hill are no different to Crudwell along the A429 or Brinkworth along the B4042. Behind all these examples lies agricultural land that is farmed making them rural communities. Such error of judgement is the crux of the problem. How can the residents of Burton Hill for example trust a Town Council that is so stupid. What is evident that no town Councillor has the balls to admit (I attended the meeting in the Town Hall) is that all these changes are just an attempt to land grab so the Town has more land to permit development. The basis of these proposed changes is money. The Town benefits in wealth in terms of land and the residents of Burton Hill and Cowbridge are just numbers and irrelevant to the Town Councils master plan. St Paul Without Council supports its residents very well and keeps notice boards updated on planning applications, road closures etc. The Parish also has its own website. No change in boundaries is required or wanted.	I found the process undemocratic. The majority of residents wished to stay in our current parish. If this is ignored then corruption is the name of the game. Furthermore the presentation of maps detailing changes was very poor no one could read them.
113	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Corston	Disagree		St Paul Without provide an excellent service and I fail to see why something that isn't broken should be fixed. The reasons for MTC trying to obtain more areas are deeply suspicious and I fail to see why, at a time when many families can't afford to hear their homes, this can't be considered. St Pauls would be barely fit for purpose having lost counsellors and funding and the remaining residents would suffer as a result	As above. Please could this be left alone. St Pauls provide an excellent service and should be left well alone. I understand the results of the consultation before Christmas were overwhelmingly against moving the boundary and so am unsure as to why we're being asked again

114	A resident of the parish of Charlton	Charlton	Agree		Malmesbury is a hub for Charlton and many other villages in North Wiltshire. It is therefore essential that Malmesbury thrives economically, socially and culturally in order that the town can provide high quality services for the surrounding villages. These include independent shops, supermarkets, restaurants, cafes, and cultural and social activities such as concerts, film shows, and talks with a local interest. This list is not exhaustive. I have considered the proposed boundary changes in light of what is good for Malmesbury as a centre for many small communities and reached my conclusion to support the changes. The changes affecting Charlton are a reasonable consequential impact. In particular I support the inclusion of Milbourne into the increased parish. The opportunities that come from the addition of a second area of habitation, e.g. a larger pool of people willing to undertake voluntary work on behalf of parish residents, far outweighs any potential negative consequences.	
115	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		I disagree with the proposals for the following reasons: It is unclear what benefits there will be to residents of SPMWPC. SPMWPC operate an efficient and effective council with good governance oversight and recommended national policies. SPMWPC has considerable experience over many years of meeting the needs and demands of both its rural and residential settlements. SPMWPC has councillors embedded in each of its residential areas to listen to and action issues raised by parishioners, evidence of this willingness to respond is 1. A pedestrian safety refuge has been installed in Milbourne, with plans to extend it further this year. 2. A former dangerously sited bus stop to the south of Burton Hill has been relocated. 3. 'No waiting ' restrictions have been installed in St. Bernard Lovell Road, Cowbridge to alleviate hazardous parking. 4. Additional street lighting has been installed along Foxley Road to improve pedestrian safety during the hours of darkness. 5. Provision later this year of an all-weather link on the permissive path between Cowbridge and Malmesbury to enable pedestrians, cyclists, pushchairs, wheelchair and mobility scooter users to travel safely and sustainably. The report produced by Wiltshire Council's Governance Review Committee, which followed an online survey, stated that "SPMWPC was effective and appropriately represented and supported the residents in those areas, and that changing the parish's multiple rural based communities provided no improvement in governance or identity."	The report produced by Wiltshire Council's Governance Review Committee, which followed an online survey, stated that "SPMWPC was effective and appropriately represented and supported the residents in those areas, and that changing the parish's multiple rural based communities provided no improvement in governance or identity." In my view if Wiltshire Council's proposal is accepted we residents are likely to experience a reduced level of representation for no improvement in service. Thus in my view the present boundary arrangement is clearly working for all residents of the SPMW parish so there is no reason at all to change it.

116	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		Cost - Benefit analysis shows 1. Additional cost as a result of being incorporated with Malmesbury 2. To the region of at least £200 per year 3. No benefit to being incorporated in a large Parish 4. Loss of identity and say in Matters local to Milbourne	Views of the Residents The fact that this appears to have been triggerred because a said person did not realise what the boundaries were and is unhappy with what she has?
117	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		Cost - Benefit analysis shows 1. Additional cost as a result of being incorporated with Malmesbury 2. To the region of at least £200 per year 3. No benefit to being incorporated in a large Parish 4. Loss of identity and say in Matters local to Milbourne 5. Smaller communities will lose their own identity 6. There appears to be no good reason for this to have been proposed in the first place 7. Less say and less representation per head of population for small areas	The consequence of this is that residents of St Paul Malmesbury Without will not have a say in matters relevant to them which may not be relevant to residents of Malmesbury The case to change the boundary has not been made - this will be costly, impact on representation of smaller communities
118	A resident of the parish of Charlton	Charlton	Disagree		Charlton is a well organised rural parish. Combining this with urban and semi-urban environments makes no logical sense	
119	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		I have always found the current SPMW Parish Council to be effective and have felt our representation to be appropriate, proactive and supportive in a way suited to our rural hamlet and fully reflective of our identity and interest. I have read no information which would convince me why a boundary change would benefit the residents of Milbourne. Therefore I see no reason for changes to be made.	
120	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		I don't see that the proposed change will offer any benefit to myself as a a resident of St Paul Malmesbury without Parish, in fact it would probably be to my detriment. The obvious being an increase in my local council tax, and possible reduced level of representation. I know who is my local Parish Councillor, he lives in Milbourne and is in tune with our micro-local issues as well as being readily contactable, which he actively encourages. Also I question why Malmesbury Town Council submitted their proposed changes without consultation with it's neighbours, it smacks of instigating a 'Empire Building Land-Grab', possibly such as we're seeing in Ukraine?	

1217	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Corston	Disagree		I have not been presented with any reasons why this proposal would improve the community governance of where I live and the geographies to which I most closely relate. I am in the first instance very puzzled by the language used in the Committee's proposals: having lived in Corston for 35 years I did not recognise it being referred to as a "large" village or to Malmesbury as "densely urban" - I considered the language was loaded to create a sense of the binary whereas my view is the opposite. I consider that Corston is a small village bisected by a dangerously fast road and over the years drained of the facilities that create village movement and cohesion. We have nevertheless done well to create a playground to accommodate the needs of our children and we have the Reading Room as well. However, Corston's identity is as a village closely linked to Malmesbury and this rural town's margins. I look to Malmesbury constantly as the hub to which I relate and the interests of the village are effectively aligned by the present parish council having considerable expertise in understanding how to manage the issues that arise in the unique agglomeration that is the edges and marginal areas of a rural town and its clustering villages. This is not a new community with an emerging identity but a reflection of the gradual reordering of the penumbra of Malmesbury town and how it blends with rural dwellings and settlements around it. I consider this plan wants to drive a binary conclusion and takes no regard of the nuances of rural development and the needs of flourishing margins and contiguous villages. I consider the use of the word "large" as a sort of false news trying to imply that the proposal is reasonable and that we have lots of corresponding community capital; I do not think that Corston and Rodbourne in the proposed changes will have the combined heft to properly serve my community and its needs. I have always felt that our councillors are embedded in our communities and generate an effective collaborative working with Malmesbury itself - St Paul without has developed proven expertise in managing the blend of rural town and countryside. Indeed, is this not what draws people to our combined areas - this lovely blend where words like "densely urban" would hardly feature? I am very concerned that Malmesbury Town is seeking to make an arbitrary and artificial resetting of boundaries with no regard to the loss of our parish identity and its current effective, responsive and collaborative governance arrangements. I also consider as an addition that these boundaries carry with them the continuous histories and human geographies of Malmesbury Community Area in a way that reflects peoples' lives, dwellings and pathways.	Apart from bizarrely ands misleadingly referring to Corston as a "large" village, I feel virtually invisible in this documented process - there appears to be a vast amount of written material and maps etc made available but none of what I have read addresses the needs of my village - it mostly references Malmesbury Town. This is illustrative of a further reason why I believe the present governance arrangements hold a nice balance and one that should not be broken up as I do not recognise the needs of my village and community as properly described and represented in this process.

122	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Disagree			
123	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		I do not wish the boundaries to change and do not agree with the proposals	
124	A resident of the parish of Charlton	Charlton	Disagree		Charlton is a wholly rural parish and the decisions of the Parish Council currently reflect the interests of its broadly spread homesteads and its amenities. If Milbourne and Filands were to be added to Charlton, the overall nature of the parish would change significantly, and a Parish Council elected by the new electorate [increased by 90%] could not be expected to take decisions which would be in Charlton's interests alone.	There are stronger arguments for adding Milbourne to either Lea and Cleverton Parish or to Malmesbury Town Parish and for adding Filands to Brokenborough Parish.
125	A resident of the town of Malmesbury	Malmesbury Town	Agree		It will be much clearer to residents that everyone who lives within the current 'town limits' of Malmesbury are served by the Malmesbury Town Council - I certainly have had issues in the past re: notice boards for the organisations I have been a Committee member of, having to deal with two organisations. All residents within the current 'town limits' of Malmesbury should have and contribute to the services provided.	
126	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		WC's GRC own report states that SPMWPC is effective ..... and provides absolutely no reason for it's proposal to recommend boundary changes; in fact quite the opposite - it states that changing the parishes multiple rural based communities provided NO IMPROVEMENT. I believe that the proposed change would would mean LESS effective local government, representation and support for Milbourne Residents and the other rural communities affected by proposed changes. Currently SPMWPC works to represent fairly and equally the whole of it's rural communities - I would be very concerned that this would not be the case with the proposed change.	Milbourne has NO connection or coherence with Charlton. Milbourne residents would be further removed /alienated from Local government representatives - currently our representatives live in our communities and are visable and available in daily life and understand our communities. I believe that the proposed change would be disadvantagous to the community /residents of Milbourne.

127	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		I object to the proposed Parish Boundary review of moving Milbourne from St Paul Malmesbury Without to Charlton for a number of reasons: At no time has there been any mention of any benefits to the residents of Milbourne with the change in council. Our current council and councillors operate an efficient and effective council with good governance, oversight and recommended national policies. SPMWPC has considerable experience over many years of meeting the needs and demands of both its rural and residential settlements with its councillors embedded in each of its residential areas to listen to and action issues raised by parishioners. One of the many issues they have responded to was the installation of a pedestrian safety refuge in Milbourne and they have plans to extend it further, this year.	In the report produced by Wiltshire Councils Governance Review Committee, following the online survey, it stated 'the SPMWPC is effective and appropriately represented and supported the residents in those areas, and that changing the parish's multiple rural based communities provided no improvement in governance or identity'. Despite this endorsement I do not see that the proposed change will offer any improvement. The present boundary arrangement is clearly working for all residents of the SPMW parish.
128	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		At present we have extremely efficient and effective councillors working for the best interests of our local community. Any reduction in this team would mean that the local community would lose out by reduced representation off community interests. .	Milbourne has its own identity, it is not part of the community of Charlton.
129	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		The quality of the governance currently provided by St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council (SPMWPC) is excellent. Relations and communication between parishioners and the Parish Council are excellent and open; councillors are accessible; management of affairs is effective, economically successful and for parishioners' benefit. SPMWPC manages the needs of the different communities with the parish fairly, helped by the fact that each community's needs are very similar as outlying areas to Malmesbury, and very different to the Town's. To split the parish will not provide anything like the quality of governance for the parish's populations. Cowbridge and Burton Hill will have minority representation in a large, town dominated council: their needs are different and will be subordinated to the Town's yet they would have to pay more. Milbourne has no planned home at the moment, is in limbo after Charlton's vote against merger. (Were the County to insist on a merger against wishes of parish's the concept of democratic governance would be seen to be nonsense!) There is no way the current plans can do anything other than dramatically reduce the quality of governance for SPMWPC communities, just to satisfy Malmesbury Town Council's desire to widen its land base.	At root, the premise that Cowbridge and Burton Hill are as densely populated as the Town and so share the town characteristics is totally flawed, as is the Town Council's suggestion that the planned rearranged boundaries have any historical or geographical precedent. The Town boundaries, as a hill town, have always been marked by river and road. The Priory roundabout marks the point where surrounding approach roads and surrounding countryside start to give way to the Town. Of course houses spread up the hill to Cowbridge and along the A429 towards Chippenham but style and density are typical of approach roads not Town. There will always be a point at boundaries where one area stops and another starts, so houses in two parishes could be on either side of a street. The communities of SPMWPC have far more in common with each other than Cowbridge and Burton Hill have with the town. To destroy the current successful SPMWPC on the basis of this boundary decision is nonsense, purely to satisfy MTC's desire for more land and more funds.

130	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		I disagree with the proposals. Milbourne has a good community spirit, with online newsletter and events held, and is currently well served by SPMW with 3 Milbourne councillors. With the proposals Milbourne would be out on a limb and we did not ask or seek a change to the existing parish. To me it seems like a totally unnecessary hostile take over	I cannot see that there will be any benefit to me in the suggested change. I believe SPMW best serve the community's interests and are an experienced, efficient and effective council.
131	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Corston	Disagree		Cannot see what benefits the proposals would bring!	
132	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Lea and Cleverton	Disagree		I disagree with this recommendation. Because it does not consider the will of the local residents who when asked in the first review voted against this review and by 2 to 1 majority. Also I feel that this decision was not taken with the residents feelings in mind. Also I object to the position of one of the committee members also being a member on M.T.C was allowed to be at meeting and allowed to answer questions on behalf of M.T.C when a representative from SPMW PC was not given the same privilege. The SPMW PC has looked after the parishes needs excellently and any problems soon sorted. They have provided a pedestrian refuge in Milbourne plus plans to extend it. Lighting in Foxley road for safety when walking at night. A walking cycle route from Cowbridge to Malmesbury which is currently being upgrade. I do not think if we had been in the MTC parish these things would not have happened. The A429 provides an excellent boundary between the two parishes. and I think the area marked N at No 8.2 is definitely favouring MTC and 8.2 area M also. None of SPMW requests have received any recognition. The boundaries work very well under the present parish council and can see no logic in any changes.	

133	a resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		Community Identity and Interests - I live in Milbourne, an area within St Paul Malmesbury Without. We moved here for the rural location not to be part of a more urban area, namely Malmesbury. The aspects of Malmesbury that we use are commercial/retail or charity/church run (eg Athelstan Museum/Malmesbury Abbey). Refuse and highways are managed from Wiltshire Council as is the parking. It is difficult to identify any benefits from breaking the parish up and in our case, making Milbourne part of Charlton. The parish of Charlton voted against adding Milbourne. Milbourne and Corston's interests are well met by the current parish councillors who reside within the parish and regularly engage with the parishoners. Anecdotally and from observing Malmesbury activities, the Malmesbury councillors are keen to acquire more revenue to spend within Malmesbury on specific interest groups. It is understood that the boundary recommendations are initiated and promoted by the Malmesbury councillors. It is noticeable that the St Paul Without Parish councillors engage with a wide range of stakeholders within the parish and work on behalf of many interest groups across the parish. They also have a greater understanding of the parish needs when it comes to planning matters than Malmesbury or Charlton parish councillors would have. The changes would mean that those areas moved to other parishes would have a minority voice, potentially risking projects similar to those promoted successfully by the St Paul Without parish councillors in the past (lighting, parking restrictions, balancing pedestrian needs with	The review should reflect on the potential underlying agenda that Malmesbury Council may have in promoting

	Without				maintaining a rural feel in Milbourne with the extended pavement, not being considered within a parish of a different profile. Milbourne would become a minority area and under represented if the proposed changes were to proceed. One can imagine that political agendas in Malmesbury would overwhelm those representing the parts of St Paul Without that would be subsumed by Malmesbury. Similarly there is a risk of Charlton needs being put before Milbourne needs. Cynically it appears that the move of area N to Malmesbury is a bid by Malmesbury to access the contributions to by Aldi and any other developments in area N. The change in precept if the changes took place and working on this year's figures provided would be significant save for the area moving to Brokenborough which is almost case neutral. Add to this, the century + history of St Paul Without, I can see no benefit under the Community Identity and Interests criteria. In connection with the Effective and Convenient Local Governance criteria, the Wiltshire Council Governance Review Committee stated " the SPMWC was effective and appropriately represented and supported the residents in those areas, and that changing the parish's multiple rural based communities provided no improvement to governance or identity" A change is unlikely to be a change for anything but the worse. Overall I disagree with the proposal for the reasons above and as there is no evidence that there would be any improvement. The status quo works extremely well and the boundaries should stay as they are.	this review.
134	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		I think the boundaries should be left as they are. I am happy we are supported with our specific local needs which are different from Malm esbury town. I thought this had already been voted on and previously agreed current boundaries.	
135	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Disagree		I feel this is an exercise and change for change sake where the benefits have not been clearly demonstrated. The current arrangements work perfectly well.	You state that a review cannot take into account matters such as the level of town/ parish council precept yet this is probably one of the biggest factors involved. There have been a number of incidents where parish boundaries have changed resulting in significant increases in Council Tax for the residents within the new parish/town boundaries. I wish to object to these changes in the strongest of terms.
136	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Disagree			

137	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Disagree		I strongly object to these proposals, specifically in relation to the changes proposed for Burton Hill and Cowbridge (area M on the map), where I have lived for the last 16 years. SPMWPC has a good track record managing the needs of residents and in my experience the communication and relationship with SPMWPC has been extremely efficient and effective and I see no identifiable benefit to the community to justify the proposed change. The view that passing through Cowbridge and Burton Hill toward Malmesbury give the impression of it being an urban area and the implication that it should therefore be under MTC control is not enough to convince me this Local Governance change will be a change for the better for the residents. I may have a Malmesbury address, but I do not live in Malmesbury Town and I would prefer the status quo of Local Governance by SPMWPC is maintained. Regarding Community Identity and Interests I moved here to enjoy the rural nature of this area, having previously lived for 20 years within the MTC boundary, and it seems quite appropriate that the residents are served by a Parish Council that has long been admirably doing just that. From the Priory Roundabout to Cowbridge all properties have countryside to the North and South, even the Cowbridge development borders onto countryside to its South, East and North with its rural links to Milbourne. It makes total sense to me to maintain the current Parish boundaries and the present Local Governance arrangements and I hope the Committee will reconsider their draft recommendations and that WC come to the same conclusions as expressed here.	It is my understanding that MTC initiated this CGR process but their reasons for so doing were, and still are, unclear. I also understand that SPMWPC were not consulted in the initial phases of the submission, which is confusing and imparts a sense of mistrust in local government to many people affected by the proposed change. I believe the review should take note of and place greater weighting to the fact the majority of respondents to the online survey last year objected to the change. Unfortunately I get the impression from the Draft Recommendations document that the Committee is going to go ahead anyway with their draft recommendations and ignore the survey results. I am aware of several mentions throughout the documentation that town/parish council precepts cannot be taken into account in the review. WC may be constrained by Government Guidelines in this matter, but I do seriously object to the fact that WC are denying residents their democratic right to express and to have properly considered their concerns about the inevitable financial impact that will come if these changes are adopted. Burton Hill and Cowbridge residents doubtless will suffer, SPMWPC will lose a large part of its precept and MTC is the only party to benefit, and all for no known improvement in service to the community.
138	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		I think the boundaries should stay as they are.	
139	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Rodbourne	Disagree		We are very happy with the service we receive and worry that if we become smaller will experience a reduced level of representation and service will not improve. Also, we may pay a substantially increased local council tax.	What will the benefits be to the residents our parish?

					1. In summary, I consider that several of the proposals for major changes in the boundaries of St Paul Malmesbury Without are premature; in ten years' time, when the natural barrier of the bypass around Malmesbury is being challenged by development, these proposals may make more sense. At present there is open countryside separating the town from the various rural settlements around making a distinction between them and encouraging the separate identities of the various communities. 2. The parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without currently has an effective and engaged parish council which represents all the areas within its boundaries and provides a convenient joint identity for those communities within the parish. 3. Whilst on a map SPMW parish may look an odd shape (but this is not unusual) it is a federation of small villages around Malmesbury, namely Corston, Rodbourne and Millbourne and the hamlets around them. Being close to, but not attached to, the town gives a commonality of concerns to these areas of habitation. These concerns are other than of the town, being such things as speeding on the A429 rather than parking or anti-social behaviour. 4. The inhabitants of SPMW may use the local supermarkets and send their children to Malmesbury School (when they are old enough) but so do residents from villages much further afield which are undoubtedly not parts of Malmesbury. 5. The town boundary used to follow the river but	

140	A representative of a parish or town affected by the proposals, or a unitary represenative from the area affected	Brinkworth	Suggests Amended proposal	Suggested amendment: 1. I suggest that the boundary of Malmesbury Town be moved to run along the West side of the A429 from Burton Hill to the Garden Centre/Aldi roundabout and then along the South side of the B4014 Filands Road (as now). This would follow the natural visual and physical break. If exceptions need to be made for the Aldi site (N) and the Primary Health Centre site, that would not invalidate this general arrangement. SPMW parish would lose some areas to the south of Malmesbury and to the West of the A429 but it would retain the houses to the East of the Priory roundabout to Cowbridge. 2. This would enable the North part of St Paul Malmesbury Without to remain as part of that parish so that Millbourne is allowed to retain its identity within SPMW. In other words, that 8.4 is not implemented. 3. I have no strong feelings about recommendations 8.3, 8.5 and 8.6. Implicitly, I disagree with Recommendation 8.7	Malmesbury. 5. The town boundary used to follow the river but now the A429 and B4014 make a clear visual break between the 'without' and the 'within' to the East and North of the town. The bypass formed by these roads has constrained most of the development of Malmesbury to the edge of the carriageway and it makes sense if that is reflected in the parish boundaries. 6. The main exceptions to this development constraint are the Aldi development in the North and the Primary Care Centre area to the south. It may be expedient to include these within Malmesbury town boundaries? I do not disagree with Recommendation 8.2 7. I do disagree with Recommendation 8.1 – Cowbridge Area: Architecturally and in layout, the houses along the B4042 from The Priory roundabout to Cowbridge have a village rather than urban look, with off road parking in extensive plots and the houses set well back from the road and interspersed with views of open countryside. The development, such as it is, follows the road and otherwise is backed by fields. 8. While the development at Cowbridge of the old AT&T site is more dense, again this is surrounded and insulated by fields and the river Avon, is not very visible to passers by and is at a sufficient distance from the town to have a different character. As one of the residents of Sir Bernard Lovell Road put it: "If I had wanted to live in Malmesbury, I would have bought a property in the town." 9. In years to come, it is supposed that there will be strong pressure for Malmesbury town development to spread into the fields towards Cowbridge and north across Filands Road but for the present these physical and visual limits should be preserved. They will help to restrict urban sprawl. 10. A side		

					effect of Recommendation 8.1, Recommendation 8.4, (the proposal of transferring Millbourne and the north side of Filands into the parish of Charlton) has major drawbacks. i) At present Charlton parish is centred on a small village clustering at the West gate of Charlton Park with a few outlying dwellings and farms. It has close links with the estate which has provided its recreation ground and Lord Andover is a parish councillor. Residents have the right of burial in the churchyard and in return the parish council contributes towards its maintenance. This would have to be reviewed. ii)The Charlton Park estate surrounds the village but is largely bounded by the B4040 and it does not include the area of Millbourne nor Filands Road, so the link with the estate would be damaged by adopting these. iii)This proposal would double the parish's size by adding an unconnected area of land. iv) Millbourne and Filands do not naturally connect to Charlton by road. v) The connection between the villages was overstated – I understand that there is just one Millbourne resident on the Charlton cricket team and the parishes were instructed to share a CSW speed device by Wiltshire Constabulary. vi) The architecture and layout of the two villages is quite different – Millbourne is mainly a ribbon development of 20th century houses with two housing estates while Charlton's central layout is more compact, many of the houses are much earlier and it includes a Conservation Area. vii) Charlton has a strong sense of identity – and so does Millbourne – but as distinct communities. Neither seems keen to join the other.	
141	An interested party not necessarily from the area affected by the proposals	Stoke Gifford	Disagree			

					In the Community Governance Review Consultation document it states that a review of boundaries must: • Reflect the identities and interests of the communities in that area, and be effective and convenient • And must take into account the impact of community cohesion, and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish In this context, I disagree wholeheartedly with the draft recommendation for boundary change for Charlton Parish for the following reasons: 1. Requirement to reflect the sense of identity and the interests of the Parish community The draft recommendation would result in a significant upset to community cohesion and would change the character of the parish. Charlton is a rural parish with the single village of Charlton at its heart. It also encompasses the large property of Charlton Park Estate to the west of the village. It is a community that currently works on many levels. The Residents of the parish feel a clear sense of identity and unity of purpose both within the village, and together with the residents of Charlton Park and the hamlets and farms that fall outside it but within the parish. Community spirit in the parish is strong. This focuses particularly on the Village Recreation Centre which provides regular opportunities for sport and exercise and social interaction. It is much used and valued by the residents of the parish and the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee	

142	A resident of the parish of Charlton	Charlton	Disagree		work hard to maintain and support it. The draft recommendation proposes almost a doubling of the number both of properties and electors. This is an increase in size which would lead to a huge change in the character and identity of the parish. There would be an inevitable dilution of the strong sense of shared endeavour to the detriment of all who live here. These changes would not therefore reflect the identity nor promote the interests of Charlton Parish Council residents. 2. Need to take account of convenience and cohesion The area which it is proposed would be added to Charlton Parish under this draft recommendation would come from two disparate but connected slices of land: a) that centred on Milbourne and close to Lea to the south and b) the finger of land to the north of Filands Road. There is no existing regular connection between Charlton Parish and areas (a) or (b). No established social interaction takes place. Since residents of both the above areas therefore have no need to come to Charlton on a regular basis, they would have little if any allegiance to the Parish or desire to use the village amenities. This would be especially true for area (b) as it is at a greater distance from Charlton and is closer to, and would seem to fit more sensibly with, Brokenborough Parish. Thus the draft recommendations would not create a parish with cohesive links that were either effective or convenient. 3. Need to take note pf the size and nature of boundaries The proposed change would further extend westwards what is already a linear parish and would exacerbate the above problem of convenient access and social interaction. 4. Requirement to ensure effective and convenient local governance. Particularly disturbing is the thought the changes would create the situation where 49% of the precept payers would come from outside the current Parish Council area and would be part of a separate Benefice in a separate Ecclesiastic Parish. This must logically present conflicts of interest and loyalty in the future. With their different perspectives, these precept payers would in all likelihood come with different priorities for spending as outlined by the Parish Council in their submission. Any future dispute would threaten effective local governance. In conclusion, Since none of the requirements seem to have been met satisfactorily, it is my view that the proposed boundary changes fail to meet the needs of the residents of Charlton Parish. This would seem to be an illogical and ill-thought out pposal which is not in the interests of the residents of the Charlton Parish. I earnestly hope that Wiltshire County Council will think again.	
143	A resident of the parish of Charlton	Charlton	Disagree		Charlton is a rural community and it would totally change the character of the Parish. It would almost double the Parish in size. There are no benefits to Charlton and several disadvantages	It seems that both neither the Parish of Charlton nor the residents of Milbourne want this merger. Milbourne would more naturally fit in with Lea especially with the school.

144	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		I cannot see that the proposed plans would benefit either Milbourne or the rest of St Paul Malmesbury Without, in fact they would work to their detriment. Since Charlton doesn't want us, that would leave Milbourne to be 'swallowed up' by Malmesbury, where it would, like the rest of SPMW, have poorer representation (with the potential for any views of Milbourne residents to be overruled by MTC), whilst having to pay a higher precept. We are fine as we are! In the 23 years we have lived here we have had no complaints. We have perfectly good governance by our own Parish Council. Our views are well represented; we feel we are listened to, and over the years various improvements have been made throughout the parish. For instance, the installation of the pavement by the dangerous corner in Milbourne (to be extended in the near future) has been an enormous improvement. The only beneficiary from the plans, as far as I can tell, would be MTC, which would have a greater income (for what in return?) and probably have their eye on land for development, spilling out over the established boundaries marked by the Avon and the A429. As the proposed plans would most certainly not benefit either the identities or interests of the communities in the area concerned, neither can I see how it could offer better governance (with under-representation), I strongly feel they should be scrapped.	
145	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree		St Paul Malmesbury Without parish council currently operates an efficient and effective council with good governance. It has much experience of meeting the needs and demands of its residents, and has councilors from each of its residential areas to represent them. Recently it has listened to and actioned issues which have been raised by residents, e.g. in Milbourne, where I live, the installation of a much needed pavement, with plans to extend further this year. If the plan goes ahead, it appears likely that Milbourne residents will end up paying a substantial increase in council tax, for a reduced level of representation. It would appear that Malmesbury Town Council wish to 'grab' more land, which would provide more income and more land for development. The CGR review states that it must: Reflect the identities and interests of the communities in that area Provide effective and convenient governance It is very hard to see how the Review can claim that the plans offer anything other than poorer governance to Milbourne and other parts of St Paul Malmesbury Without. The present boundary arrangement is clearly working for all residents of SPMW parish, so why change it?	

146	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Foxley Road	Disagree		The current arrangement works very well for the residents of the parish. There is a track record of looking after residents interests and taking local matters in hand. There are no benefits for the residents of the existing parish to a merger with Malmesbury town. We are not town residents and have separate issues which would not be addressed once in a town setting. There will be no return on the increased council tax bill and this change only serves the interests of others and not those of the existing parish.	There has been insufficient consultation and there is no case for change to make these changes appropriate or necessary, this is a classic example of fixing something that is not broken. There is no benefit plan to demonstrate what the changes to the boundary will bring to the wider residents and this means that the proposed change serves the interests of others and not the interests of the current parish residents.
147	A representative of a parish or town affected by the proposals, or a unitary represenative from the area affected	Corston	Disagree		St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council is very effective in its governance of the Parish - this was made apparent by the support of the residents of Cowbridge & Milbourne at the recent public meeting. There is no clear indication what Malmesbury Town Council [MTC] will improve on this or what benefits it will provide? Both Cowbridge & Milbourne have their own community identity & interests & these do not directly align with MTC.	re areas O & M - which cover Cowbridge, Milbourne & the northern part of Filands these are outside the urban area of MTC - they are in rural settings with defined boundaries & therefore should not become part of MTC or be included into Charlton or Lea & Cleverton Parish Councils who have made it clear & again at the recent public meeting - they do not want this.
148	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Disagree		Merging with Malmesbury does nothing to enhance the community identity or spirit. The town is growing incredibly quickly and changing shape (swelling) and I don't see how the residents of our parish will benefit from being part of it. Conversely, I believe we would lose our voice.	
149	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Burton Hill	Disagree			
150	A resident of the parish of Charlton	Charlton	Disagree		There is no apparent deficit in the current governance arrangements. Having attended the public meeting on 21st April I heard nothing that convinces me that amending the boundaries of Malmesbury Town Council such that St Pauls Malmesbury without is split will improve governance. In fact to merge part of St Pauls Malmesbury without with Charlton P.C. will have a detrimental affect on the governance of Charlton. Currently 9 councillors represent approximately 360 voters with a good representation of all parts of the parish. In the proposed council 11 councillors would represent approximately 660 voters, this would inevitably reduce the proportional representation of Charlton. Indeed it would be a dilution of a voters current vote..	The draft recommendations report contains a factual inaccuracy. In para 119 it is stated that Milbourne lies alongside the Charlton Park Estate. This is incorrect, the land between Milbourne and the B4040 belongs to a Milbourne farmer. It is also stated that the parish of Charlton might be interested in joining with the community of Milbourne. This is also incorrect, the Parish Council voted by a majority against the enlargement of the parish boundaries. In compiling their draft recommendations the ERC did not canvas the view of Charlton residents whereas the residents of Milbourne were given an opportunity before the production of the ERC 's draft recommendation to express their opinion by means of an online survey. Given the relative numbers resident in both Milbourne and Charlton this is an example of extremely poor goverance..
151	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree	See Response 10	See Response 10	

152	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Milbourne	Disagree	See Response 11	See Response 11	
153	A resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without	Cowbridge	Disagree		I object to the Wiltshire Council proposal, I am perfectly happy with the service and response I get from St. Paul Without Parish Council and I wish to remain within this parish.	

Malmesbury Area Breakdown

	Agree	Disagree	Suggested Amended Proposal
Town of Malmesbury	23	2	0
Charlton	1	8	2
Cowbridge	4	18	1
Burton Hill	2	21	1
Milbourne	0	33	1
Corston	1	11	1
Rodbourne	0	5	0
Lea and Cleverton	2	1	0
Foxley Road	1	9	0
Burton Hill Manor	0	1	0
Anson Place	1	0	0
Other	1	1	1
Total	**36**	**110**	**7**

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6. **Having studied the recommendations, do you?** *(if you do not wish to respond to any of the recommendations leave the relevant box blank)*

	Agree	Disagree	Suggest Amendment
Recommendation 2			
Recommendation 3			
Recommendation 4			
Recommendation 5		✓	✓
Recommendation 6		✓	✓
Recommendation 7			

An amendment could be agreement/disagreement with some but not all the recommendation)

7. **Taking account of the criteria of 'Effective and Convenient Local Governance' and 'Community Identity and Interests' please explain the reason you agree or disagree with the recommendations you have listed**

I was one of the Calne Without residents keen to preserve the parish of Calne Without in the 2020 consultation and so oppose this break-up of the parish in principle, for the reasons stated then.

In response to this 2022 consultation, I object on the grounds of identity, to the division of the parish of Blackland (Recommendations 5 & 6), with the western area assigned to Heddington and the eastern area assigned to Cherhill – the map accompanying Recommendation 6 at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-cgr has the word "Blackland" straddling the boundary between areas K and J. Further, the Royal Mail address finder places my house in Blackland, the Victoria County History Volume 17 page 17 says that my house is on Blackland Street in Blackland and the 1844 parish map – see Victoria County History – clearly shows my house and the seven others scattered around it as part of Blackland.

Recommendation 5 of this consultation assigns my house and the cottages which surround it in the western area of Blackland to the urbanised village of Cherhill, while the rest of Blackland is assigned to the rural area of scattered hamlets of Heddington (Recommendation 6). Blackland Street is a muddy country lane and the western area of Blackland is of a similar character to that of most of area K in Recommendation 6 and thus, the residents here have similar concerns to those who live in area K. Much of area J comprises densely packed housing with the pavements and street lights of suburbia and thus, the residents are concerned about suburban rather than rural matters.

On the grounds of the interest and identity criteria, I propose an amendment to areas K and J.

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My proposed amendment is that cottages number 1 to 5 at Blacklands Crossroads together with the cottages Wayside, Ivy House and Yew Tree Cottage, comprising the eastern part of Blackland be transferred from area J to area K. Identifiable features on the ground need to be specified as the boundary of this area. I appreciate that roads are the preferred boundaries but cartographical convenience is not one of the criteria.

My proposed north boundary of the area to be transferred from J to K is the ditch/stream running west to east from the C50 road, the hedge line running north to south and the lane running west to east (final part of Blackland Street to the west) while the east boundary is the hedge line at Yew tree Cottage and the south boundary is the hedge line separating Barnetts field from Lower Down, back to the C50 road. See area shaded pink on the map below taken From OS Explorer Map 157.

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My interests are better served by Councillor's focussed on my immediate local area.

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I wish that Malmesbury and St. Paul without stays as a seperate Council to keep its identity, and NOT be pushed into something that does not have it's best interest, at heart. We have been managing very well all these years.

I understand precept levels will not be taken into consideration, however on a personal level and I am sure as for many more people in St. Paul without this is certainly a matter for consideration financially.

I fail to see the benifit of these changes as I have stated above - all has been well for many years, and we of Burton Hill have been served very well by our existing council and how it operates. Things get done when needed.

This seems to be change for changes sake, with as far as I understand no benifit to the residents of Burton Hill.

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We strongly object to this unnecessary tampering with boundaries. It is obviously a shameful, devious ploy to squeeze more money out of those who can ill afford it, with absolutely no additional benefits. We already pay maintenance charges. We are pensioners on small fixed incomes. Where are we supposed to find an extra £219.14?

Do the instigators of this disgraceful scheme not know that prices are spiralling? They obviously have plenty of money. We are having to wear extra clothing in order to reduce our heating bill; and cutting down on food in order to stay solvent.

Whoever came up with this scheme will not be staying in office when the next elections take place.

7. **Are there any other factors you believe should be taken into account in this review? (a review cannot take into account matters such as the level of town/parish council precept)**

See above

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Response 3

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6). I firmly disagree with the proposal presented by Malmesbury Town Council (ref. M1).

The two councils represent areas with significantly different needs and requirements. The Town Council adequately represents those living within the town of Malmesbury while the St Pauls Without Parish Council represents those who live beyond the limits of the town, over a significant area, and one with significantly different needs and requirements to those in the town itself.

Under proposal M1, the people living in the area currently presided over by St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council would lose a significant amount of representation on any new "enhanced" council since there would always be a majority of councillors representing the town on any newly constituted body. As a consequence, people, like me, living in St Paul's Without would experience a significant increase in the councillor to resident ratio if the new proposal was to be accepted. Would these new councillors understand and promote the needs of those in the outlaying area when set against the needs of those dwelling within the town of Malmesbury? It is hard to see that happening, with all due respect to those elected representatives. In times as financially stringent as now, where purse strings are being tightened in every aspect of our society, efficient and cost effective governance is essential. By attempting to merge two areas with significantly different needs and wants, compromises are the best anyone can expect. With diminished representation on the proposed enhanced council, St Pauls Without would suffer. I understand that decisions cannot be based on the level of the Precept but an increase from £17.11 (current) to £219.14 (current Town precept) is a whopping 1,180% increase, and nobody in these times of spiralling living costs can afford such a rise without a commensurate increase in provision, which, let us face it, is not going to happen.

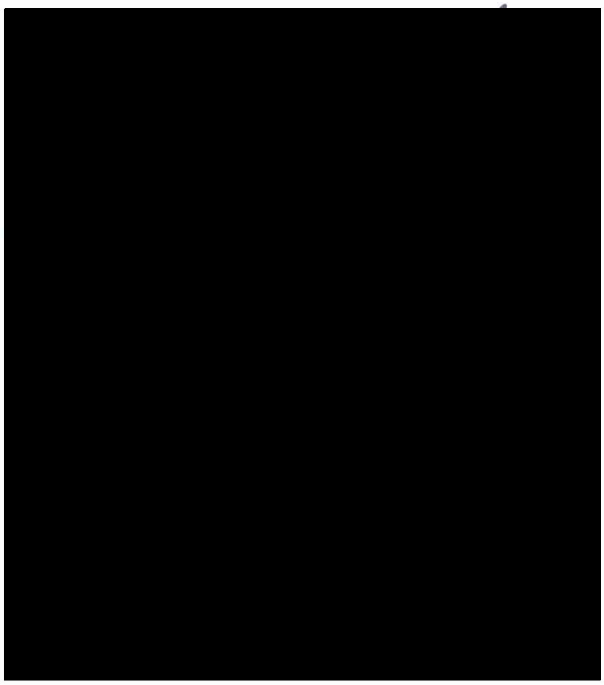
The plan proposed by MTC, M1, seems to offer no benefits to the residents of the parish. There are scant details, other than vague references to "cohesiveness" and "convenience", and even though we are not supposed to oppose a plan on the basis of cost, it is worth noting that the cost increase for those currently in St Paul's Without would be significantly more, and for what? Indeed, there are no costings on this proposal, a proposal which would cost the parishioners of St Pauls Without a significant increase at the same times as diminishing their representation on the newly founded body.

I have lived in Burton Hill for 33 years and have always considered myself part of the St Paul's Without Parish, operated very efficiently under the auspices of the St Pauls Without Parish Council. The existing council understands and responds to my needs very effectively. This efficient and effective governance is of great import to me and my family.

I fail to understand the argument that a small minority of those living in St Paul's Without feel they have been somehow misled into thinking they are part of Malmesbury. Wherever a boundary is placed, there will always be people capable of looking over it into another area. It does not mean that their experience of life is in anyway diminished by the fact that they are on what they consider to be the wrong side of the border. I see myself as living in a part of Malmesbury which is geographically separate from the town. The river provides a very adequate boundary, clearly marking the division between urban and rural.

Having listened to the respective councillors talking at the open Zoom meeting before Christmas it seems to me that the proposal from the Malmesbury Town Council is nothing more than a "hostile takeover" attempt. It certainly felt as if the two groups needed to discuss the matter in a more harmonious atmosphere.

I urge those who are tasked with determining the outcome of M1 proposal to reject it until such time when a properly costed and comprehensive proposal comes in that makes reference to more detail than the rather waffly phrases that pad out M1. The people who live in the area governed by St Paul Malmesbury without Parish, currently served so well by their parish council, deserve better.



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PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT 1&2 (5 PAGES).

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MY ANSWER TO QUESTION 6 DEALS WITH EACH PARAGRAPH OF THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS.

IN DOING SO IT IDENTIFIES THE POINTS I AGREE WITH AND THOSE I DO NOT.

IT THEREFORE CONCLUDES WITH REASONS AS TO WHY, ON BALANCE, NO CHANGE IS MOST APPROPRIATE.

THERE IS HOWEVER, THE OPTION OF ADOPTING RECOMMENDATION 8&4 IF IT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR REASONS NOT EXPLAINED IN PAPERS AVAILABLE TO ME.

7. **Are there any other factors you believe should be taken into account in this review? (a review cannot take into account matters such as the level of town/parish council precept)**

I HAVE ATTEMPTED TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE REASONS FOR MY ANSWERS WHICH INCLUDE THE FACTORS THE COMMITTEE SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN MY ANSWER TO QUESTION 6.

CGR Online Survey response 25.4.2022

Attachment 1

Question 6

Taking account of the criteria of "effective and Convenient Local Governance" and "Community identity and interests" please explain the reason you agree or disagree with the recommendation (you may include additional sheets)

I have considered the Government Guidelines on Community Governance Reviews, the Wiltshire Council Review Committee Terms of Reference and their Draft Recommendations of March 2022.

I attended the Public Meeting in Malmesbury Town Hall on 21st April 2022 and now comment as follows:

The Draft Recommendations paras 104 and 105 confirm the analysis of the responses received to consultations in late 2021 which the Committee took into account in their Draft Recommendations.

In summary, those responses confirm overwhelmingly , 72% AGAINST the Malmesbury Town (MTC) proposals and 43% FOR the St Paul's Malmesbury Without (SPMW) position.

In the Public Meeting attended by interested locals from all communities that might be affected by the proposed changes, There were many speakers from the various villages and communities of SPMW, Milbourne and Charlton, including Parish councillors and electors. Many from all those communities spoke expressing their opposition to the Draft Recommendations. There were also four MTC Councillors who spoke in support of the Draft Recommendations, but no other Malmesbury electors spoke and it was not clear if any attended. Councillor Grant was in attendance but, properly, did not speak on the subject given his conflict of interest being both a MTC councillor and a Wiltshire Council Review Committee member.

The online responses and the Public Meeting views overwhelmingly were AGAINST the Draft Recommendations and demonstrated strongly the majority view is against the proposals.

There were a number of comments made about the perceived cost impact of these proposals, including one from a MTC councillor, but as the Consultation papers indicate this is not a matter that can be considered by this review. There were also comments from two of the MTC councillors that they had heard from visitors that thought Malmesbury commenced at Cowbridge. Frankly, these statements from MTC councillors are not relevant.

The Draft Recommendations are entirely contrary to the position represented above from responses, in that they propose to adopt for the most part the proposals from MTC and substantially break up the SPMW parish, notwithstanding those views of the affected communities.

This is fundamentally contrary to the Govt Guidance that state (para 50) "The views of local communities and inhabitants are of central importance."

See other references paras 51 to 61).

Addressing the Committee Discussion points and Draft Recommendation by paragraph.

109. I agree with this paragraph.

110. Malmesbury is the largest community and has appropriate infrastructure to serve the wider communities regardless of which parish each community is in and will likely always be so. It is fundamentally incorrect to state "there were no direct road links from Milbourne to the rest of the (SPMW) parish which is accessed through the town of Malmesbury itself." The most convenient routes from Milbourne to such as Cowbridge are either via the A429 which bypasses the town centre or via Lea which is another parish – not through the town.

111. No Comment.

112. This para is only relevant when the key issue of Burton Hill and Cowbridge are considered. See later comments.

113. The Govt Guidance confirm that where possible the Parish boundaries should be easily identifiable. The current boundary between MTC and SPMW on the East side of Malmesbury is the Main Roads of B4014, A429, and the River Avon between the Silk Mills on the edge of Malmesbury town centre and B4040 (Foxley Road). All very easily identified and following the historic town boundary.

Changing this creates all sorts of difficulties and the solutions in the Draft Recommendations result in less easily identifiable boundaries. See later comments.

The Committee Recommendation that the identity and interests of the Burton Hill and Cowbridge communities are more closely aligned to the town than any community in the SPMW parish, fails to recognise that they are themselves communities within that parish. This is demonstrated by a number of small but effective things such as the Cowbridge Mill Facebook page, Whatsapp groups etc similar to the other communities within SPMW.

The development of the area is also distinctly separate from the Town by virtue of the Bypass then fields, with a limited amount of ribbon development houses on Swindon Road (B4042), and the River Avon and then fields in the case of Burton Hill. The fields in both cases provide pleasant footpaths linking the areas to the town and are very popular with the public from both MTC and SPMW as well as tourist/visitors to the area. See attached plan with GREEN shading indicating the fields within the current Malmesbury town boundary which provide distinct separation.

Both areas therefore have their own distinct identities and interests apart from being in the vicinity of Malmesbury Town.

114.The decision of the Committee in the Draft Recommendations, to transfer Burton Hill and Cowbridge to MTC, has created the major problem of cutting off Milbourne from the rest of the SPMW parish.

The consequences of this are far reaching. As noted above:

1- The responses to the online consultation, (72% against MTC requests),
2- The feedback from ALL local communities including Milbourne and Charlton except the four MTC councillors, at the Public Meeting, (no speakers supporting MTC except those councillors),

3- The erroneous assumptions as outlined in 113 above, (Burton Hill and Cowbridge are each separate communities themselves and physically separated from the town by green fields for the most part. They are not simply part of the urban area of MTC).

All of these confirm this key decision by the Committee is not recognising the community identity and interests of the SPMW communities. It is only supported by the councillors or MTC.

115. The judgement of the Committee, that leaving Cowbridge within SPMW and transferring Burton Hill to MTC, in order to retain a land bridge to Milbourne, is without doubt arbitrary and fails to consider the identity and interests of each of those communities. The natural division within those communities of Burton Hill, Cowbridge and MTC already exists as the current boundaries outlined above, therefore why create the changes proposed when a clearly defined boundary already exists.

This proposed change is simply creating unnecessary complications where a perfectly satisfactory solution already exists, and can be justified.

116. This paragraph clearly describes the chain effect as a consequence of the erroneous decision to transfer Burton Hill and Cowbridge, without a full understanding of the communities in question. Each community has its own character and the identity and interests of each were clearly demonstrated as described herein.

117. In this paragraph the Committee identify yet another consequence of the recommendation to transfer Burton Hill and Cowbridge to MTC. The resultant size of MTC if such transfer is made and the need for consent from LGBCE.

Neither of these would be required if the Committee decided, as para 104, that the proposed changes "provided no improvement in governance or identity."

The Govt Guidance confirms 80% of parishes throughout the country represent less than 2500 local electors.

SPMW is comfortably within this, whereas MTC is already outwith this at the upper end.

The proposed changes will significantly reduce the SPMW numbers (possibly up to 40% reduction) and likely increase MTC substantially, (possibly up to 20% increase). This will without doubt be detrimental to the effectiveness of the residual SPMW and reduce that council's ability to deliver to the electors. This cannot be in the interests of the remaining communities within SPMW.

Within the request submitted from MTC, there are no defined benefits to the communities being proposed to transfer to MTC.

118. The Committee's recommendation to transfer the business/industrial areas East of the town is also arbitrary, similar to that for Burton Hill and Cowbridge and simply creates a less easily defined boundary in a similar way.

The land between the A429 and MTC is open fields, therefore the area in question is clearly not identified as a part of the town urban area. The facilities in the area (N) in question, clearly serve a much wider area than just Malmesbury.

Once again, this proposal simply creates a number of problems without any apparent benefit to the communities of MTC and SPMW, Milbourne and Charlton, all of which will be affected.

119/120. This para addresses the impact of the proposed changes on Milbourne and Charlton.

As outlined above, these proposed changes are a consequence of the proposals for Areas M and N on the Committee Plan.

If neither of these are adopted, these consequential changes are not required.

None of these changes set out in these two paragraphs provide any benefit to the identity or interests of the communities in question.

121. It appears this small change would have no real impact on any of the communities involved in this review therefore, if it is the only remaining change requiring LGBCE consent, after reconsidering these draft recommendations I question if it is worthwhile.

122. Recommendations 8.

I cannot support - 8.1 and 8.2, for the reasons stated.

- 8.3, 8.4, 8.6 and 8.7, are not necessary if 8.1 and 8.2 are not adopted.
- 8.5 is of no real consequence and effectively unnecessary if other changes as above are not adopted.

In summary, it is apparent the numerous changes in the draft Recommendations are caused by the erroneous judgement that Area M and N on the plan are urban areas integral within Malmesbury Town, whereas they are physically separated by clearly defined and easily identifiable existing boundaries and green fields, and comprise separate community identities and interests, albeit associated with the historic town of Malmesbury. That, however, applies to a much wider area and many more distinct communities than those likely to be affected by these proposals.

Therefore, on balance, whilst there are some points within the Committee Discussion which I agree with, I consider there are fundamental errors in several of the decisions the Committee have made which render the final recommendations inappropriate. Therefore, I support the final sentence of paragraph 108 – Committee Discussion, "If no better option could be found, no change could (should) be recommended."

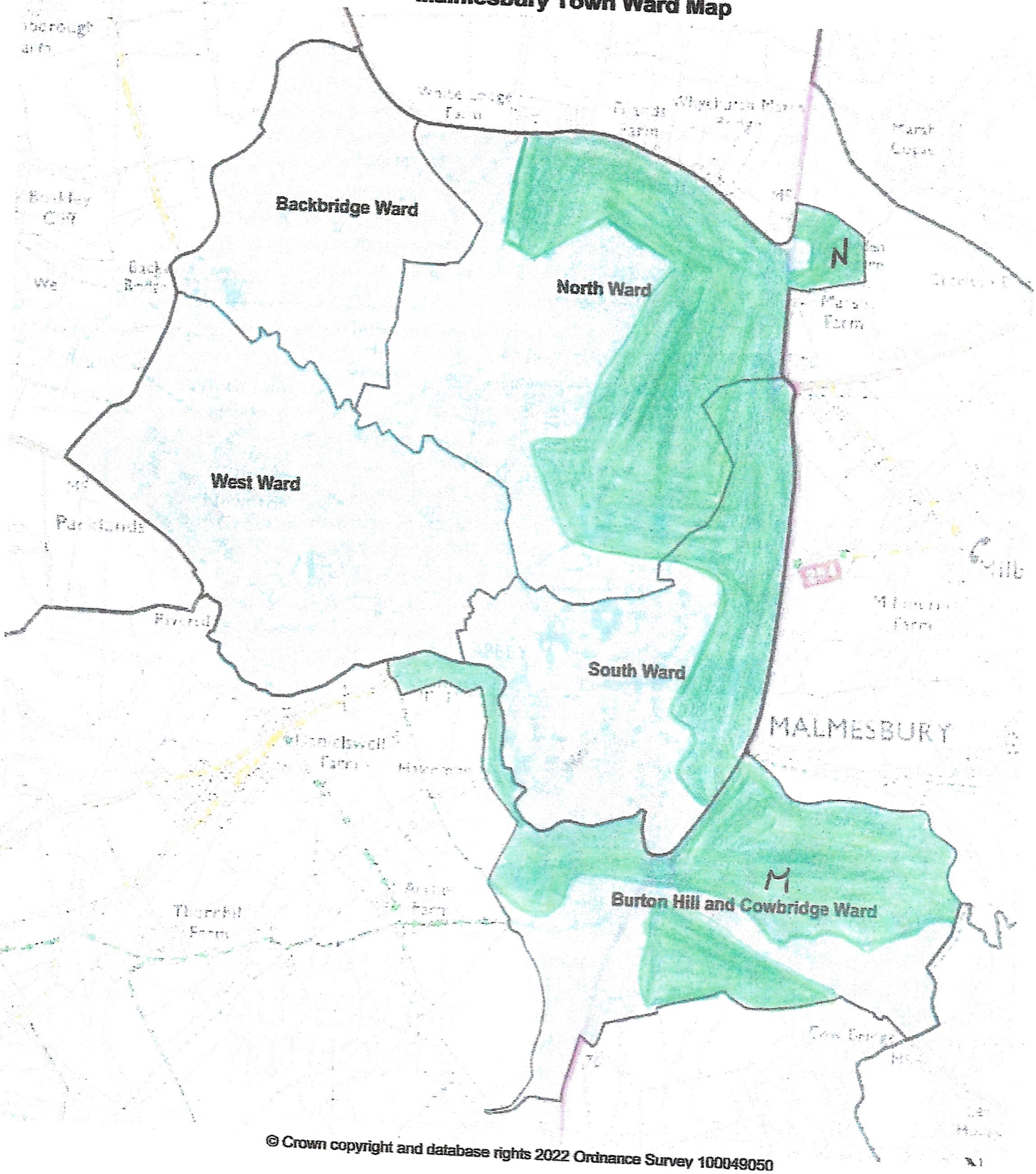
I cannot see the merits of this proposed upheaval and no specifics have been offered by MTC, whereas the specific merits of no change have been outlined by SPMW.

[redacted]

With Attachment 2, Malmesbury Town Ward Map showing highlighted the green separations between MTC and SPMW around the existing Parish Boundaries.

ATTACHMENT 2

Malmesbury Town Ward Map



Areas shaded GREEN illustrate approximately the green field land with only isolated properties separating the urban area of Malmesbury Town from the existing parish boundary with St Paul's Malmesbury Without.

Demonstrating Areas M and N are not integral urban areas of Malmesbury Town.

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3. **What is your postcode or postcode of your business/organisation?** [redacted]

4. **Which recommendation are you responding to? (eg 2, 3,4…) (may include more than one)**
Recommendation Number 7

5. **Are you responding to this survey as?**

☑ A resident of a parish affected by a proposal
If so, please list parish DERRY HILL AND STUDLEY

☐ A business or commercial concern in the area affected by a proposal

☐ A representative of a Parish or Town Council affected by a proposal
If so, please list council _____

☐ An interested party not necessarily from the area affected

6. **Having studied the recommendations, do you?** *(if you do not wish to respond to any of the recommendations leave the relevant box blank)*

	Agree	Disagree	Suggest Amendment
Recommendation 2			
Recommendation 3			
Recommendation 4			
Recommendation 5			
Recommendation 6			
Recommendation 7	✓		

An amendment could be agreement/disagreement with some but not all the recommendation)

7. **Taking account of the criteria of 'Effective and Convenient Local Governance' and 'Community Identity and Interests' please explain the reason you agree or disagree with the recommendations you have listed**

1. We agree with this proposal because it enables the village of Derry Hill & Studley to have a positive say in how the village is managed ie. to what is done where and what the villagers wish to happen in their community.

2. It also includes the residents of Church Rd and Devizes Rd who reside in the village but have never been part of the parish.

3. 767 villagers voted in 2020 for a seperate "Derry Hill/Studley Parish" - that speaks for itself!

4. Also the new boundaries would benefit the other parishes by making them big enough to maintain themselves while giving them more time and resources for their own issues

5. Finally, if Derry Hill & Studley became a seperate "parish" we would be able to effect a positive attitude within the community and encourage a more active involvement/agenda especially as the village has grown considerably over the past years.

If suggesting an amendment, please provide details of that revision with any reasoning for the proposal, based on the criteria above

N/A

8. **Are there any other factors you believe should be taken into account in this review? (a review cannot take into account matters such as the level of town/parish council precept)**

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1. I consent to participate in the survey and provide the information requested for the purposes stated.

2. What is your name? [redacted]

3. Post Code? [redacted]

4. Am answering this survey as a resident of the parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without.

5. Having studied the recommendation:

   I disagree with the recommendation, and

   Suggest an amendment.

6. Taking into account the criteria of 'Effective and Convenient Local Governance and 'Community Identity and Interests' please explain the reason you agree or disagree with the recommendation.

   a. Recommendation 8.1 Area M – I object to this recommendation in that it is based on a subjective assessment, with little evidence provided to support that assessment.
   The issue of identity and interests is mentioned, but no evidence provided to support that view. To say that this whole area is urban in nature is seriously flawed; a point made by Cllr Martin Smith in his written statement to the public consultation on Thursday 21st April in Malmesbury Town Hall. There are parts of this area that might be described as urban, but certainly not most of it. Similarly, there is no evidence provided to suggest that this area is not already efficiently and effectively governed by SPMWPC. Quite the opposite, in fact, as reference is made to this whole area being efficiently and effectively governed, and where there is a sense of cohesion within these two communities.
   b. Recommendation 8.2 Area N – No valid reason has been given for this recommendation. To suggest that 'this area predominantly impacted on the residents of the town' is very one sided and no evidence is given to support this view. One could equally take the view that residents from all areas outside of the town are impacted and benefit from this small development. There is no good reason to change the domicile of this area.

   c. Recommendation 8.3 Warding – Given my objection to Recommendation 8.1 above, it follows that I object to this recommendation.

   d. Recommendation 8.4 Area O – I object to this recommendation. Residents of Milbourne overwhelmingly rejected the idea of becoming part of MTC. Since then Charlton PC has voted not to accept this area into its parish. The residents of Milbourne, where there is a strong sense of cohesion, have expressed a very strong wish to remain within SPMWPC and are very supportive of it. This

recommendation is therefore now obsolete and any new recommendation should be put to the residents for their approval please.

e. Recommendation 8.5 Area P – I have no objection to this proposal.

f. Recommendation 8.6 Warding – I have no objection to this proposal.

g. Recommendation 8.7 – Given my objections above, it follows that I am unable to support this recommendation.

If suggesting an amendment, please provide details of that revision include reasoning for the proposal, based on the criteria above.

1. Recommendation 8.1 Area M – I would urge the ERC to please re-consider their view on this proposal. In para 113 it was recorded that 'the residents who had responded to the survey from that area had opposed the request from the Town Council.'
   There are parts of this area that might be described as urban, but certainly not most of it.
   There is no evidence to suggest that the present arrangements do not reflect the identity and interests of the local communities and that they are not already efficiently and effectively governed. Both Cowbridge and Burton Hill communities have a parish councillor living within the communities and who respond to residents' requests.

2. Recommendation 8.2 Area N – please see my response at 6.b above.

3. Recommendation 8.3 Warding / Councillor numbers – This will require revision in the light of likely changes.

4. Recommendation 8.4 Area O – My suggestion here is that the ERC look at ways to satisfy the strong desires of the residents to remain within SPMWPC. There is a strong sense of community cohesion evidenced by WhatsApp and Facebook Groups, toad crossing rescue, community litter picking, a speed watch team, village outings to play skittles, a phone box library and a regular email newsletter circulated to residents. There is also respect and support for the parish council as three councillors live within the community and respond to issues raised by residents.

   If the ERC felt able to review their proposals for Cowbridge, as per para graph 1 above, then it should be possible to preserve the cohesion that already exists in both Cowbridge and Milbourne for them to remain within the parish of SPMW.

5. Recommendation 8.5 – Proposal supported.
6. Recommendation 8.6 – Proposal supported.
7. Recommendation 8.7 - Proposal not applicable at present.

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If so, please list parish ST PAUL MALMESBURY WITHOUT

☐ A business or commercial concern in the area affected by a proposal

☐ A representative of a Parish or Town Council affected by a proposal
If so, please list council _____

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5. Having studied the recommendation, do you?

- ☐ Agree with the recommendation
- ☑ Disagree with the recommendations 8 entirely.
- ☐ Suggest an amendment

(An amendment could be agreement/disagreement with some but not all the recommendation)

6. Taking account of the criteria of 'Effective and Convenient Local Governance' and 'Community Identity and Interests' please explain the reason you agree or disagree with the recommendation (you may include additional sheets)

Just as Canada is next to, but not part of the United States of America, so the Parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without is next to but not part of Malmesbury Town.

Parish residents are very happy with the present boundaries i.e. the River Avon, and the land east and north of the by-pass, and do not wish to see this happy and efficiently run Council decimated almost to extinction by these proposals.

My reasons for opposition

8.1 Burton Hill is the heart of St.P. Parish, and Cowbridge is one mile from Malmesbury centre, as indeed also is Milbourne, called 'O' here.

8.2 Why should the Parish Council be deprived of 'M' which the Parish nurtured This is pure 'cherry-picking'

8.3 This ensures that the Parish area will always be outvoted in Council as currently happens with the Neighbourhood Plan joint venture.

8.4 'O' actually means Milbourne who play a very active part in Parish affairs and wish the Parish Council to be fully maintained

8.5 Moving 'P' ONLY if it lies north of the river Avon; otherwise to be left alone.

8.6 That is a matter for the Parish Council to decide upon, and notably if the recommendations in 8 are not passed.

8.7. This is null and void unless the Parish Council is shredded in 8.1-5

If suggesting an amendment, please provide details of that revision include reasoning for the proposal, based on the criteria above

7. **Are there any other factors you believe should be taken into account in this review? (a review cannot take into account matters such as the level of town/parish council precept)**

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An amendment could be agreement/disagreement with some but not all the recommendation)

7. **Taking account of the criteria of 'Effective and Convenient Local Governance' and 'Community Identity and Interests' please explain the reason you agree or disagree with the recommendations you have listed**

I agree with the recommendation 3.1 as it means my property (Lichhill Farm) where I have lived for 66 years will be part of the Bremhill Parish.

If suggesting an amendment, please provide details of that revision with any reasoning for the proposal, based on the criteria above

8. **Are there any other factors you believe should be taken into account in this review? (a review cannot take into account matters such as the level of town/parish council precept)**

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Written Submissions

	Date	Status	Summary
W1	18/03/22	Resident	Object to Recommendation 8
W2	24/03/22	Resident	Object to Recommendation 8
W3	29/03/22	Resident	Support Recommendation 8
W4	29/03/22	Resident	Support Recommendation 8
W5	31/03/22	Heddington PC	Amendment to Recommendation 6
W6	05/04/22	Resident	Objections to Calne recommendations
W7	07/04/22	Langley Burrell PC	Objects to recommendation 3
W8	18/04/22	Parish Cllr	Amendments to Recommendations in Calne Area
W9	27/04/22	Charlton Parish Council	Object to Recommendation 8
W10	03/05/22	Calne Without PC	Comments relating to Calne Area Recs
W11	03/05/22	Resident	Object to Recommendation 8
W12	04/05/22	St Paul Mamesbury pC	Object to Recommendation 8

W1

I am a resident of a parish affected by a proposal

I have studied the recommendation and I DISAGREE with the recommendation

I have lived In CowBridge Mill for 4 years and I a very happy with the way things Are currently managed.

I see no reason or any benefits worth the transition.

There have been too many difficulties these last few years and I do not wish to see changes To something that is already working quite well.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts

W2

Community Governance Review – Malmesbury Town

Boundary

Burton Hill has always been regarded as an extension to the town as well as the area along the Swindon Road as far as the River Avon so its inclusion is welcomed. The argument in favour of this forming a separate ward is also accepted.

However it is perverse that these arguments support the transfer of a small area of riverbank at Daniels Well but do not apply to Arches Lane, Thornhill Farm together with Common and Foxley Roads as far as the end of the 30mph speed limit. Occupants of this area look to the town for its services and regard themselves as

Malmesbury residents. This should be dealt with by transferring this area to the town and Cowage to Foxley Parish.

Warding

In view of Backbridge and Burton Hill being within the Sherston Unitary Electoral Division it is reasonable that they are separate Town Wards. However this argument does not apply to the rest of the town. Since the formation of the Borough Council candidates have not usually been chosen by the traditional political parties and certainly since 1974 the Town Council has been apolitical. This has helped it being a truly democratic body with members not bound by doctrines imposed on them. Because of this there is no mechanism to allocate candidates to each ward and it is likely that the numbers of candidates will not match the number of seats in all three projected wards. This would lead to poorer representation and might result in extra elections to fill vacancies.

W3

I am writing in support of the above in line with the Mayor of Malmesbury. In particular, I am very concerned about the scale of development that has happened so far and keeps continuing even now. There is now a real danger that the heart of out town and amount of opportunist building is ruining what was (and still is just about) a lovely town. Many thanks.

W4

I support a unified Malmesbury

W5

The Parish Councillors discussed the proposed changes again at tonight's extraordinary meeting. They would like to make a change to the plan in Geoff's email below to acknowledge the close relationship between Heddington and Stockley. All 7 Councillors voted in favour of a single Parish Council retaining the name Heddington Parish Council made up of two Wards: Heddington (made up of 7 Councillors) and Stockley (made up of 2 Councillors). This is all subject to formal debate at consultation stage.

Many thanks

Kind regards

Raquel

Raquel Anstee de Mas

Clerk, Heddington Parish Council

On Mon, 28 Feb 2022

In reply to the final paragraph of your e-mail below; the Parish Councillors' present views prior to formal consultation are a majority of 6 to 1 in favour of a new two ward Parish Council retaining the name Heddington Parish Council with the seven councillor ward named Heddington Ward and the two councillor ward named Heddington Without Ward.

This is subject to formal debate at consultation stage.

Kind Regards,

Geoff Dickerson. (Chairman Heddington Parish Council)

W6
I object to the petition that was submitted on behalf of the village of Derry Hill and Studley in 2020 to form a new parish council.

I do not wish the parish boundaries to be changed and I object to the increase in council tax should this boundary change take place.

I would like to know how the signatures for the petition were obtained as it has been claimed that 95% of residents signed in favour. I would ask that you assess the methodology and governance of the approach used prior to taking the petition into full consideration.

W11(7-10 separate docs)

I wish to strongly reject the proposed Parish Boundary Review.

I feel that the present Boundary arrangement is clearly working for all residents of the St. Paul Malmesbury Without Parish, so why change it?

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For the attention of Lisa Alexander

Dear Lisa

Community Governance Review – Wiltshire – Draft Recommendations

I refer to the above Review. My Council considered the matter, on the first occasion, on the 21 March 2022 having been initially approached by your Council on the 18 February 2022 advising that Parishes within the Calne Community Area had been considering Governance options. The only previous communication was within Briefing Note 21-25 (12.11.21) when the Parish Council was pleased to see that after major changes resulting from the last Review they were not to be included and affected by the latest Review.

In February it therefore came as a complete shock that the adjoining Bremhill Parish Council had suggested some alterations to the Langley Burrell Without Parish boundaries without any discussion with my Council. It was an even greater shock that your Electoral Review Committee had made decisions and recommendations on a case put forward by the adjacent Parish Council without any input from a Parish affected that, let's just say, could have been beneficial to the debate.

No doubt your Council and the Electoral Review Committee can and will argue that that's what the present formal consultation is all about and gives the chance for an opposing view to be made. This is a totally unfair way of doing business as it puts the "attacked" at a disadvantage as they are being confronted with a recommendation and potential fait accompli. Much sounder way to deal with the matter would have been to invite affected Parishes to input into the debate before any recommendation was made.

Notwithstanding that the changes would appear to be relatively minor and affect a small number of residents within the Parish one wonders why there is any need to make the adjustments anyway. Of course the Council has not had the benefit of hearing Bremhill Parish Council's views and discussing the matter and so the "coherent and persuasive argument/evidence" presented to the Electoral Review Committee and mentioned in the Draft Recommendations was never tested.

The present recommendation is not simply a Parish boundary change but also affects County Council Divisions and also Community Areas.

Presently, situated in the Kington Division, those living in the rural Parish are represented by a long standing County Member. There is no wish to move to another electorate. Similarly, the Parish belongs to the Chippenham Community Area and for those with long Local Government experience will/should be aware that Community Areas were formed upon historic "tribes". There is no wish to

move to the outer limits of the Calne Community Area in just a remodelling exercise for no good reason.

The Parish Council understands that the criteria relating to Parish arrangements must ensure that those arrangements:

- Reflect the identify and interests of local communities
- Ensure effective and convenient local governance

Absolutely no case can be made that the Electoral Review Committee's recommendations achieve either criteria. In fact the criteria supports the status quo and there are no reasons to alter that.

In conclusion the Langley Burrell Without Parish Council does not support the proposals and request that they are withdrawn from further consideration.

In agreeing to this, the areas and individuals involved can retain their status and the benefits of being within this Parish, the Wiltshire Kington Division and the Chippenham Community Area.

The Council trusts that their views will be accepted and that your own Council resolve to support these locally held views.

Yours sincerely

Vivian Vines

On behalf of Langley Burrell Without Parish Council

I thought that I would let you know that I will propose 4 modifications to recommendation 5, concerning Calstone and Lower Compton moving to Cherhill, at the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting tomorrow.

Recommendation 5 currently says:

5.1 That the area marked as J be transferred from Calne Without to Cherhill.
5.2 That the area marked as J be named Lower Compton and Calstone Wellington Ward, and to contain four councillors.
5.3 That Cherhill Parish Council comprise three wards (Cherhill, Yatesbury, Lower Compton and Calstone Wellington), and a total of Eleven councillors. Cherhill Ward would continue to contain five councillors. Yatesbury would continue to contain two councillors.
Reasons: Paragraphs 73, 74, 80, 84 and 85 of the Guidance on Community Governance Reviews.

My first proposed modification concerns Blackland. This hamlet is currently split between Middle Ward and East Ward. If Calne Without is broken up it will mean that Blackland will then be split between two parishes. I propose that the two halves are reunited in line with the old Blackland parish / tithing – see the map 1 below. This shows the old 1884 boundary and map 2 my proposal as to where the new boundary should be drawn - (on map 2 my proposed boundary is in red, the current one in brown and Calne Without boundary is in blue). As you can see from map 1 Blackland has historical ties to Calstone, and these ties remain strong today. If Wiltshire Council decides to keep Calne Without together, I propose that Blackland joins East Ward. If they decide to split up the parish, I propose that Blackland and Calstone form a new Ward within Cherhill Parish Council. Map 3 shows my proposed boundary for Blackland and Calstone ward.

This leads me to the second proposed modification to recommendation 5 – There should be 4 wards within an enlarged Cherhill Parish – Cherhill, Yatesbury, Lower Compton and Blackland & Calstone. I think that this would best reflect the different character and identities of different parts of the parish. Lower Compton, for example, is a very different place to Calstone & Blackland.

My third proposed modification is that the recommended number of councillors in each ward is changed to reflect the number of residents in that ward. In the current recommendation Cherhill and Yatesbury, with 610 electors, would have 7 councillors (2 Yatesbury and 5 Cherhill), but Calstone & Lower Compton, with 640 electors, would have only 4 councillors. To redress this balance, I propose that Yatesbury has 2, Cherhill has 5, Lower Compton has 4 and Blackland & Calstone has 2.

I have canvassed opinion within Calstone (I have an email distribution list which covers over 95% of the residents) and admittedly fewer residents in Blackland. Everyone who has written to me expressed strong support for my proposals, except 1 Blackland resident who supports the idea of Blackland being reunited but would like it to be moved to Heddington Parish, as he sees Cherhill Parish as being suburban.

Considering the comments above I propose that recommendation 5 is changed to say:

5.1 That the hamlet of Blackland is transferred to East Ward. The new western boundary is marked in red on the map 2 below. There would be no changes to the number of councillors in either East or Middle Wards.

If Wiltshire Council decides to break-up Calne Without Parish, then the following 3 recommendations apply.

5.2 That the area marked as J, with the addition of Blackland as described in 5.1, be transferred from Calne Without to Cherhill.
5.3 Two new wards are created in Cherhill Parish Council. The area marked as “Lower Compton Ward” on map 3 to be so named and to contain four councillors. The area marked as “Blackland and Calstone Ward” to be so named and to contain 2 councillors. The red lines on map 3 show the western boundary of Blackand & Calstone ward, and the boundary between this ward and Lower Compton ward.
5.3 That Cherhill Parish Council comprise four wards (Cherhill, Yatesbury, Lower Compton and Calstone Wellington), and a total of thirteen councillors. Cherhill Ward would continue to contain five councillors. Yatesbury would continue to contain two councillors.
Reasons: Paragraphs 73, 74, 80, 84 and 85 of the Guidance on Community Governance Reviews.

I believe that moving East Ward, plus the whole of Blackland, to Cherhill Parish Council would be in the best interests of all the residents of these areas. We all utilise the same resources, for example most of the children of East Ward / Blackland go the Cherhill Primary School, they attend the very highly regarded Cherhill Scouts Group, they walk the footpaths over the downs, they use the Tommy Croker Memorial Playing Field, they cycle on the Sustrans 403 route, they are members of Cherhill Gardening Club, and, of course, many of us have watched the famous annual pantomimes! The residents of East Ward don’t, however, pay precept / grant funding towards supporting these resources. If the merger goes ahead Cherhill Parish Council will get roughly double the budget and only have to support the emptying of 3 additional bins and the maintenance of 2 additional noticeboards in return. A proportion of the remaining CIL money from the Low Lane development (in East Ward) and Sun Edison solar farm (also in East Ward) grant funding would also be available to provide grants for activities within the enlarged Cherhill Parish Council.

I think that rebalancing the number of councillors as I have suggested will enable Yatesbury, Calstone and Blackland to retain their distinctiveness, individuality, and influence within the new parish. It will give Lower Compton a clearer voice the address the unique issues it has within the parish related to the character of the area and its proximity to Hill’s. It will also give Cherhill the largest number of councillors in recognition of its size and importance as the heart of the parish.

We will hopefully get the chance to discuss these proposals at the meeting, but I would be happy to answer any questions in advance.

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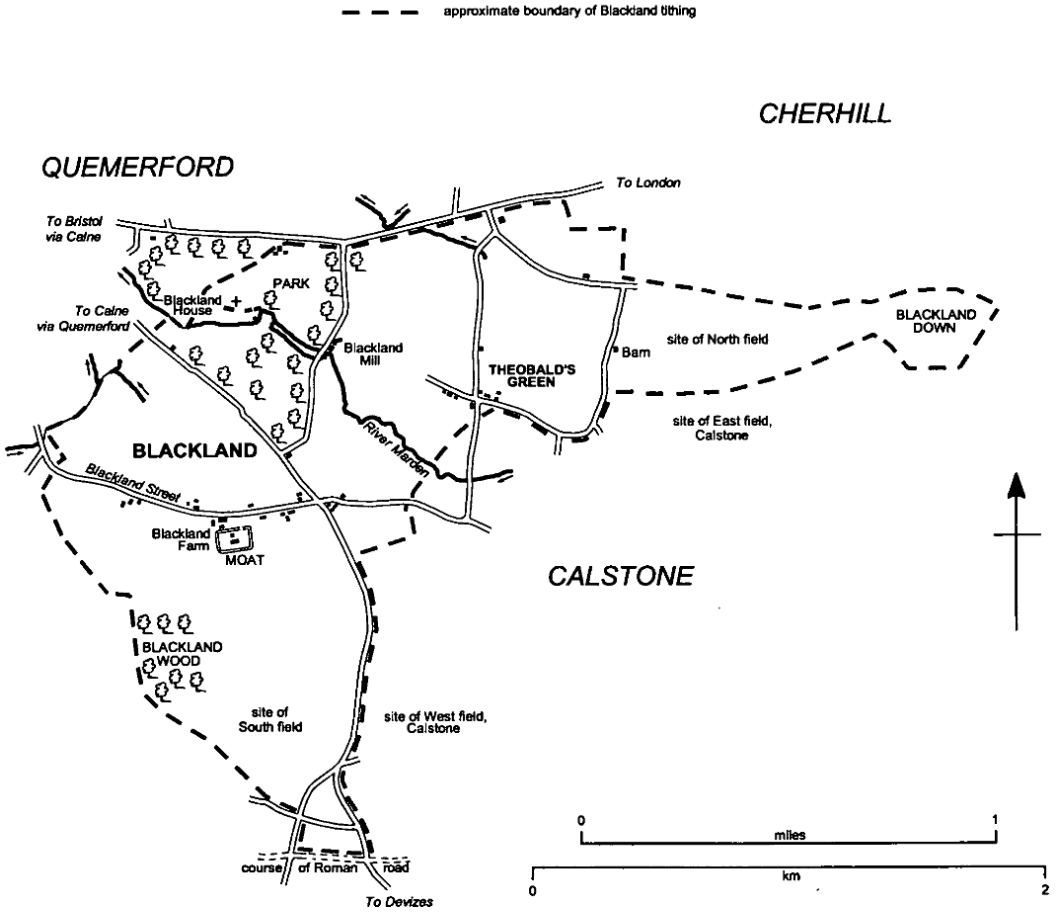

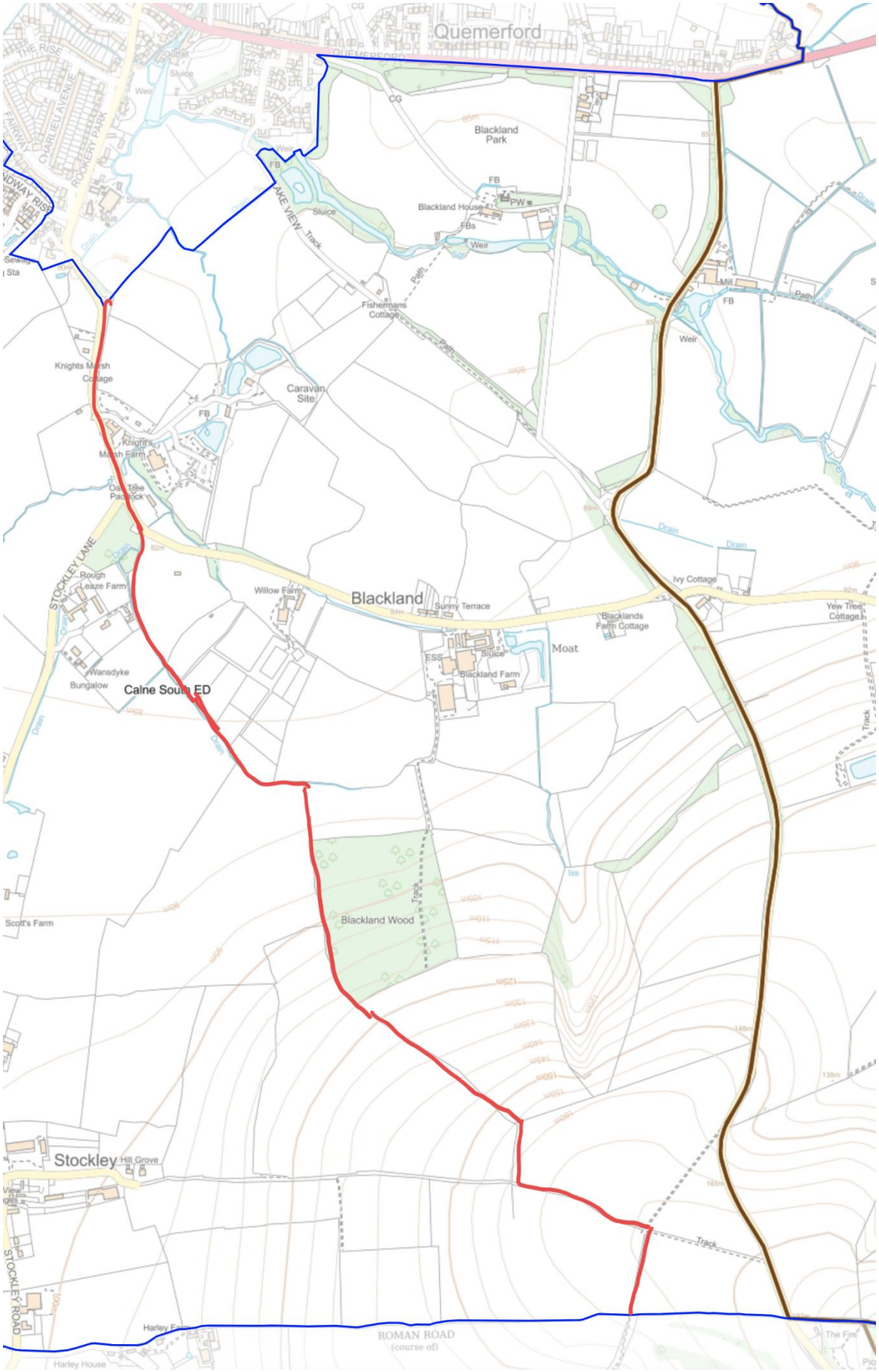
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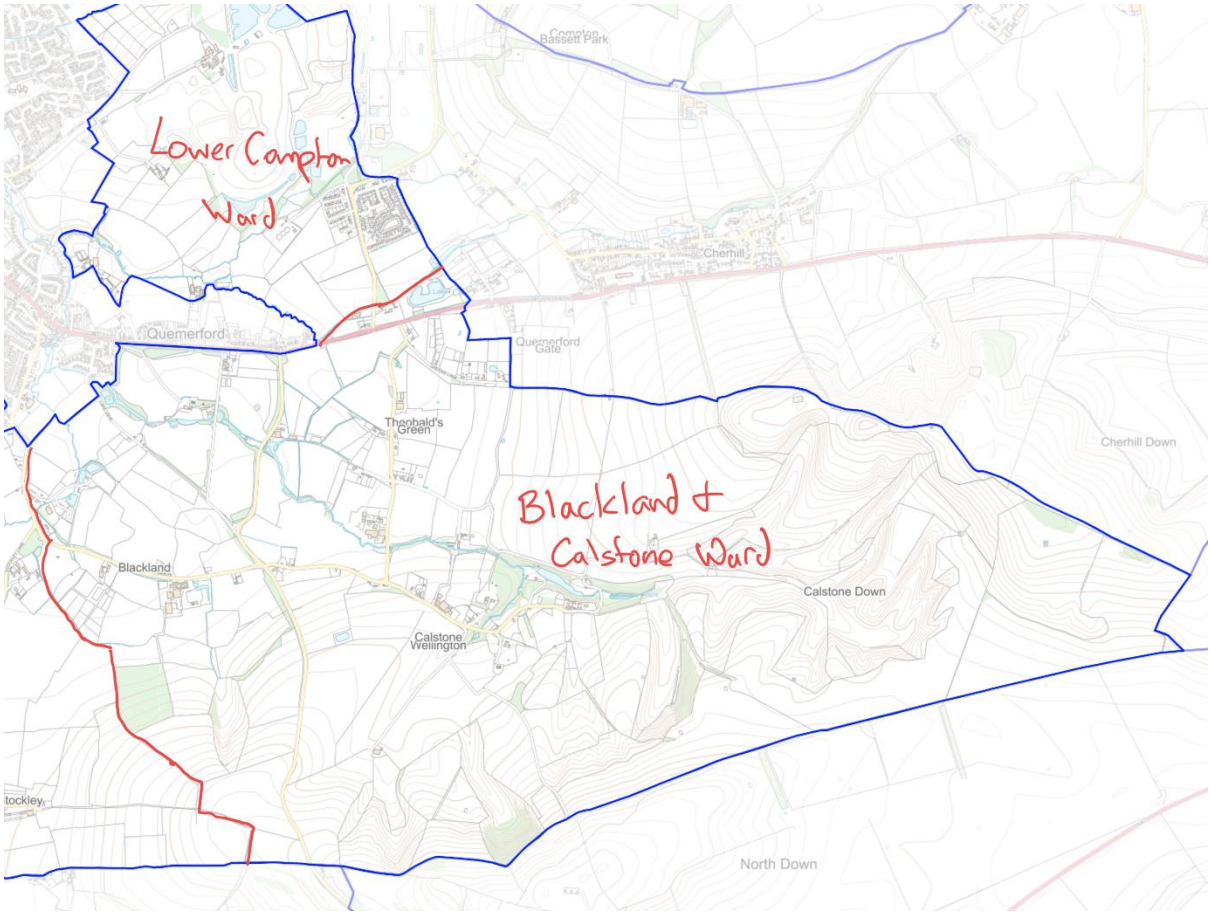
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Dear Mr Blair-Pilling

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – MALMESBURY TOWN

1. I write at the direction of Charlton Parish Council (PC). Charlton PC met on Thu 7 Apr and voted by a clear majority to reject draft recommendation 8.4 in Wiltshire Council's Community Governance Review 2021/22 Draft Recommendations, that the area marked as O be transferred from St Paul Malmesbury Without to the parish of Charlton.

2. We start by looking at the reasons the Electoral Review Committee have given for the draft recommendation. This is not to belittle the work of the Committee but because it feeds into our main reasons for rejecting the draft recommendation. The quotes are from paragraph 119 of the Draft Recommendations document.

a. 'It was reported that the parish of Charlton to the north might be interested in joining with the community at Milbourne'. Well of course Charlton '<u>might</u>' be interested, so '<u>might</u>' Lea Parish be interested in joining with the community at Milbourne, and Brokenborough '<u>might</u>' be interested in joining with the community at Filands north of the B4014, Yet, only Charlton was mentioned despite neither the PC nor the community having been asked at this stage.

b. '… which lay within or alongside the Charlton Park estate'. This is simply wrong. The 'community at Milbourne', ie Milbourne village presumably, is certainly not within the Charlton Park Estate and none of the land between Milbourne village and the B4040 is Charlton Park land. Yes the land to the north of the B4040 is estate land but that's well away from the Milbourne community.

c. '… and had decent road connections'. Yes the B4040 runs to Charlton but the C67, which much of Milbourne village sits on, runs into Lea Parish directly and one has to drive through Lea parish to get to Charlton parish.

Two further reasons for the decision on the draft recommendation were stated in our Thu 7 Apr on-line meeting with you, both to do with social contacts between Milbourne and Charlton:

d. Sharing a CSW equipment. It is true that Milbourne and Charlton share CSW equipment., but this is entirely a business arrangement which was put in place by Wiltshire Police.

e. Cricket was said to be a source of social contact, in fact it seemed that the Committee thought this was a strong cause of social contact. There is in fact one single Milbourne player who plays with the Charlton cricket team (he has confirmed this fact to us).

But it does not appear that anyone thought about the numbers of properties and electors in the 2 areas. The Area marked as O has 172 properties and 328 electors; Charlton Parish has 180 properties and 364 electors. So adding this area to Charlton would cause an increase of 95.5% of properties and 90% of electors; and in the new area 49% of precept payers[1] would not be from the current Charlton parish.

As presented, the PC concluded that the Committee's decision and draft recommendation appeared based on an exaggerated assessment of the links between the communities of Charlton and Milbourne.

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3. We are aware from the draft recommendations document that any decision relating to parish arrangements must ensure that those arrangements:

• Reflect the identity and interests of local communities, and

• Ensure effective and convenient local governance.

We are also aware that these points stem from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's 'Guidance on community governance reviews'.

4. <u>Reflecting the identity and interests of local communities</u>.

a. We have shown above how the draft recommendation would double the size of Charlton Parish and cause 49% of precept payers to be not from the current Charlton parish.

b. There is no natural connection, no social interaction, between Milbourne and Charlton, and neither with Filands north of the B4014 and the 2 other farms off the Tetbury road. Charlton's main (and very strong) social interaction link is to Hankerton – the two communities have for a long time worked together to support operation of the Charlton Recreation Centre (which operates the Village Hall and Playing Field) with Hankerton residents

[1] The exact % share of the precept 'cash' would depend on the actual Band A-Band H breakdown of the new area. We cannot know this in advance. But this is true of the precept payers.

represented on its management committee and a strong Hankerton contingent in the cricket team. There is nothing of the sort with Milbourne or Filands north of the B4014.

c. The draft recommendation would force a complete change to the character of the parish, which is currently based on a single village Conservation Area settlement with a strong link to the Charlton Park Estate and family and a relatively well-populated area outside the village, the latter who are well-represented on the Parish Council[2].

We conclude that this change would not 'reflect the identity and interests of' Charlton.

5. Ensure effective and convenient local governance.

a. Once 49% of precept payers come from outside the current PC area we fear our current expenditure patterns could be in trouble at some point in the future. We give 2 examples:

1) The PC supports churchyard maintenance in the amount of £1000 annually, and this is justified because every parish resident has the right of burial in the churchyard[3]. This justification would be destroyed if Milbourne/Filands joined us as those 49% of precept payers are part of a separate Benefice in a separate Ecclesiastic Parish.

2) The PC supports the Village Hall by paying the insurance bill, at over £1000 annually. For a single-settlement parish this is justifiable and is accepted by those residents from the wider parish outside the village. But when 49% of precept payers are people who have had no such connection will they be content to subscribe so much to a Village Hall that is not theirs? They may be, but the fear is that over time this could become a bone of contention.

Far from ensuring effective and convenient local governance, this would put it at risk.

b. It is evident that the Committee see advantage in being able to end an anomaly in the arrangement of Wilts Council Divisions that the LGBCE regard as unsatisfactory. The situation is understood; but our view is that the current arrangement may be unsatisfactory to LGBCE but doesn't appear to have caused any real problem and that Charlton's status as a single-settlement parish should not be destroyed to effect the perceived administrative improvement.

6. Some Cllrs felt there was a democratic deficit in that residents of areas that were to change parish affiliation were written to by yourselves but residents of areas that would be expected to assume responsibility for these areas, whose own parish would be dramatically impacted by the proposal, were not written to by yourselves.

[2] We currently have 4 Cllrs from the village and 5 Cllrs from the wider parish.
[3] Charlton Parish has the good fortune that the boundaries of the Civil Parish and the Ecclesiastic Parish are identical.

Added to this is the fact that the Committee did not engage with Charlton PC until the point when the draft recommendation was produced.

7. Finally you asked us, in our Thu 7 Apr on-line meeting with you, to make any suggestion for any ‘subset’ of the draft recommendation. I have to report that at the Charlton PC meeting no such decision was agreed as no Cllr had identified any parts of the area which they thought would fit more logically with Charlton parish.

Yours sincerely,

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Community Governance Review Committee

Wiltshire Council

Via Email

Dear Committee,

Calne Without Parish Council response to the Community Governance Review 2021/22

Calne Without Parish Council held an extraordinary meeting on 13th April 2022 to consider their response to the recommendations within the Community Governance Review. The EGM immediately followed a public meeting where a number of local residents spoke in relation to the proposals.

During the public meeting there was a mix of residents who supported the proposals and other residents who supported the idea in principle but had concerns about the proposed boundary lines. We hope that our response covers these concerns but have also encouraged residents to complete the consultation.

The council have considered the proposals carefully and have responded to those recommendations that relate to them directly. The response is detailed table on the following pages.

The Councillors would welcome being involved in any further discussions in relation to the points that they have raised in their response.

Yours Sincerely

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Calne Without Parish Council
Extraordinary Meeting Wednesday 13th April 2022

On the 13th April 2022 in an extraordinary meeting Calne Without Parish Council gave consideration to the Community Governance Review 2021/22 recommendations The following are the resolutions made by Calne Without Parish Council in respect of those requests.

Recommendation.	Resolution of Calne Without Parish Council
Recommendation 7.1 That subject to Recommendations 2-6, that the area shown in the map below, being the remaining part of Calne Without parish, be renamed from Calne Without to Derry Hill and Studley.	The Parish Council **supports** the proposal for the boundary changes leading to the remaining parts of Calne Without Parish Council to be renamed Derry Hill and Studley Parish Council
Recommendation 2.1 That the area marked as A be transferred from Calne Without to Calne Town as part of the Calne South Town Ward. Calne South Ward to continue to have four councillors.	The Parish Council **supports** this proposal,
Recommendation 3.1 That the area marked as D1 and D2 be transferred from Calne Without and Calne Town respectively to Bremhill as part of the Bremhill Ward of Bremhill Parish Council. Bremhill Ward to continue to have five councillors.	The Parish Council resolved to request that you take the views of the residents into consideration in particular the properties on Chilvester Hill and in the Stanley Abbey Farm. It was noted during meetings and conversations with those residents of the properties discussed above that they do not feel an affinity to Bremhill Parish Council.
Recommendation 4.2 That the area marked as H2 be transferred from Calne Without to Compton Bassett	The Parish Council resolved to **support** this recommendation.

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Recommendation 4.3 That the area marked as I be transferred from Calne Without to Hilmarton.	The Parish Council Resolved to **support** this recommendation.
Recommendation 5.1 That the area marked as J be transferred from Calne Without to Cherhill.	The Parish Council resolved to **request an amendment** to the boundary to ensure that the Hamlet of Blacklands is not split by a boundary change, it was felt that Blacklands and Calstone have a joint identify and if one is to move to Cherhill Parish Council then they both should move together. The map detailing the requested amendment is at the end of this document.
Recommendation 5.3 That Cherhill Parish Council comprise three wards (Cherhill, Yatesbury, Lower Compton and Calstone Wellington), and a total of Eleven councillors. Cherhill Ward would continue to contain five councillors. Yatesbury would continue to contain two councillors. Reasons: Paragraphs 73, 74, 80, 84 and 85 of the Guidance on Community Governance Reviews	The Parish Council resolved to **request an amendment** to the proposed warding arrangement. Further to the previous boundary change request we would like to request that Blackland and Calstone form one ward with two Councillors and Lower Compton has its own ward with four councillors.
Recommendation 6.1 That the area marked as K be transferred from Calne Without to Heddington as a new 'Heddington Without' Ward of Heddington Parish Council. The ward to have two parish councillors.	The Parish Council would like to see the **boundary redrawn** on this recommendation to ensure the core of the historic estate remains in Calne Without Parish Council, with the houses in private ownership in Mile Elm transferring to Heddington. It was felt that those houses already had an affinity to Heddington Parish Council.
Recommendation 7.2 That the area marked as L be transferred from the parish of Bromham to the renamed parish of Derry Hill and Studley.	The Parish Council resolved to **support** this recommendation.

Recommendation 7.3 That the renamed parish of Derry Hill and Studley be unwarded with nine councillors.	The Parish Council resolved to **reject** this recommendation and recommend that the New Parish to be warded into three wards, Pewsham, Sandy Lane and Derry Hill and Studley. Further discussions would be requested in relation to number of councillors per ward and the exact boundary between the three wards.

Map- Alternative boundary for Blacklands. Re recommendation 5.1
The red line is the boundary suggested by Calne Without Parish Council.

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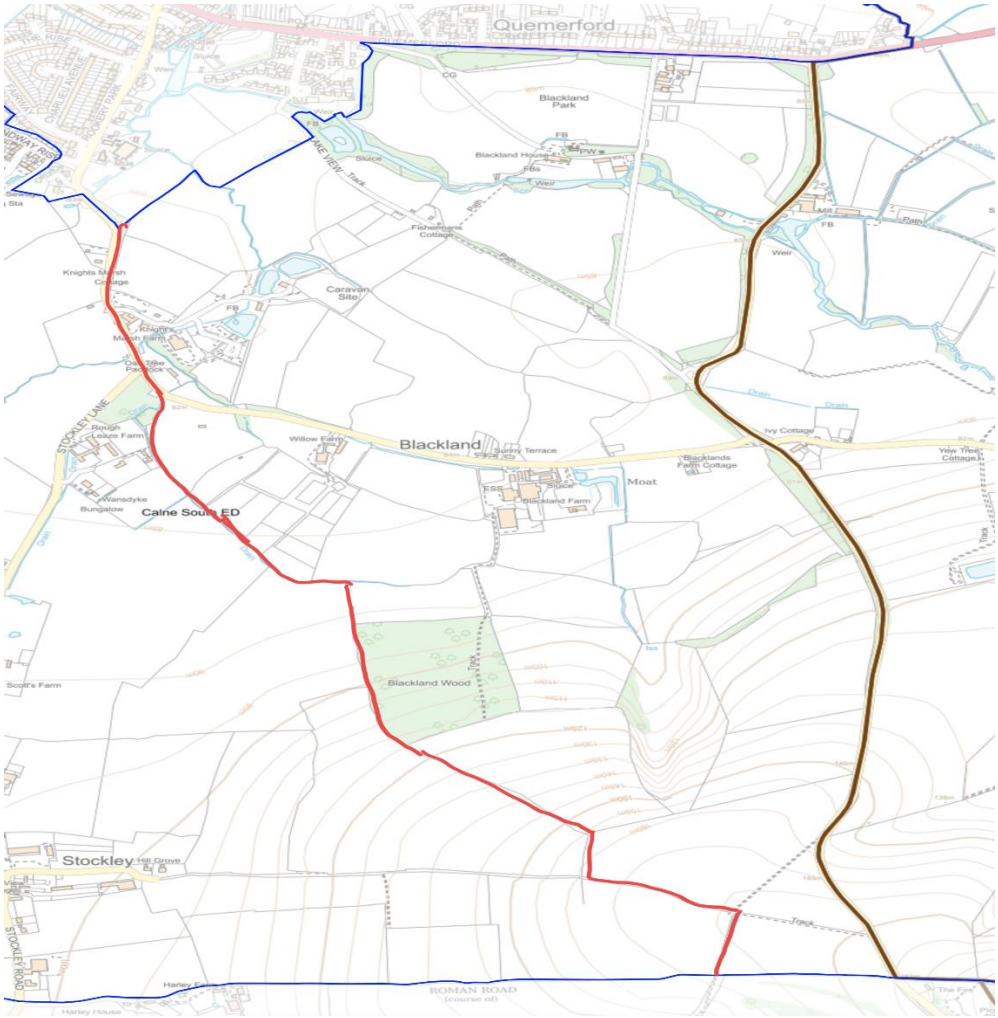

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COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Parish Council of St Paul Malmesbury Without strongly disagrees with the draft recommendations of the review for the reasons set out below:

1) At the end of last year the committee invited members of the public to respond to the changes in boundaries proposed by Malmesbury Town Council (MTC) and St Paul Malmesbury Without (SPMW). As stated in paragraph 104 of the committee's report the public expressed opposition to the MTC proposals by a margin of 3 to 1. Despite this the committee has changed the proposals while still giving MTC *much* of what it was demanding and probably all that it realistically expected. As a result it suggested a break-up of the Parish with a large part going to Charlton which it had *not* requested. The Parish has to ask why the views of residents seem to have been ignored.

2) Paragraph 104 further reported that residents opposed to the MTC proposals felt that the Parish Council "was effective and appropriately represented and supported the residents in those areas, and that changing the parish's multiple rural based communities provided no improvement in governance or identity"

Having said that the committee proceeded to ignore this issue in their deliberations and recommendations. In other words it did not *acknowledge* that SPMW is providing effective and efficient governance which is one of the criteria on which the committee is meant to be judging the parish and its boundaries.

3) Paragraph 113 is a crucial one in which the committee makes sweeping and unjustified statements to assert that the whole of the area of Burton Hill down to near to Home Farm on one side of the A429, and the whole of the right hand side of Swindon Road from the Cowbridge development to the roundabout on the A429 have the same built up and urban nature. If the committee had taken the opportunity to view the area to the left of the Swindon Road, when approaching Malmesbury by Cowbridge, they would have seen a river meadow and other fields and to the rear of Cowbridge they would have seen open fields towards Lea and Milbourne.

Likewise after passing the Storey Mews development on the A429 they should have seen on the left and right open fields and wooded areas. To describe both these areas as urban is bizarre. Indeed it partially recognises this by drawing arbitrary lines for boundaries which include properties but exclude the open fields opposite them and behind them. The committee asserts without any evidence that the identity and interests of these areas are more aligned with the town than any community of the parish. This ignores the fact that the residents of these areas have been well served by the parish council with their interests dealt with on an equal footing with other parts of the parish because they are similar. The survey bears out this statement.

Furthermore, the committee seems to consider that the Burton Hill from the roundabout to near Home Farm is one community and the area from Cowbridge to the roundabout is another and both cannot be split by a local government boundary. It states that:" There was no natural division within the community at Burton Hill and Cowbridge, and such an artificial separation would not align to either of the statutory criteria". It gives no justification for this. Why does it think that the whole of the Burton Hill area down to near Home Farm and from Cowbridge to the roundabout have the same identity and interests? Moreover, it asserts by implication that SPMW has not and cannot provide efficient and effective governance for these area. If it believes this to be the case it needs to produce evidence.

In fact the committee is making a statement which if applied throughout the country would mean hundreds of boundary changes. There *are* countless instances where a boundary crosses an urban road and where one could drive along thinking one is in the same local government area when in fact it has changed and these are places with a far greater similarity to each other than do the parts of SPMW which we are discussing.

4) In paragraph 116 the committee pays little attention to the need to take into account the views expressed by residents and subsequently ignores them, with an assertion that the identity and

interests of residents in these areas are aligned with those of the town. No evidence is given of this (especially that of interests)

5) The basic fault with the committee's report is that it considers that the identity and interests of someone living in say a new development in the Burton Hill area (e.g. Storey Mews) are the same as a resident of Malmesbury but fails to ask whether those same residents have the same identity and interests as those in a similar new development in Corston. (e.g. Southside Farm). If it had done so, it might have answered 'yes' they do to both questions.
It is difficult to assess the identity and interests of a particular area and so the committee has said: 'Oh, this looks like a built up area, we'll include it in Malmesbury' ignoring the fact that it might have green fields opposite and behind it and that the residents are happy in the parish they are currently in.

6) If one accepts that the balance of evidence is not overwhelming that the areas discussed have the same identity and interests as those of Malmesbury residents, the next step should have been to consider the other statutory criterion, namely that of efficient and effective governance. The two could then have been weighed as to their comparative strengths and a sensible recommendation arrived at. Instead the committee seems to have ignored entirely the efficient and effective governance criterion. It therefore ignored the many residents in the earlier survey who had expressed their satisfaction with the performance of SPMW in this regard. Many people are asking what benefit will accrue to them, what will be obtained by these changes and what will be the costs as they will not see any argument or justification in this report.

7) The committee recommends that the business/industrial area to the east of the town be included in the Malmesbury area. It does this on the grounds that it 'predominately impacted residents of the town'. No explanation was given as to what the impact is nor why it should impact residents of Malmesbury more than residents of SPMW. If the recommendation is based on possible future planning applications for this area, Malmesbury Town Council can make comments equally well if the area is within its boundaries or not. Furthermore, the committee is meant to use natural boundaries as far as possible in its recommendations. The A429 provides that boundary but the committee is recommending that a deviation to accommodate the wishes of Malmesbury Town Council and ignoring those of the parish and its residents.

8) A major part of the committee's recommendations is that Milbourne would be removed from SPMW, essentially because its recommendations for the Cowbridge area mean that there is no continuous land connection between it and the rest of the Parish. The fact is that councillors from that area have been vitally important in the good governance of the parish and that they have cooperated in helping to produce a good team spirit with people from other areas, while at the same time participating in healthy and respectful debate. It works, why break it?

Finally, there are alternative solutions which should reasonably satisfy Malmesbury Town Council's ambitions, whilst at the same time providing comfort to the residents of the Parish that their legitimate and reasonable desires, to remain as part of the Parish, are being sympathetically and impartially considered.

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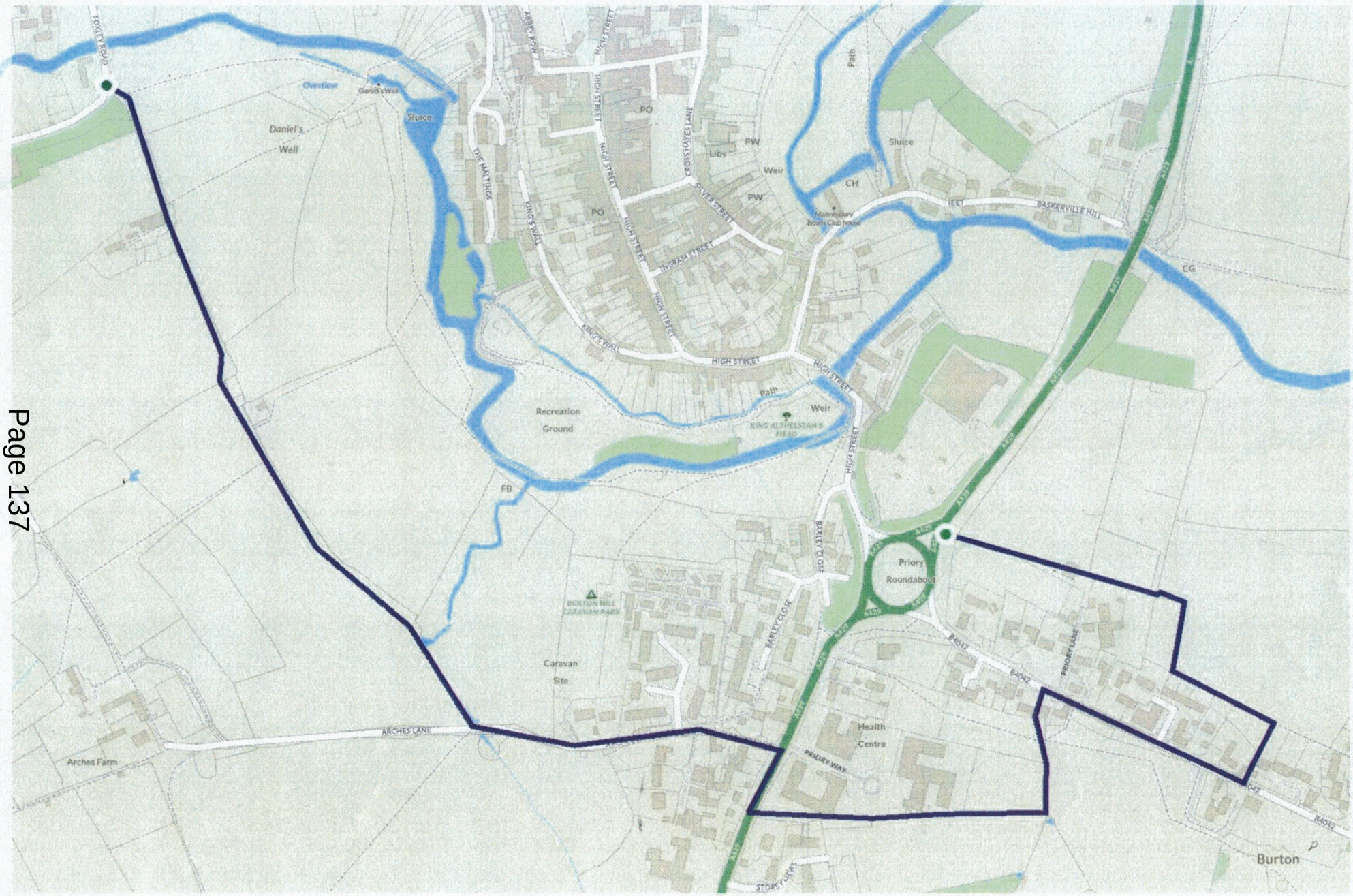

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Revisions to the Committee's proposals from St Paul Malmesbury Without

1) In SPMW's critique of the committee's recommendations its belief is made clear that there should be a boundary between the more built up area of North Burton Hill and the more rural one of South Burton Hill. In the accompanying map to this note the boundary is shown so as to include the Malmesbury and District Primary Care Centre within the Town while the area to the south of that line would stay in SPMW. The argument in favour of this is that the part remaining in SPMW has open fields behind it and often in front of it. Moreover the residents have expressed their wish in some numbers to remain in SPMW. It should be recognised that boundaries exist between local government areas throughout the country where there is no apparent change in their nature. In this case there is a clear if gradual change from the houses with fields around them in the south and the more built up area in the north.

2) We accept that Arches Lane forms a useful boundary and therefore agree that the area to the north of it should be included in Malmesbury with the line then running down past Daniel's Well to the Truckle Bridge; the boundary going west would remain as now.

3) SPMW sees a clear distinction between parts of Swindon Road. The area around Cowbridge has open fields to the front and rear. The committee's view that there is little or no difference in the characteristics of this area and the town itself does appear at odds with the visual evidence. SPMW would suggest that there is only a real discernible change in character when the top of the hill is reached around the area of The Knoll and has drawn the boundary accordingly. SPMW again points out that there are many instances throughout the country where a boundary crosses fully urban areas. What this Council is suggesting is a line between a mainly, but not wholly built up area, and an area which has open fields around it. There is a good sense of community cohesion although given that the final phase of the Cowbridge Mill development was only completed less that 7 years ago, it is not surprising that it has not quite yet reached the stage of that in Milbourne. However, there is an active Management Company run by Directors, all of which are owners of properties on the development. Newsletters have been circulated with information disseminated to residents. The sense of cohesion is enhanced by one of the members of the parish council, who lives on the development and works in regular and close liaison with the directors of the Management Company, thus ensuring a link into the governance of the parish. Finally, there is an active Facebook Group that further enhances the sense of community.

4) SPMW strongly believes that the Milbourne area and the rural area to the north of Filands should remain within its boundaries. There is no evidence to suggest that its inclusion within SPMW does not work. The councillors from there are effective in representing the interests of the residents and work well with other councillors in providing efficient and effective governance. The interests and identity of the residents of Milbourne have proven to be close to those of residents of other parts of the Parish. There is a strong sense of community cohesion and belonging. Although there is no school, church or public house, there are strong connections between residents which have been established over many years. Latterly, there has been a village garden party attended by over 100 residents and a similar turnout is expected for a celebration of the Queen's Jubilee next month. The sense of cohesion is fostered by active WhatsApp and Facebook Groups, a toad crossing rescue team, community litter picking, a speed watch team, village outings to play skittles, a phone box library and in addition there is a regular email newsletter circulated. There is a general sense of co-operation and mutual support which bodes well for the future.

5) SPMW is unaware of the reasons for the industrial area to the east of the town being moved out its area as set out in its critique of the committee's proposals. It therefore suggests that it be retained within the boundaries of the Parish.

6) SPMW rejects as fundamentally flawed the committee's sweeping generalisation that the residents of parts of its existing area have identities and interests more aligned to the Town than the Parish. It has pointed out that some residents of the town will have similar identities and interests to those living in say Corston and Milbourne. Given that it is difficult and wrong to make dogmatic assertions on this criterion, the committee should have looked at whether efficient and effective governance is provided by SPMW. It will have seen from the earlier survey responses that many residents have expressed their satisfaction with its record. SPMW would also point out that efficiency implies value for money and there seems to be satisfaction with SPMW on this. In drawing its proposed boundaries SPMW has tried to recognise that there is merit in including some areas within the Town while preserving the bulk of the area in the Parish as a recognition of what seem to be the wishes of residents and preserving a governance area that works.

Calne Public Meeting

Numbers: Public 11, Cllrs 6, Officers 3
Cllrs: Ian Blair Pilling, Gavin Grant, Ashley O'Neill, Jacqui Lay, Ian McLennan, Sam Pearce-Kearney

Key Points Summary:

- Uniting Blacklands estate
- Current proposition divides the Bowood estate → suggestion that it be all moved to Derry Hill and Studley
- Suggestion that remainder of Calne Without (Derry Hill and Studley) stay warded, instead of current proposal that it be unwarded → initial proposal of unwarded defended by proposer
- Distribution of councillors proposed in Cherhill queried as uneven, request to reconsider numbers based on population in each ward
- Issue of management fees on top of precept in new housing estates
- Boundary to North of Derry Hill and Studley, loss of cycle path they would like to stay in the parish
- Boundary at Southern area of Bremhill by A4 may better fit Derry Hill and Studley

Questions and Comments:

Doug Price Calstone Calne Without Parish Councillor
Haven't mentions Blacklands → could bring it together in this → together with Calstone move into Cherhill
IBP – What's in there?
DP - A few houses and barns
IBP – Fits more naturally with Cherhill?
DP – Two halves some cottages and a farm, then a few more cottages → road through the middle → Blacklands very involved in Calstone and what they do → would make sense to bring this together again.
IBP - Blacklands bit should not be in Heddington should move to Cherhill? → currently between Calne South and Calne Rural divisions.
KE - would need further adjustment of divisions by LGBCE, same issue has been raised by other residents.
DP - Second point → representation within proposed Cherhill Parish → rec 5.3, 3 wards 11 cllrs, → look at population Calstone and Lower Compton have a higher population yet assigned fewer councillors in this warding.
IBP – So look at warding and numbers of cllrs?
DP – Review seems inconsistent → some have wards eg Cherhill but Derry Hill and Studley hasn't been warded, why not consistent?
IBP – Committee can take on board

Phillipa Charge West Ward Calne Without Parish Councillor, resident of Derry Hill for 35 years
Why don't Derry Hill and Studley have their own parish?
Commends on work done by the committee.

Jurgen Kronig Calstone in Heddington East Ward Parish Councillor
Why 30 years of history is ignored, Calne Without Parish Council, what about potential losers from the reorganisation? Sandy Lane?
In 2009 Wiltshire Council created by uniting 4 separate districts to work better for all, opposite direction now and splitting up something that worked well over a long period.

IBP → we are not bound by the history, looking at communities now and how they will be in 4 years time, community and efficiency of governance → northern fingers either side of the town, committee felt related to other parishes → Bowood estate an issue?

Robert Hislop Calstone East Ward Calne Without Parish Councillor →
Rural and urban areas → keeping them apart → quite contrary when it comes to Bowood and Derry Hill and Studley → and Pewsham and Sandy Lane
IBP → Bowood question → put a line through it currently, best way to avoid that through an estate, which direction to move that line in? not in direction of Derry Hill and Studley? Committee will be looking at Bowood estate

GG → Work of the committee driven by 3 elements:
1 request by a Parish Council for a Community Governance Review, 2 Parish Council not functioning appropriately (eg. Beechingstoke was failing to elect a Parish Council), 3 petition obligation to undertake a Community Governance Review (Derry Hill and Studley)
Not enough time last time to undertake Derry Hill and Studley in last cycle
KE →Principal authorities also have to periodically review parishes. could review and need no changes. In terms of consistency, depends on communities in question why there is warding or not. Depends on what is appropriate for that area, extent, electorate, distribution of population.

IBP → Proposal derived from the information gathered so far. Inviting comments on current proposal and can adjust it, this then goes to full council.

Cllr John Barnes Parish Councillor for Pewsham ward in Calne Without
1 wants to pick up on Jurgen's point Calne Without in existence since 1890s, works well, serves communities, if it ain't broke why fix it?
2 if it does go ahead, new parish of Derry Hill and Studley, would like to retain ward structure in new parish, represent rural hinterland, wards ensure representation from smaller communities within a parish
3 Bowood estate, historically a part of Derry Hill good to keep it together and to do it with the Derry Hill and Studley parish, extend it in that direction.

Sue Deedigan Sandy Lane Cllr
Would need to check with Bowood estate

Ioan Rees, principal petitioner, Parish Councillor for Calne Without and Chairman currently
Echoes thanks to committee for the work
Been an officer in councils, committees different from other committees, had to immerse selves in the guidance → thanks Councillors for that, impeccable logic
Talking about tiny areas now to be moved around
Supports point about Blacklands
Representation to Cherhill supports that too for electoral equality (number of Cllrs for the wards)
Wards → more parishes going unwarded → possibly from imbalance in how many people in each ward want to stand, too many in one not enough in another → in the petition that it be unwarded → wanted to be one community, close enough to be a coherent, cohesive community → Pewsham, Derry Hill and Studley one community, elected to one council, serves one community, Sandy Lane newer addition, welcome that, very small ward → would worry about more councillors from Derry Hill as it's bigger but currently within west ward they have more councillors from smaller Studley → doesn't think that smaller communities need to be worried about needing warding.

Bowood → suggested Calne Without should be divided based on current wards which do split up Bowood → try to maintain all of historic Bowood estate → should be all in one council → in Derry Hill and Studley because of the links being so strong.
2 fairly minor issues → finger of land, Rose cottage because of the branch line → pleased to move into Bremhill happy with that change but into Studley , by the remains of the abbey 4 houses in Studley 3 in Bremhill, hadn't been consulted by their Parish Councillors → one couple very opposed to being in Bremhill → much closer to Derry Hill and Studley → in the other 2 houses also prefer to be in Derry Hill and Studley would have to cross old railway line into Bremhill and cross Calne Without to get to Bremhill → would ask to check with residents of those houses.
Boundary to the north of that seems to have been moved → moved it to the old railway line, not a good idea, cycle path important to residents of Derry Hill and Studley → that change would put the path into a different parish.
Other area he has reservations about → southern area of Bremhill, houses between rail line and A4 would rather align with Derry Hill and Studley → half mile of A4, not as rural as Bremhill → Derry Hill and Studley have hired a transport consultant, used to dealing with larger roads got another bit of A4 in their area already.

IBP – people need to respond to the consultation,→ based on feedback given committee seeks to find the solution that works best.

Resident at Cherhill Hill
Do the email responses get fed back now or later?

IBP – attendance not great here but had a very good amount of feedback into this review, better than previous

KE - On point on representations made, surveys and emails → attached anonymised to papers published for the committee meeting and committee will take that into account → won't be individually responded to but the points will be referenced in the notes of the committee → public document.

Resident - Urban and rural boundary, how is that determined?
In A block proposing becomes part of Town
Not rural compared to Bremhill and Heddington, but look to Heddington more
No clear delineation of urban and rural
Rookery farm accessed through the estate not in that but the access is through the estate
Earlier recommendation was included, now not included (Confusion is the estate was referred to as Rookery farm not the specific farm)
Recognises the committee is not interested in talking about council tax band, additions to Calne Town are new estates → all new estates have management fees, management companies managing the grounds
Benefit to moving into the town? Would the council take the management of the estate back?

GG – Act of parliament under which this committee can consider doesn't include precept.

IBP – Raises a sub question in terms of community cohesion and governance. Take on board comments about management company in estates.

Resident - Same for all the new estates, what are the council providing beyond the management company → so many issues from them, would prefer to be in the hands of the estate or the local council.

IBP - Parallels to block of flats, management company

GG – Raise a very important point → we as a committee limited but we as a council might want to look at and are aware of this in variety of contexts.

JL - More new estates have had communal areas maintained by the residents, on top of their council tax bigger problem in the future.

IM – Comments made about identifying more with Heddington and Cherhill than Calne or Calne Without → stressed that looking at identity and community.

Sue Deedigan Councillor for Sandy Lane →
Concur with John on Bowood estate, Sandy Lane identify with Bowood estate, important that that stay intact.
Ward or not to ward, thinks that there should be one rule for all the parishes

KE – clarified that depends on what is appropriate locally, many parishes unwarded, many warded, including in local area.

Richard Tucker Chair of Bremhill Parish Council
Have had opportunity to talk to residents there, most happy to move to Bremhill, will be one or two who aren't happy, primarily because they are unaware of their culture and ethos, feel incumbent on Parish Council to sell the parish and ensure people are comfortable to move.
Boundary changes, able to regularise anachronistic historical change → thankful for opportunity to address that.

AON - On warding arrangements, very inconsistent by its nature, Hilmarton also unwarded and very spread out, in general try to address the view of the community, submit to the consultation and committee will take into account.

Ioan Rees – unwarded - Bishop Cannings, was warded and asked to be unwarded for reasons previously mentioned. Fears of most rural area, canvased 169 people in most rural area wile 211 voters there 162 signed petition → people asked what unwarded was but no one complained against it.

Phillipa - would represent all of Derry Hill and Studley, prefers unwarded for that reason.

Pewsham Councillor - On warding issue → most residents don't understand the wards and how they work → no one stood in Sandy Lane.

Keith Robbins Parish Councillor for Calne Without West Ward
Supports points Ioan spoken to → north of map, little dip that Bremhill wants, people would prefer to stay in Derry Hill and Studley.

IBP – want to hear from individuals, although not a referendum a judgement in the end is based on the most compelling arguments aligned to criteria, please encourage people to fill in the consultation.

Chair of Bremhill PC

All ward councillors In Bremhill live in the wards they represent, less than a mile to nearest ward councillor.

Changes May 2025 → assuming a new parish, how is precept set?
Changes from April not May → money from precept aligns with financial year. Parishes set precept before representational change.

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Malmesbury Public Meeting

Numbers: Public 39, Cllrs 4, Officers 3
Cllrs: Ian Blair Pilling, Gavin Grant, Ashley O'Neill, Elizabeth Threlfall

Cllr Blair Pilling: clarified that Cllr Grant due to his role in Malmesbury Town Council is here in his capacity as Cllr for Malmesbury Town and resident of Malmesbury, not as Vice Chair of the Electoral Review Committee as a Wiltshire Councillor

Key Points Summary:

- Objection to Cowbridge becoming part of the town but Burton Hill fine
- Area proposed to become part of the Town accurate → residents already think they live in the town
- Movement of Milbourne into Charlton → not wanted by Charlton, would be huge increase in population
- Community links between Milbourne and Charlton? No school there so children in Milbourne go to Malmesbury or Lea and Cleverton → lack of community links
- Error in papers: Land between B404 and Milbourne belongs to a farmer, not Charlton estate.
- Residents of Burton Hill identify as rural
- No benefit to the residents who would become part of the Town
- St Paul Malmesbury Without parish council works well for residents
- Those in areas that are proposed to be moved would have less representation
- Urban = contiguous built area of Malmesbury, not whether it looks onto fields as lots of Malmesbury does
- Brokenborough don't want Milbourne

Questions and Comments:
Roger Budgen Chair of St Paul Malmesbury Without read a statement from Wiltshire Cllr Martin Smith:
Prioritising Malmesbury Town, no objection to inclusion of some of Burton Hill, does object to Cowbridge
Disagrees with Paragraph 113
Cowbridge set back from the road, Cowbridge Crescent almost invisible to main road
Rural until you get to Meadow house
Paragraph 116 → Cowbridge Mill residents have separate FB group and residents associations
Charlton and Milbourne not linked
Neither are the other areas proposed
P104 → current proposed changes offer no improvement
Urges committee to rethink this aspect

Malmesbury Town Cllr:
Bought a house in Malmesbury, children go to school there
Went to vote at the local elections → told she can't because she lives in St Paul Malmesbury Without
Residents' association set up to deal with huge management problems
Sees it as a new part of Malmesbury

Member of Charlton PC:
Reservations about democracy and governance about how the situation has developed
Would be a huge increase in population for their parish

Member of Charlton PC:
Feel we could have been informed at an earlier stage, only people in St Pauls written to.
Two factual errors about Charlton in report. Land between B404 and Milbourne belongs to a farmer, not Charlton estate.

Resident in Barley Close in Burton Hill:
Fields between me and Malmesbury Town. Part of a rural parish in a rural area. Bus shelter with a noticeboard, post parish planning apps and when parish meetings are, identify as part of that parish, sees no reason for change. Poplar trees to hide caravan park.

Cowbridge resident, suburban road:
Cowbridge is rural, shouldn't be in the town council.
Maintenance charges we all pay, not huge and knew their house wasn't in Malmesbury when she bought it.

Cowbridge Resident:
Spoke to Town Hall and found when he moved part of St Paul Malmesbury Without.
Questions on papers, area M → 72% against the initial proposals in pre-consultation

KE: Clarification key is evidence and arguments, not only numbers, committee will listen to the reasons provided

Cowbridge Resident: Malmesbury town bullet points as to why changes were requested, thought they were not quantifiable not tangible benefits to the whole community, non-specific, St Pauls were localised focused deliverables
Next point → refers to historic boundary of Malmesbury, existing boundary makes much more sense with the bypass

Cllr Blair Pilling: committee hasn't taken lead from historic boundary. Looked at the area how it is now.

Cowbridge Resident: believes that proposals from Malmesbury town outline benefits but hinges on St Paul Malmesbury Without being ineffective, not accurate. Would suggest to stay as is.

Milbourne Resident:
Resident supported by St Paul Malmesbury Without parish council, good PC, cooperative, good links between cllrs and villagers, definable series of communities that work together and looked after by the PC. Proposals would destroy a well working PC. No better option so would recommend no change, Burton Hill and Cowbridge might suffer from the proposals going ahead, 2 cllrs in a TC of 19, not in strong position to represent their interests. Same if Milbourne added to Charlton, lessens their representation, present ill feeling and local governance issues. Reasons why Malmesbury TC has said they want to enlarge their area would like to hear the benefits. Why the Aldi is being moved? CIL money? Expansion of land?

Chair of Malmesbury TC:
Area N employment land, better fit with town.
Area M, town starts with Cowbridge and Burton Hill, represents growth of Malmesbury town
Want it all to be one town
Disputes that they didn't consult with each other, did before Christmas
Rural is rural parish, urban, urban parish → but didn't agree about Burton Hill/ Cowbridge
Supports the proposal

Roger Budgen:
Discussions over Christmas period → came away with a view that three parts, northern Burton Hill and part of Swindon road that might be considered to be part of the Town, Daniel's Well, relaxed about Daniels well, full TC rejected that proposals. But parish did not agree to area N.

Malmesbury TC and Deputy Mayor:
All in a rural community, mean different things to different people
Out northern side of house I walk into fields but still urban area
Urban = contiguous built area of Malmesbury
People in Barley close some in St Paul Malmesbury Without,
Wants to realign boundaries with the built edge of the town
Milbourne lack of facilities
Cowbridge → recently developed 100s of houses there → disputes Cllr Smith, much of Malmesbury backs onto fields
Flyer issued by St Paul Malmesbury Without, want to extend edge of town to provide for those areas, eg. Daniels Well deal with rubbish etc there. Disagrees with info from flyer..

Resident of Cowbridge 2: New Cllr Malmesbury T Cllr
Thought she lived in Malmesbury, stood for TC couldn't event vote for herself.

PC for Charlton:
Looked at Charlton boundaries, modifications to Milbourne to merge with Charlton → where do children in Milbourne go to school, no school in Charlton so will go to Malmesbury or Lea and Cleverton → Road that cuts through, no direct route → for future development of footpaths and roads who pays for that in future

Resident of Milbourne →
Symbiotic relationship between St Paul Malmesbury Without and Malmesbury Town
Have a community newsletter, jubilee celebration, tree planting, community groups
Cohesion and identity of communities
Democracy → not a referendum but relevant that residents are overwhelmingly against
Good governance → evidence for this, look at website, minutes and local plan
Found no evidence of the benefits of what Malmesbury TC will bring to the new areas proposed to be brought in
Precept for St Paul Malmesbury Without low, higher for Malmesbury TC
Look at local governance records Malmesbury TC in conversation with WC about the CIL money for the Aldi development
Malmesbury TC want the CIL money, Malmesbury TC didn't contact St Paul Malmesbury Without

Brokenborough PC:
Consulted on area P with owner of the farm and Roger Budgen, logical extension of Brokenborough, will come back with proposed slightly tweaked boundary
Looking at O (Milbourne) no association with them, looked at northern O → doesn't see a reason to change things
St Paul Malmesbury Without very well run, cohesive

Gavin Grant Malmesbury Town Cllr
Implication in what was said regarding CIL funds for the Aldi, rejection of any funding for the Town from that development, there was confusion around where the Aldi sat

Arches Lane resident →
No benefit to moving into the town excellent PC with St Paul Malmesbury Without

Charlton Park estate managing agent
Will work with whatever PC that has them at the end of the day
The parishes must work together going forwards in the future, can't work without each other

Malmesbury Town councillor:
Benefits to moving area M into the town
Team of volunteers in the pandemic, work done included Burton Hill, Cowbridge, Athelston house → St Paul Malmesbury Without didn't respond
Benefit of the town, people in that more densely populated area, geared up to support that type of community.

Resident of Milbourne Cllr for St Paul Malmesbury Without:
Question to the committee→ parish councils don't wish to include Milbourne can the committee impose it?
KE: Wiltshire Council has the power to make the decision, but committee will bear in mind the feedback when forming a recommendation.
Statement → 2 key points, heard nothing to suggest that Malmesbury TC fulfils them, asks the committee to review the existing proposals, don't fit not welcome

Cllr O'Neill reminded people submit views to consultation.

Community Governance Review 2022

Input to public consultation from Martin Smith – Wiltshire Councillor for the Sherston Division

Firstly, please accept my apologies for not being able to be at this meeting in person. Unfortunately, I have a long-standing family commitment this week, which prevents me from being there.

To address the issues contained in the Governance Review head-on, I have the following points to make:

1) The current proposals appear to be prioritising the needs of Malmesbury Town above everybody else

2) I have no issue with the inclusion of parts of Burton Hill within Malmesbury Town, particularly those areas which are within easy walking distance of the High Street; those residents benefit from their proximity to the facilities of the town and so should in fairness support those facilities

3) However, I do have issue with the inclusion of Cowbridge Crescent, Cowbridge Mill, residences on Swindon Road, between the Knoll and Cowbridge and residences south of the Primary Care Centre on the A429.

4) I fundamentally disagree with paragraph 113 in the draft recommendations. This states that *"the Committee in reviewing the character of the area considered it was of a built up and urban nature, in close proximity not just with the town but with the high street of the town, and along the major commuting route to and from the town. Those entering into the town would see little to no change in the character of the area as they moved through Burton Hill and Cowbridge and into the town itself as currently existing.*" I would like to point out that on the approach to Malmesbury from the Brinkworth direction as you pass Cowbridge Mill on the right, there are green fields on the left. Cowbridge Mill itself is set back from the road. Further on you pass Cowbridge Crescent, which is almost invisible from the main road as the development looks in on itself and does not face the road. Again on the left is dry stone walls, partially hiding a view of green fields. As you drive up the hill towards the Knoll, there are detached residences on the right well hidden with hedges and trees. Yet again on the left are walls with green fields beyond. In no way can this be construed as an urban setting. To argue that those entering the town would see little to no change in the character of the area, suggests an inability to look over your left shoulder. To my mind the setting is quite rural until you get to Meadow House and the row of houses on the left close to the Priory roundabout.

5) In paragraph 116, the following statement is made *"the character of the area at Burton Hill and Cowbridge was overwhelmingly aligned with the town of Malmesbury*." If this is the case, why do the Cowbridge Mill residents feel the need for their own residents association and why is there a separate Facebook group for residents? Again, I think the draft recommendations have misread the situation.

6) Many problems then emerge from this fundamental misjudgement. The inclusion of Cowbridge Mill into Malmesbury Town causes the separation of Milbourne from St. Paul Malmesbury Without Parish.

7) Talking to Milbourne residents, I have not picked up on any desire to have a separate Parish Council for Milbourne; given the small size of the Milbourne settlement, it may well be a challenge to create a proactive vibrant Parish Council.

8) I'm aware that Charlton Parish Council voted not to merge with Milbourne; that was not surprising given the lack of connection between these communities.

9) I'm also aware that Lea and Cleverton and Brokenborough Parishes have been approached to consider merging. I can't see what connection either of those communities have with Milbourne, to make this a better Governance structure than the current one.

10) In the draft recommendations paragraph 104, there is the statement, "*arguments included that the Parish Council was effective and appropriately represented and supported the residents in those areas, and that changing the parish's multiple rural based communities provided no improvement in governance or identity*." I completely agree with this statement. The Parish Council has widespread representation from all it's main communities, it is well run and delivers for its residents.

In summary, I believe the draft recommendations have made a fundamental error in labelling Cowbridge and parts of Burton Hill as urban. This is far from the reality. As such, I urge the committee to rethink this aspect, which in turn is causing more negative consequences for the Governance of many of the communities surrounding Malmesbury, by forcing the breakup of the St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish. I do not think that the changes proposed will help any of the residents impacted.

Thank-you for listening.

Cllr Martin Smith – Wiltshire Councillor for the Sherston Division

Brokenborough Parish Council
BPC: Councillor John Bartholomew
Cllrs: Ian Blair Pilling, Jacqui Lay, Ernie Clark, Alison Bucknell
Officers: Kieran Elliott, Lisa Alexander, Leo Penry

JB → Area O - does that include Milbourne as well?

IBP → Currently. Brokenborough can make suggestions if it considered some part of it but not others should be moved, if any.

JB → Initial reaction to O, top part all part for Charlton estate, Suffolk estate, Crobwell farm and other farm there do consider linked to Brokenborough, wants to consult more outside of the meeting.
P proposal doesn't go far enough, Higham farm, currently just would include the buildings but should include the lands as well, old monastic farm.
River through the farm as a boundary.

JB → When did we come into this consultation? Come up during conversations?

IBP → Initial proposals didn't include it, subsequent proposals did and so Brokenborough advised.

JB → Proposal by St Paul Malmesbury Without for Dyson area?

IBP → Committee didn't consider sufficient arguments to move the area from Malmesbury Town.

JB → Would agree, a lot of interest in potential development there.

Clarification sought on the date of the public meeting.

JL → Also useful if Brokenborough want to comment on the other proposals.

IBP → Could they provide detail to the south. Element to the North that would naturally be a part of Brokenborough?

JB → Will talk to the other parish councillors.

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Charlton Parish Council

Charlton PC: Cllr Anne Hodgekins (Chair), Michael Bromley Gardener (Clerk)
Cllrs: Ian Blair Pilling, Jacqui Lay, Ernie Clark, Elizabeth Threlfall, Alison Bucknell, Ian McLennan
Officers: Kieran Elliott, Lisa Alexander, Leo Penry

AH:
3 main areas want to cover, few questions on process up to now
Recommendation regarding area O
Parish Council meeting later today, haven't' come to a conclusion as a group yet how to respond
Question on process, come late into being involved in this process, only asked now, why? Why was it Malmesbury Town Council not Wiltshire Council who alerted us?

KE → Reason that might appear they were alerted late as the trigger was the request from Malmesbury Town Council and then St Paul Malmesbury Without. Focus on those two parishes, terms of reference did include any parishes surrounding would fall within scope if it became necessary. Charlton was not in the initial requests from either of the two councils so there might have been no need to contact Charlton at all. Once committee decided to involve Charlton, they were contacted. A late emerging option, long meeting in February and was discussed at length.

AH→ Council would liked to have been aware of February meeting. Would like to move on to talk about recommendation. What other options were considered? Why was this one felt more suitable?

IBP → Other option, land bridge to include in St Paul Malmesbury Without was proposed. Potential for linkage with Lea and Cleverton, at the time understood a stronger linkage with Charlton. This is a consultation, if the feedback and arguments say otherwise the committee can put forward a different option to full council.

AH → Could Milbourne become a parish in its own right?

IBP→ The committee thought it would be better placed with Charlton.

AH → Reiterate arguments in favour of Charlton, linkage between us and Milbourne and Lea and Cleverton.

IBP → Suggestions included social linkages, work with on speed watch. Etc Committee seeking to understand where are the natural community links in that area.

AH → Recommendations raised suggestion Charlton PC might agree, significant comment?

KE → It was raised as a possibility based on existing links, but was not stated as confirming PC agreement → if Charlton PC don't agree comment would be taken on board.

AB → Long discussion at the February meeting, very clear when looking at it that the critical thing was could committee did not think the reasoning for a land bridge to keep St Paul Malmesbury Without together was supportable, and that Burton Hill and Cowbridge aligned more to town. Various discussion about where Milboune should go if that was agreed, felt Charlton was more suited. Did discuss Lea and Cleverto, would welcome comment from them.

ET → Committee was convinced by arguments that Burton Hill should be part of Malmesbury, is that a given?

IBP → None of this is a given, committee was agreed that they felt that it should be a part of Malmesbury Town at that time, would listen to evidence and arguments that it shouldn't be as are still in consultation.

ET → Were Milbourne asked whether they want to be their own Parish Council?

IBP → Consultation has gone out sent out to everybody in the parish ,people can raise options.

KE → Milbourne pre-consultation did not include as a specific option but could have been suggested by residents.

AH → Parish seeking to understand process. Single settlement parish. Would be a large change, difficult to see how that would change things, positively or negatively.

JL → Could be the consultation says that Milbourne fits better elsewhere.

IBP → In considerations please address both O areas, and any subset and whether they should or shouldn't be part of Charlton, go into as much detail as you like. Keen to hear. We have to consult on something. If we need to re-consult we will, no decision has been made here to work out best option for all communities in the area → identity and governance key aspects. Encourage parishioners to respond.

IM → Could consider relationship with St Paul Malmesbury Without going forward.

Lea and Cleverton Parish Council

Lea and Cleverton PC: Stuart Suter, Chairman …
Cllrs: Elizabeth Threlfall, Ian Blair Pilling, Alison Bucknell, Ernie Clark, Ian McLennan, Jacqui Lay
Officers: Kieran Elliott, Lisa Alexander, Leo Penry

SS→ Parish Council meeting next week, will discuss it in that. Would mostly be personal views now.

SS→ Question, what aspects of community cohesion should we think about?

IBP → Communication links, roads, shared facilities, any aspect of community and natural linkages that you could come up with.

SS → Churches, schools etc?

IBP → Yes, sports teams, collaboration on events

JL → Also connectivity, footpaths, bus routes

JL → Would also like to know Lea and Cleverton's thoughts on area M (Burton Hill).

AB → We have had a lot of discussion over area M between the town and parish, less confident about where the O's sit. Where does Milbourne have the most natural home?

IM → Wants to hear from Lea and Cleverton about relationship with St Paul Malmesbury Without and relationship with Malmesbury as these might change if area M went to the town.

SS→ Sought clarification on eastern boundary of M. Personal view, complete change of feeling , it is a natural boundary where the existing boundary is.

IBP → Thoughts son the proposed boundary? And reasoning.

ET → Think it's a premature change.

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St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council

PC Vice Chair Peter Hatherall, Lisa Alexander, Leo Penry, Ian Blair Pilling, PC Chair Roger Budgen, David Briggs

Roger: Concerns from colleagues in surrounding parishes, why is the review committee talking to us and hawking parts of the parish, wants to understand the involvement of the surrounding parish.

IBP: at the committee meeting where a solution was agreed that would be put to consultation, key part area M, if it was to become a part of M Town, then St Pauls M Without couldn't retain O as there was no link, so faced with what does happen → options to attach to a neighbouring parsh or set up as a new parish → info at the time that there were links with Charlton and would fit → in consultation had very different view back and will reconsider on basis of that.

Roger: will submit after PC meeting tonight, Cowbridge key to all this → if that development remains within St Paul Without would remove at lot of the issues as there is then a land link to northern parts of the parish. Formal position would rather not change but if change necessary, Cowbridge should remain within the parish. Will be presuming that we will constructivley put another proposal to WC based upon that.

IBP: what is distinctively different about Cowbridge to rest of the area M? Look more or less to M Town than other areas? Or construct in order to create land bridge?

Roger: from our feedback, work very closely with the management company at Cowbridge, of all the communities most self sufficient → not totally bc we have undertaken a number of projects for them (currently working with on a project) but bc of very rural nature green fields surrouding development, link to M Town by a permissive footpath through the open countryside → almost as easy to get to brinkworth

IBP: you need to focus on the community aspects and what makes it distinct from rest of area M, observer could assume that it was built up and similar to rest of area M. Is there an argument on community terms that it is distinct?

Peter: thinks the reps from residents show the alignment with the parish. Listening to comments from residents, effective governance of the PC. Parish Councillor for 30 years, higher workload than ever and work hard to deliver.

IBP: remaining part of area M, Burton Hill etc. whats your views on this part of M? Better in parish or town?

Roger: quite a diverse area, towards the south open countryside, as you got towards M Town more residential development, but this is quite close to the town, district care centre → northern part of Burton Hill and perhaps eastern part of Swindon road has a closer draw to M Town than southern part and immediate area around Cowrbidge which look very rural. Those 2 areas look very similar. Would concede that northern part of Burton hill has a closer affinity with the town than the southern part and eastern part of Swindon road, than once you get over the hill down towards cowbridge becomes very rural. Two distinct parts of Burton hill and Swindon road.

Roger: lines that you draw, not lines in thin air, need to relate to a feature?

IBP: try to go to a feature

IBP: if cowbridge is viewed as a land bridge? How do people cross that bridge, needs to not just be a bridge on a map, neeps a flow of people through it.

David: what is urban and what is not?

IBP: what is community in the area?

Roger: areas south of Primary Care centre will often go to Chippenham.
Facilities and services in the town much exaggerated, often provided by businesses or WC.

IBP: where do people of Milbourne meet?

David: no school, no church, no shop, but very vibrant community, jubilee part coming up in June, whatsapp group, FB group, newsletter.

IBP: hypothetical, northern part of area O, does what gose on in area O lie more with Brokenborough, Charlton or St PMW.

Roger: 17 or 18 houses in that area O half requested help from the parish, interests lie mainly in development that occurs near there. Align with opinions of the parish in sticking to the NP in stopping creep of development. Difficult to know how they would fit in with the other parishes, tricky bc so few residential premises.

Peter: Mostly to do with farming and planning, do align with us and we serve them well.

David: huge response from the parish and in particular Milbourne.
WC Martin Smith report on this supported their proposals hopefully come through tonight.

Proposed Amendments Summary

Recommendation 2 - Calne Town

2.1 That the area marked as A be transferred from Calne Without to Calne Town as part of the Calne South Town Ward. Calne South Ward to continue to have four councillors.
2.2 That the areas marked as B and C be transferred from Calne Without to Calne Town as part of the Calne Central Town Ward. Calne Central Ward to continue to have five councillors.
2.3 To request that the LGBCE amend the Calne Central and Calne Rural Electoral Divisions to be coterminous with the proposed revised parish boundaries of Calne Town and Calne Without.

My proposal is that Area "A" be expanded to include Rookery Farm in the area to be transferred from Calne Without to Calne Town. Rookery Farm boarders the new Cherhill View housing development and the only access to Rookery Farm is via this development. If the Cherhill View development is to be moved into Calne Town, then Rookery Farm naturally forms part of this community for all matters relating to local government. If Rookery Farm is not included with Cherhill View it will be isolated from its natural hinterland.
The recommendations ask for Cherhill View and Rookery farm to be include in Calne Town however your maps exclude Rookery Farm which should be included as it is accessed directly through Cherhill view.

Recommendation 3 - Bremhill

3.1 That the area marked as D1 and D2 be transferred from Calne Without and Calne Town respectively to Bremhill as part of the Bremhill Ward of Bremhill Parish Council. Bremhill Ward to continue to have five councillors.
3.2 That the area marked as E be transferred from Langley Burrell Without to Bremhill as part of the East Tytherton Ward of Bremhill Parish Council. East Tytherton Ward to continue to have three councillors.
3.3 That the area marked as F be transferred from Christian Malford to Bremhill as part of the Foxham Ward of Bremhill Parish Council. Foxham Ward to continue to have three councillors.
3.4 That the area marked as G be transferred from Bremhill to Langley Burrell Without. Langley Burrell Without to continue to have five councillors.
3.5 To request that the LGBCE amend the Kington, Calne North and Calne Rural Electoral Divisions to be coterminous with the proposed revised parish boundaries of Calne Without, Christian Malford, Bremhill, Langley Burrell Without and Calne Town

The properties along the A4 do not relate well to the Parish of Bremhill and will not be better served or represented by the proposed change. The properties are well served and represented by the existing Calne without parish which has shown itself to be effective in its governance of the wide range of semi urban and rural residents and their varied issues and concerns. A move to the proposed Derry Hill and Studley Parish would also not be considered an advantage as the dominance of the semi urban in the proposed parish will leave the rural ares less well represented and more isolated.
I largely agree the proposals with the exception of the proposed absorption of Black Dog Halt and the associated properties within Bremhill. To my mind the A4 is a sensible boundary at this point

and I would suggest the affected properties (two or three?) are either retained with the revised Derry Hill and Studley Parish or absorbed by Calne Town. • To amend the town boundary to follow the A3102 Beversbrook taking the land into Bremhill Parish Council – Not supported until such time a decision has been made about devolution of services. It is expected that this land would come forward to transfer to the Town Council. The changes do not support effective and convenient local governance and community identity.
Studley Bridge - I am opposed to Bremhill PC request to incorporate the 4 residential properties around Stanley Abbey Farm east of Studley Bridge in to Bremhill. My understanding is that the residents were not consulted by Bremhill before making the request and a majority wish to remain in Calne Without (DerryHill & Studley)as their affinity is with Studley not Bremhill. Bremhill's reasons for the change are very week, the fact that the buried remains of Stanley Abbey demolished around 500 years ago are split between Bremhill and Calne Without is surely not a valid reason to move the boundary. Neither is the fact that 2 properties at Old Abbey Farm are isolated from the rest of Bremhill by the River Marden and have to travel into Calne Without a valid reason to make the changes proposed. Indeed there is a much stronger case to encorporate these two properties into Calne Without rather than the other 4 into Bremhill. The Guidance on CGR's states that residents views should be paramount. None of the 6 houses affected appear to support a change in parish boundaries at this location therefore the only change in this area should be to include Rose Cottage and the bizarre very finger of of land into Bremhill. Land adjoining the A4 between Black Dog Hill and Calne. - I believe the land south of the A4 and north of the National Cycle route should be part of Calne Without (Derry Hill & Studley) There are a handful or residential properties which having called on all of them appear to wish to be part of Calne Without. This area would also fit well with calls to ensure all of the historic grounds of Bowood House to the south should be united within Derry Hill & Studley rather than split with Heddington. The residential properties immediately north of the A4 in this area which take access from the A4 should also be part of Calne Without as a number of residents have indicated to the parish councillors they believe they have a stronger affinity with Derry Hill & Studley.
support Ratford and Fishers Brooke area becoming part of Bremhill but I'm opposed the area adjoining the A4, and the houses near Stanley Abbey Farm being included in Bremhill unless there is strong support for this by the residents concerned

Recommendation 5 - Cherhill

5.1 That the area marked as J be transferred from Calne Without to Cherhill.
5.2 That the area marked as J be named Lower Compton and Calstone Wellington Ward, and to contain four councillors.
5.3 That Cherhill Parish Council comprise three wards (Cherhill, Yatesbury, Lower Compton and Calstone Wellington), and a total of Eleven councillors. Cherhill Ward would continue to contain five councillors. Yatesbury would continue to contain two councillors.

My proposed amendment is that cottages number 1 to 5 at Blacklands Crossroads together with the the cottages Wayside, Ivy House and Yew Tree Cottage, comprising the eastern part of Blackland be transferred from area J to area K. Identifiable features on the ground need to be specified as the boundary for this area. I appreciate that roads are the preferred boundaries but cartographical convenience is not one of the criteria. My proposed north boundary of the area to be transferred from J to K is the ditch/stream running west to east (final part of Blackland Street

to the west) while the east boundary is the hedge line at Yew Tree Cottage and the south boundary is the hedge line separating Barnetts Field from Lower Down, back to the C50 road. See areas shaded pink on the map below taken from OS Explorer Map 157.

My first proposed modification concerns Blackland. This hamlet is currently split between Middle Ward and East Ward. If Calne Without is broken up it will mean that Blackland will then be split between two parishes. I propose that the two halves are reunited in line with the old 1884 Blackland parish / tithing – map provided to Ashley O'Neill by email. This shows the old 1884 boundary and map 2 (map provided to Ashley O'Neill by email) my proposal as to where the new boundary should be drawn - (on map 2 my proposed boundary is in red, the current one in brown and Calne Without boundary is in blue). As you can see from map 1 Blackland has historical ties to Calstone, and these ties remain strong today. If Wiltshire Council decides to keep Calne Without together, I propose that Blackland joins East Ward. If they decide to split up the parish, I propose that Blackland and Calstone form a new Ward within Cherhill Parish Council. Map 3 (map provided to Ashley O'Neill by email) shows my proposed boundary for Blackland and Calstone ward. This leads me to the second proposed modification to recommendation 5 – There should be 4 wards within an enlarged Cherhill Parish – Cherhill, Yatesbury, Lower Compton and Blackland & Calstone. I think that this would best reflect the different character and identities of different parts of the parish. Lower Compton, for example, is a very different place to Calstone & Blackland. My third proposed modification is that the recommended number of councillors in each ward is changed to reflect the number of residents in that ward. In the current recommendation Cherhill and Yatesbury, with 610 electors, would have 7 councillors (2 Yatesbury and 5 Cherhill), but Calstone & Lower Compton, with 640 electors, would have only 4 councillors. To redress this balance, I propose that Yatesbury has 2, Cherhill has 5, Lower Compton has 4 and Blackland & Calstone has 2. I have canvassed opinion within Calstone (I have an email distribution list which covers over 95% of the residents) and admittedly fewer residents in Blackland. Everyone who has written to me expressed strong support for my proposals, except 1 Blackland resident who supports the idea of Blackland being reunited but would like it to be moved to Heddington Parish, as he sees Cherhill Parish as being suburban. Considering the comments above I propose that recommendation 5 is changed to say: 5.1 That the hamlet of Blackland is transferred to East Ward. The new western boundary is marked in red on the map 2 below. There would be no changes to the number of councillors in either East or Middle Wards. If Wiltshire Council decides to break-up Calne Without Parish, then the following 3 recommendations apply. 5.2 That the area marked as J, with the addition of Blackland as described in 5.1, be transferred from Calne Without to Cherhill. 5.3 Two new wards are created in Cherhill Parish Council. The area marked as “Lower Compton Ward” on map 3 to be so named and to contain four councillors. The area marked as “Blackland and Calstone Ward” to be so named and to contain 2 councillors. The red lines on map 3 show the western boundary of Blackand & Calstone ward, and the boundary between this ward and Lower Compton ward. 5.3 That Cherhill Parish Council comprise four wards (Cherhill, Yatesbury, Lower Compton and Calstone Wellington), and a total of thirteen councillors. Cherhill Ward would continue to contain five councillors. Yatesbury would continue to contain two councillors. Reasons: Paragraphs 73, 74, 80, 84 and 85 of the Guidance on Community Governance Reviews. I believe that moving East Ward, plus the whole of Blackland, to Cherhill Parish Council would be in the best interests of all the residents of these areas. We all utilise the same resources, for example most of the children of East Ward / Blackland go the Cherhill Primary School, they attend the very highly regarded Cherhill Scouts Group, they walk the footpaths over the downs, they use the Tommy Croker Memorial Playing Field, they cycle on the Sustrans 403 route, they are members of Cherhill Gardening Club, and, of course, many of us have watched the famous annual pantomimes! The residents of East Ward don’t, however, pay precept / grant funding towards supporting these resources. If the merger goes ahead Cherhill Parish Council will get roughly double the budget and

only have to support the emptying of 3 additional bins and the maintenance of 2 additional noticeboards in return. A proportion of the remaining CIL money from the Low Lane development (in East Ward) and Sun Edison solar farm (also in East Ward) grant funding would also be available to provide grants for activities within the enlarged Cherhill Parish Council. I think that rebalancing the number of councillors as I have suggested will enable Yatesbury, Calstone and Blackland to retain their distinctiveness, individuality, and influence within the new parish. It will give Lower Compton a clearer voice the address the unique issues it has within the parish related to the character of the area and its proximity to Hill's. It will also give Cherhill the largest number of councillors in recognition of its size and importance as the heart of the parish.

Agree with CWPC's comments supporting residents that would like to see the whole of Blacklands be part of Cherhill. Also support the redistribution of council seats to achieve better electoral equality.

I thought that I would let you know that I will propose 4 modifications to recommendation 5, concerning Calstone and Lower Compton moving to Cherhill, at the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting tomorrow.

Recommendation 5 currently says:

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Considering the comments above I propose that recommendation 5 is changed to say:

5.1 That the hamlet of Blackland is transferred to East Ward. The new western boundary is marked in red on the map 2 below. There would be no changes to the number of councillors in either East or Middle Wards.

If Wiltshire Council decides to break-up Calne Without Parish, then the following 3 recommendations apply.

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We will hopefully get the chance to discuss these proposals at the meeting, but I would be happy to answer any questions in advance.

Recommendation 6 - Heddington

6.1 That the area marked as K be transferred from Calne Without to Heddington as a new 'Heddington Without' Ward of Heddington Parish Council. The ward to have two parish councillors.
6.2 The remaining part of the parish would be called 'Heddington Ward', with seven parish councillors. That the parish of Heddington therefore be increased to a total of nine councillors.

That Rookery Farm not become part of Heddington Parish as it is not connected in any direct way with that area if the Cherhill View development becomes part of Calne Town
Agree with CWPC's comments supporting Lord Lansdowne and Bowood Estates desire to see the whole of the historic Bowood House estate within the singe parish of Derry Hill & Studley rather than split between DH&S and Heddington PC. The new boundary should only include Bowood land with the residential properties in Mile Elm remaining becoming part of Heddington as originally proposed.
include all of the Bowood House Estate in Derry Hill & Studley rather than Heddington.
The Parish Councillors discussed the proposed changes again at tonight's extraordinary meeting. They would like to make a change to the plan in Geoff's email below to acknowledge the close relationship between Heddington and Stockley. All 7 Councillors voted in favour of a single Parish Council retaining the name Heddington Parish Council made up of two Wards: Heddington (made up of 7 Councillors) and Stockley (made up of 2 Councillors). This is all subject to formal debate at consultation stage.

Recommendation 7 - Derry Hill and Studley

7.1 That subject to Recommendations 2-6, that the area shown in the map below, being the remaining part of Calne Without parish, be renamed from Calne Without to Derry Hill and Studley.
7.2 That the area marked as L be transferred from the parish of Bromham to the renamed parish of Derry Hill and Studley.
7.3 That the renamed parish of Derry Hill and Studley be unwarded with nine councillors.
7.4 To request that the LGBCE amend the Calne South and Calne Rural Divisions to be coterminous with the proposed revised boundaries of the renamed parish of Derry Hill and Studley.

At the public meeting in Calne Town Hall a couple of days ago, I proposed that recommendation 5 in the Community Governance Review, the one stating that Calstone and Lower Compton should move to Cherhill, should be changed to include Blackland. (David & Pauline this will be new to you – Jurgen and Rob were both at the meeting). My reasoning for this is that currently Blackland is split between Middle and East Wards – the boundary runs down the Quemerford / Devizes road. I suggested that the governance review should address this issue and treat Blackland as one hamlet. Historically, and currently, Blackland has very close ties with Calstone and so it makes sense to me that a joined up Blackland should move with Calstone to Cherhill. I know that several of you are vehemently opposed to Calne Without being broken up, but I would like you to consider that joining the two halves of Blackland would make sense whatever happens.

If Calne Without were to stay intact the west part of Blackland could join the east part in East Ward. I hope that this makes sense.
With respect to the boundary of what I think should move, I believe we should go back to the boundary of the old Blackland parish / tithing – see below. You will notice that Blackland used to cover a lot of Calstone, including my house! If would makes sense for the boundary line in the top left to follow the boundary of Blackland House. My proposal for the boundary is shown in red below. The current Middle / East ward boundary is shown in brown, with the Calne Without Parish boundary in blue.
I plan to raise this proposal at our Extraordinary Parish Council meeting next Wednesday. As always, I am happy to discuss any aspect of this suggest in advance. [maps within email]

Recommendation 8 Malmesbury

8.1 That the area marked as M be transferred from St Paul Malmesbury Without to Malmesbury Town. This would be named the Burton Hill and Cowbridge Ward and contain 2 councillors.
8.2 That the area marked as N be transferred from St Paul Malmesbury Without to Malmesbury Town as part of the Malmesbury North Ward (see 8.3).
8.3 That Malmesbury Town Council contain a total of 19 councillors in the following wards as shown in the map below: Backbridge Ward (two councillors), Malmesbury North Ward (six councillors), Malmesbury South (two councillors), Malmesbury West (seven councillors), Burton Hill and Cowbridge (two councillors).
8.4 That the area marked as O be transferred from St Paul Malmesbury to the parish of Charlton. Charlton to be increased to Eleven parish councillors.
8.5 That the area marked as P be transferred from St Paul Malmesbury to the parish of Brokenborough.
8.6 The parish of St Paul Malmesbury Without to be unwarded, with Twelve Councillors.
8.7 To request that the LGBCE amend the Malmesbury, Sherston and Brinkworth Divisions as shown in the map included.

Whilst I am in strong agreement with recommendations 8.4 and 8.7, I would like to see the new parish council named: Charlton and Milbourne. This would help preserve Milbourne's identity. It also has precedent with the neighbouring parish being called Lea and Cleverton Parish. Additionally, I believe the Charlton and Milbourne villages should be warded with the number of councillors apportioned to the relative populations of the two villages.

I would recommend that instead of the area including Milbourne being transferred to Charlton, it would make more sense for the area to be transferred to the Parish of Lea and Cleverton. I believe that there is a greater link in terms of services and connection between Milbourne and Lea than between Milbourne and Charlton. Lea has a pub and a school, to which a number of Milbourne children attend, and is marginally closer to Milbourne. I gather that the residents of Milbourne identify more closely with Lea than Charlton and if they had an alternative choice they would be more willing to transfer to Lea than Charlton. The parish of Charlton is large on a map but the actual settlement of Charlton is small with parts spread out along the B4040. The interests of the parishioners of Charlton are different to those in Milbourne - Charlton is a thoroughfare - the B4040 is an issue regularly discussed on the PC (Milbourne is not on a major road - our interests will be different). Also, will the parishioners of Milbourne really be properly represented with just 2 extra councillors on the PC of the merged areas? It will not be a recipe for "Effective" local governance. Milbourne has almost as many parishioners as Charlton. Over time I suspect they will want a greater say on parish matters; so Charlton will have a lesser say over Charlton-related

matters and presumably there will be less money available for Charlton-based projects out of the precept each year - we'll have to share it with Milbourne and quite possibly vice-versa. I cannot see (yet) any real benefit to either areas from merging.
MSPWC is currently giggled piggledy geographically and the redistribution of all but Corston and Rodbourne makes sense. However, that leaves a councillor heavy rump (C&R). I suggest that could be amalgamated with a successful adjacent PC like Hullavington
1) There has been little evidence articulated that bringing Burton Hill and Cowbridge into the town would necessarily improve governance. On that basis, it is hard to agree with the whole proposal in its current form. 2) Area N has clearly already been the source of some confusion with respect to governance, but is it really an identifiable part of the town itself ? That said, it does provide employment and services for the town so, on balance, there is some logic in combining it. 3) In terms of identity, the part of Swindon Road leading out of town prior to Cowbridge is not heavily built up, but doesn't have any of its own facilities or any particular sense of cohesive community. However, the main issues affecting it are the B4042 and new housing developments happening / proposed on both north and south sides; it is not at all clear that the town itself would address and manage those issues more effectively than St Pauls Without, so I am against incorporation into the town for that specific area, as I am for the new Cowbridge Mill area. 4) The PCT and new housing around Burton Hill are much more closely aligned with the town, and so I would agree with the proposal there.
I suggest that the Milbourne part of area O should be added to Lea and Cleverton parish, and the remainder of area O be added to Charlton. Rationale: The only centre of population and facilities in the current Charlton parish is Charlton Village, the remainder being very rural, essentially farms and isolated residential properties. The proposal, by adding the hamlet of Hankerton, almost doubles the number of parishioners, and so radically changes the nature of the parish. For example, how are the residents of Hankerton going to feel about contributing to support of Charlton Village Hall? To my knowledge (and I've been in Charlton more than 40 years) Hankerton residents do not use our hall on any regular basis. The proposal will thus make the job of the parish councillors fraught with difficulties. (Note, I am not, and never have been on the parish council, but know several people who are on it.) Lea and Cleverton parish already includes Cleverton and Garsdon hamlets, and so the concerns of the Parish Council are already more widespread. The addition of Hankerton to this parish thus seems less disruptive to all concerned.
Suggested amendment: 1. I suggest that the boundary of Malmesbury Town be moved to run along the West side of the A429 from Burton Hill to the Garden Centre/Aldi roundabout and then along the South side of the B4014 Filands Road (as now). This would follow the natural visual and physical break. If exceptions need to be made for the Aldi site (N) and the Primary Health Centre site, that would not invalidate this general arrangement. SPMW parish would lose some areas to the south of Malmesbury and to the West of the A429 but it would retain the houses to the East of the Priory roundabout to Cowbridge. 2. This would enable the North part of St Paul Malmesbury Without to remain as part of that parish so that Millbourne is allowed to retain its identity within SPMW. In other words, that 8.4 is not implemented. 3. I have no strong feelings about recommendations 8.3, 8.5 and 8.6. Implicitly, I disagree with Recommendation 8.7

Revisions to the Committee's proposals from St Paul Malmesbury Without

1) In SPMW's critique of the committee's recommendations its belief is made clear that there should be a boundary between the more built up area of North Burton Hill and the more rural one of South Burton Hill. In the accompanying map to this note the boundary is shown so as to include the Malmesbury and District Primary Care Centre within the Town while the area to the south of that line would stay in SPMW. The argument in favour of this is that the part remaining in SPMW has open fields behind it and often in front of it. Moreover the residents have expressed their wish in some numbers to remain in SPMW. It should be recognised that boundaries exist between local government areas throughout the country where there is no apparent change in their nature. In this case there is a clear if gradual change from the houses with fields around them in the south and the more built up area in the north.

2) We accept that Arches Lane forms a useful boundary and therefore agree that the area to the north of it should be included in Malmesbury with the line then running down past Daniel's Well to the Truckle Bridge; the boundary going west would remain as now.

3) SPMW sees a clear distinction between parts of Swindon Road. The area around Cowbridge has open fields to the front and rear. The committee's view that there is little or no difference in the characteristics of this area and the town itself does appear at odds with the visual evidence. SPMW would suggest that there is only a real discernible change in character when the top of the hill is reached around the area of The Knoll and has drawn the boundary accordingly. SPMW again points out that there are many instances throughout the country where a boundary crosses fully urban areas. What this Council is suggesting is a line between a mainly, but not wholly built up area, and an area which has open fields around it. There is a good sense of community cohesion although given that the final phase of the Cowbridge Mill development was only completed less that 7 years ago, it is not surprising that it has not quite yet reached the stage of that in Milbourne. However, there is an active Management Company run by Directors, all of which are owners of properties on the development. Newsletters have been circulated with information disseminated to residents. The sense of cohesion is enhanced by one of the members of the parish council, who lives on the development and works in regular and close liaison with the directors of the Management Company, thus ensuring a link into the governance of the parish. Finally, there is an active Facebook Group that further enhances the sense of community.

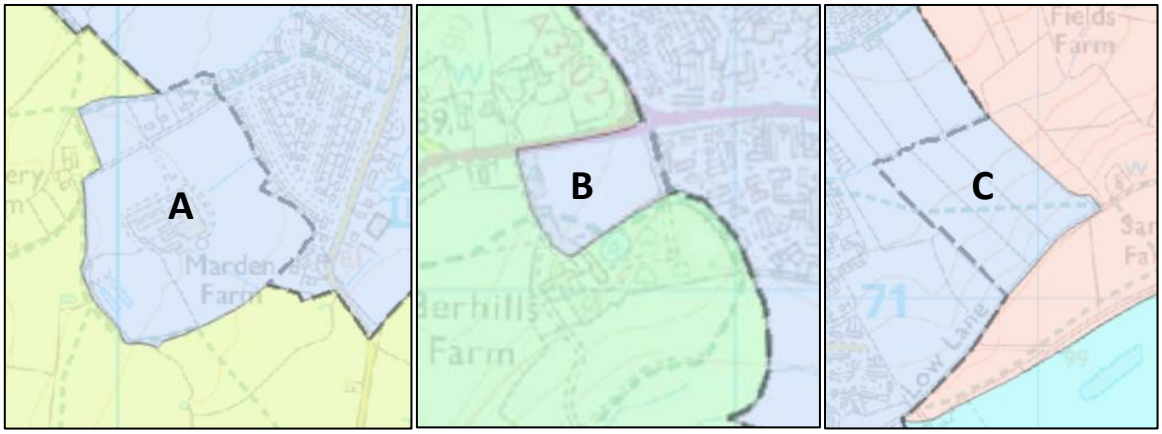
4) SPMW strongly believes that the Milbourne area and the rural area to the north of Filands should remain within its boundaries. There is no evidence to suggest that its inclusion within SPMW does not work. The councillors from there are effective in representing the interests of the residents and work well with other councillors in providing efficient and effective governance. The interests and identity of the residents of Milbourne have proven to be close to those of residents of other parts of the Parish. There is a strong sense of community cohesion and belonging. Although there is no school, church or public house, there are strong connections between residents which have been established over many years. Latterly, there has been a village garden party attended by over 100 residents and a similar turnout is expected for a celebration of the Queen's Jubilee next month. The sense of cohesion is fostered by active WhatsApp and Facebook Groups, a toad crossing rescue team, community litter picking, a speed watch team, village outings to play skittles, a phone box library and in addition there is a regular email newsletter circulated. There is a general sense of co-operation and mutual support which bodes well for the future.

5) SPMW is unaware of the reasons for the industrial area to the east of the town being moved out its area as set out in its critique of the committee's proposals. It therefore suggests that it be retained within the boundaries of the Parish.

6) SPMW rejects as fundamentally flawed the committee's sweeping generalisation that the residents of parts of its existing area have identities and interests more aligned to the Town than the Parish. It has pointed out that some residents of the town will have similar identities and interests to those living in say Corston and Milbourne. Given that it is difficult and wrong to make dogmatic assertions on this criterion, the committee should have looked at whether efficient and effective governance is provided by SPMW. It will have seen from the earlier survey responses that many residents have expressed their satisfaction with its record. SPMW would also point out that efficiency implies value for money and there seems to be satisfaction with SPMW on this. In drawing its proposed boundaries SPMW has tried to recognise that there is merit in including some areas within the Town while preserving the bulk of the area in the Parish as a recognition of what seem to be the wishes of residents and preserving a governance area that works.

Summary of responses from people within areas proposed to be transferred for Calne and surrounding parishes:

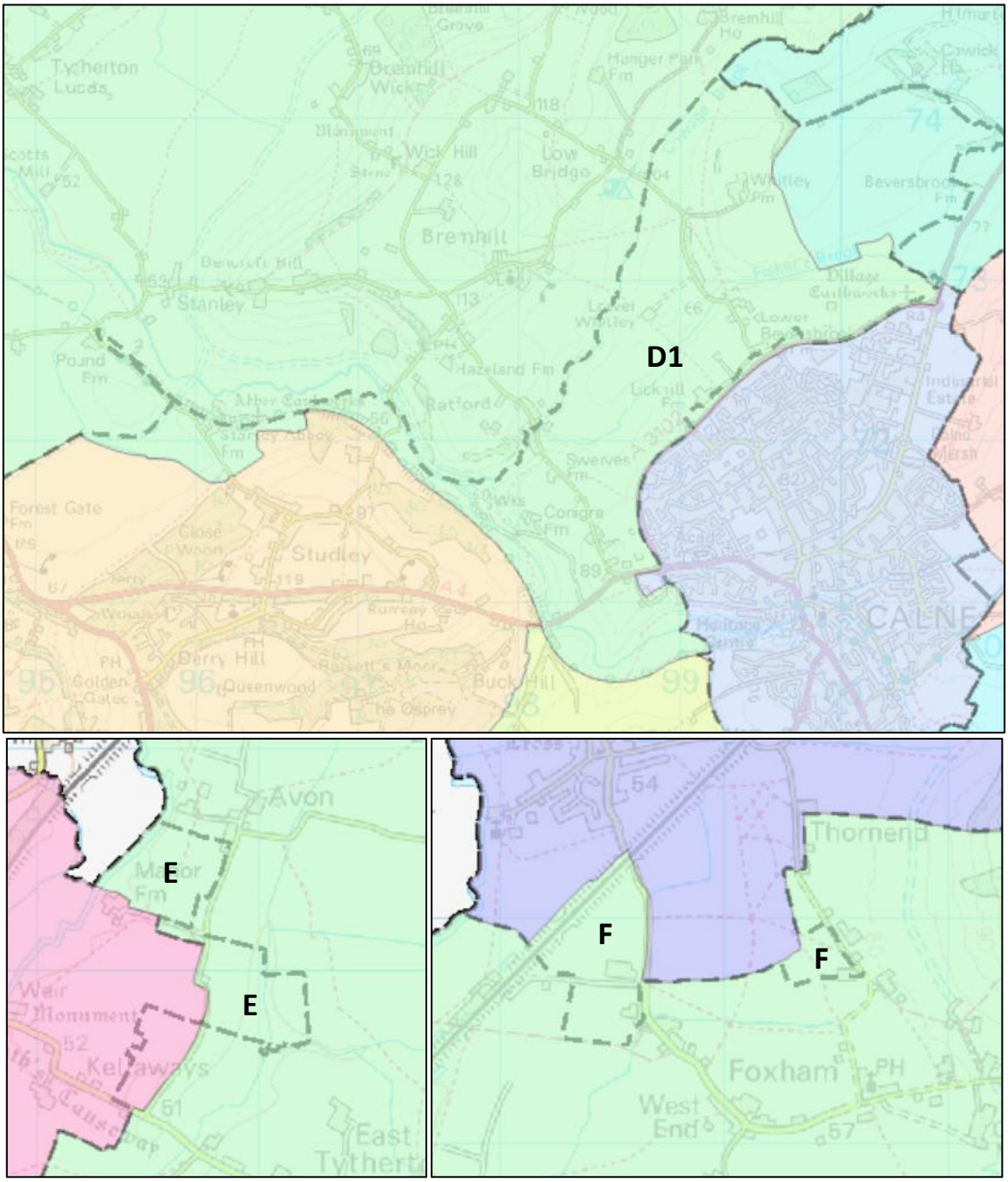
Recommendation 2 - Calne Town



Responses from those in the section of Calne Without proposed to become part of Calne Town

Agree	Disagree	Suggested Amended Proposal
4	11	1

Recommendation 3 – Bremhill



Responses from those in the part of Calne Without proposed to become part of Bremhill

Agree	Disagree	Suggested Amended Proposal
4	1	1

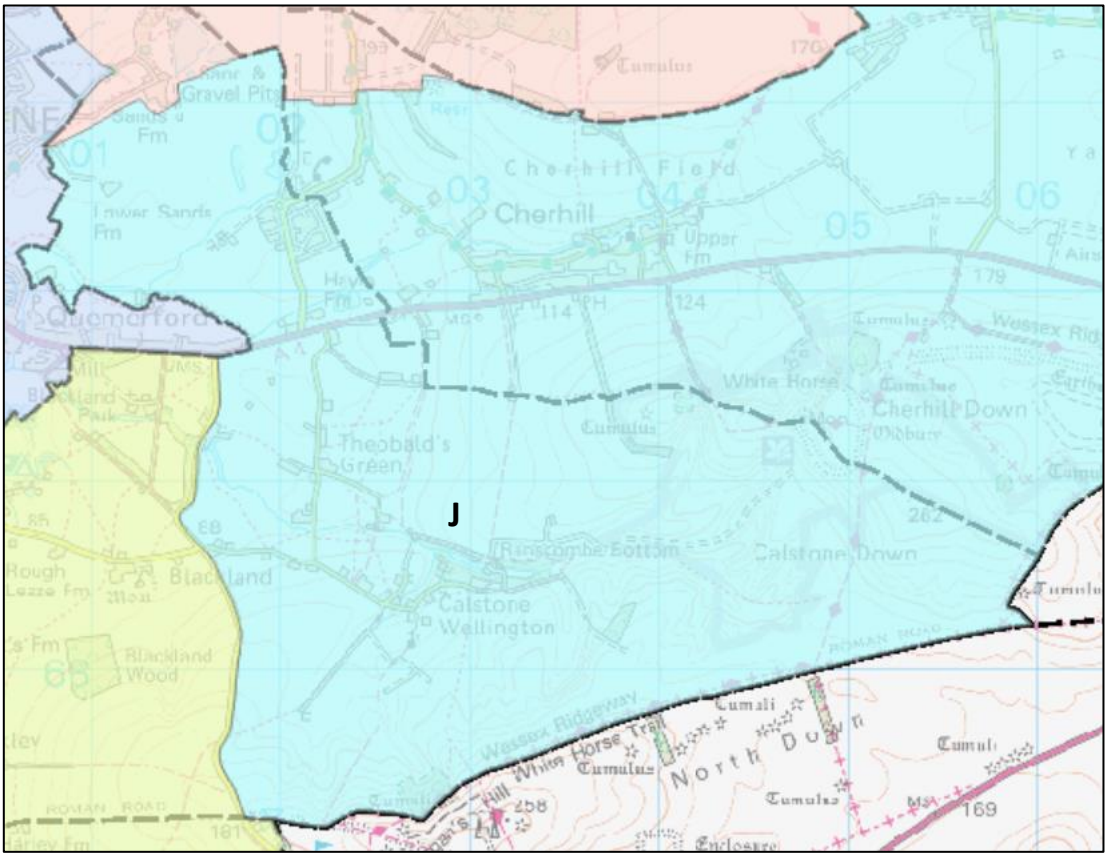
Responses from those in the part of Langley Burrell Without proposed to become part of Bremhill

Agree	Disagree	Suggested Amended Proposal
1	0	0

Responses from those in the part of Christian Malford proposed to become part of Bremhill

Agree	Disagree	Suggested Amended Proposal
2	0	0

Recommendation 5 - Cherhill



Responses from those in the section of Calne Without proposed to become part of Cherhill

Agree	Disagree	Suggested Amended Proposal
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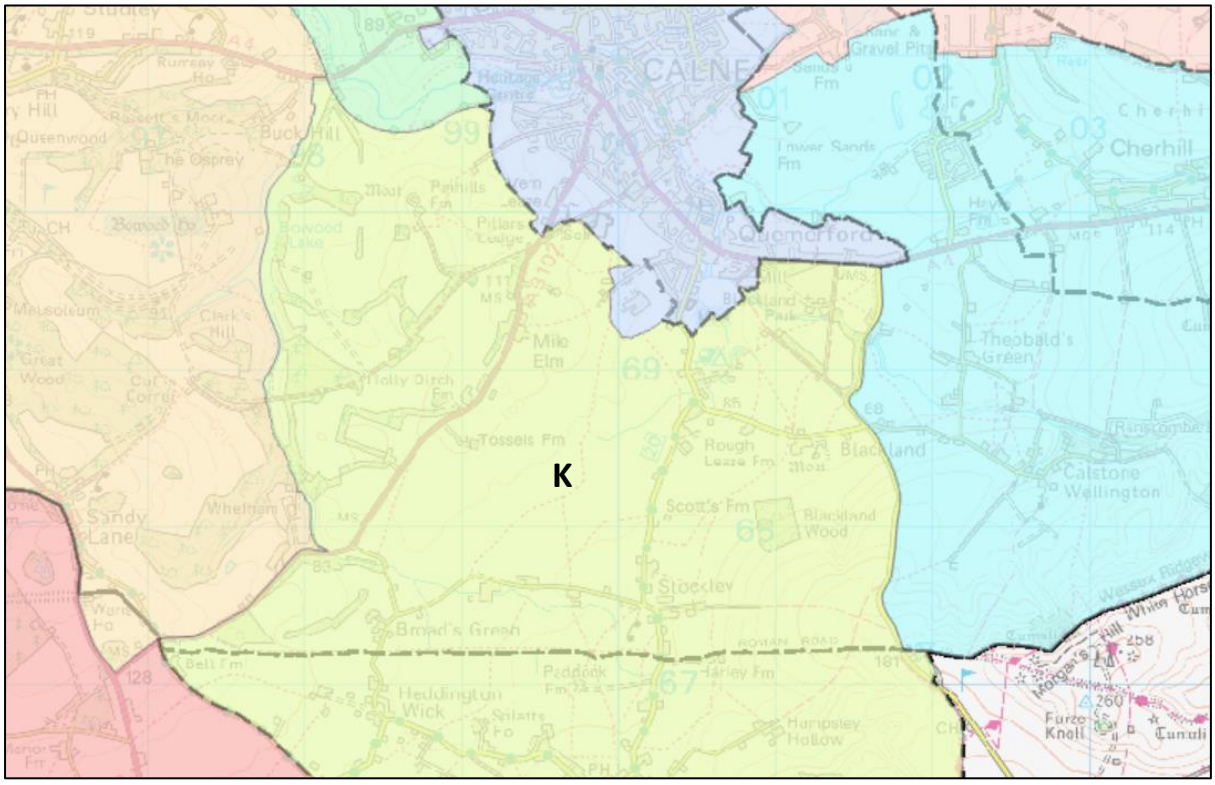
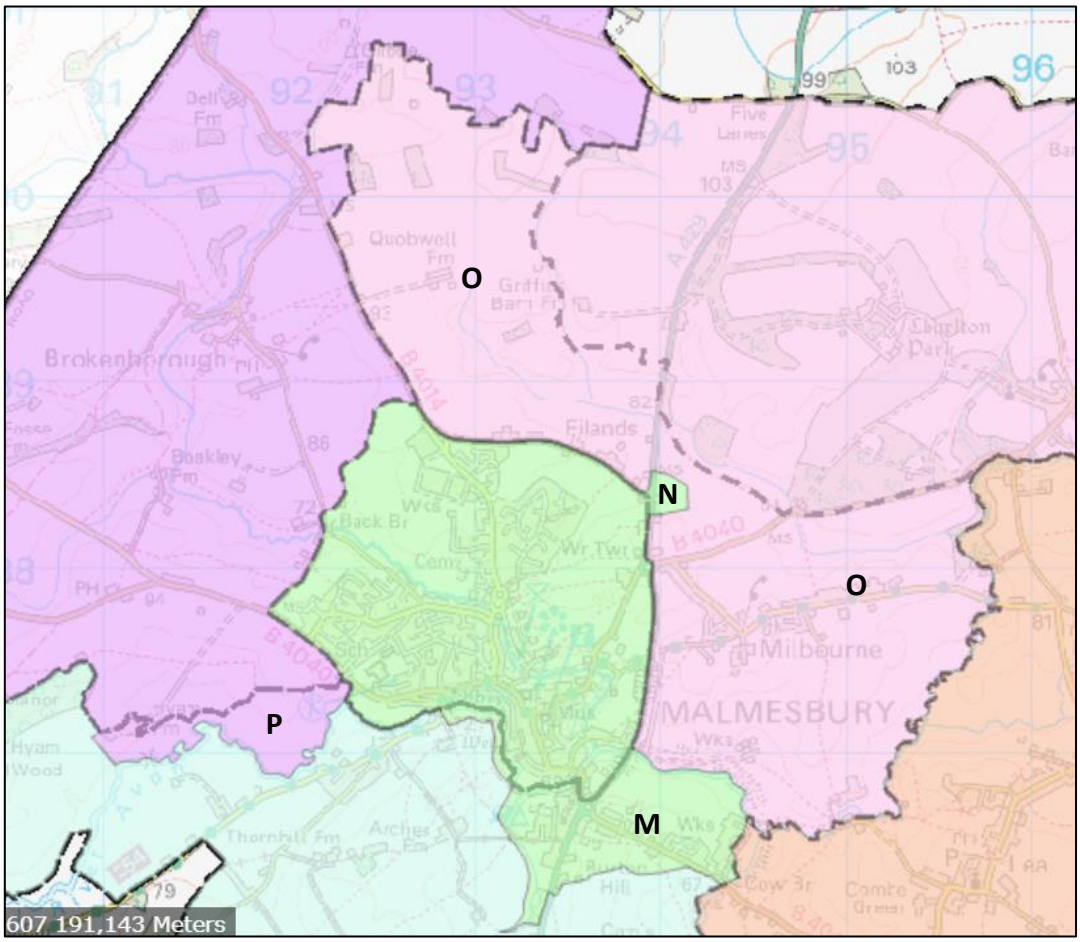
Recommendation 6 – Heddington



Responses from those in the section of Calne Without proposed to become part of Heddington

Agree	Disagree	Suggested Amended Proposal
2	0	1

Malmesbury Area Summary:



	Agree	Disagree	Suggested Amended Proposal
Town of Malmesbury	23	2	0
Charlton	1	8	2
Cowbridge	4	18	1
Burton Hill	2	21	1
Milbourne	0	33	1
Corston	1	11	1
Rodbourne	0	5	0
Lea and Cleverton	2	1	0
Foxley Road	1	9	0
Burton Hill Manor	0	1	0
Anson Place	1	0	0
Other	1	1	1
Total	**36**	**110**	**7**

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