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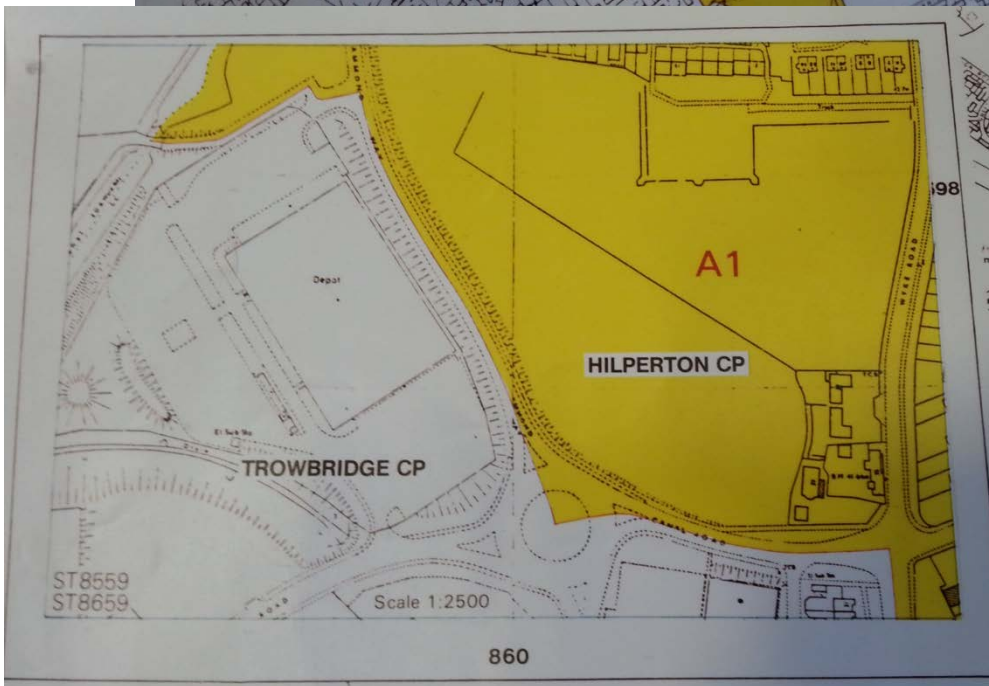
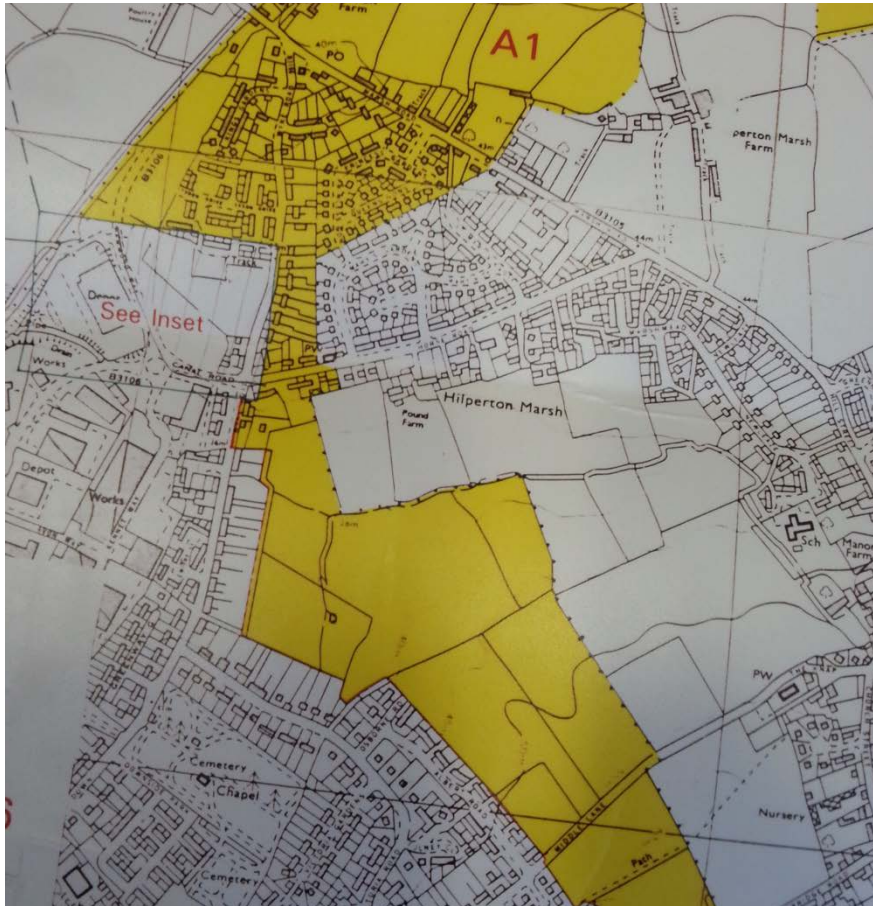
Area A3 and A4 - Trowbridge and Surrounding Parishes

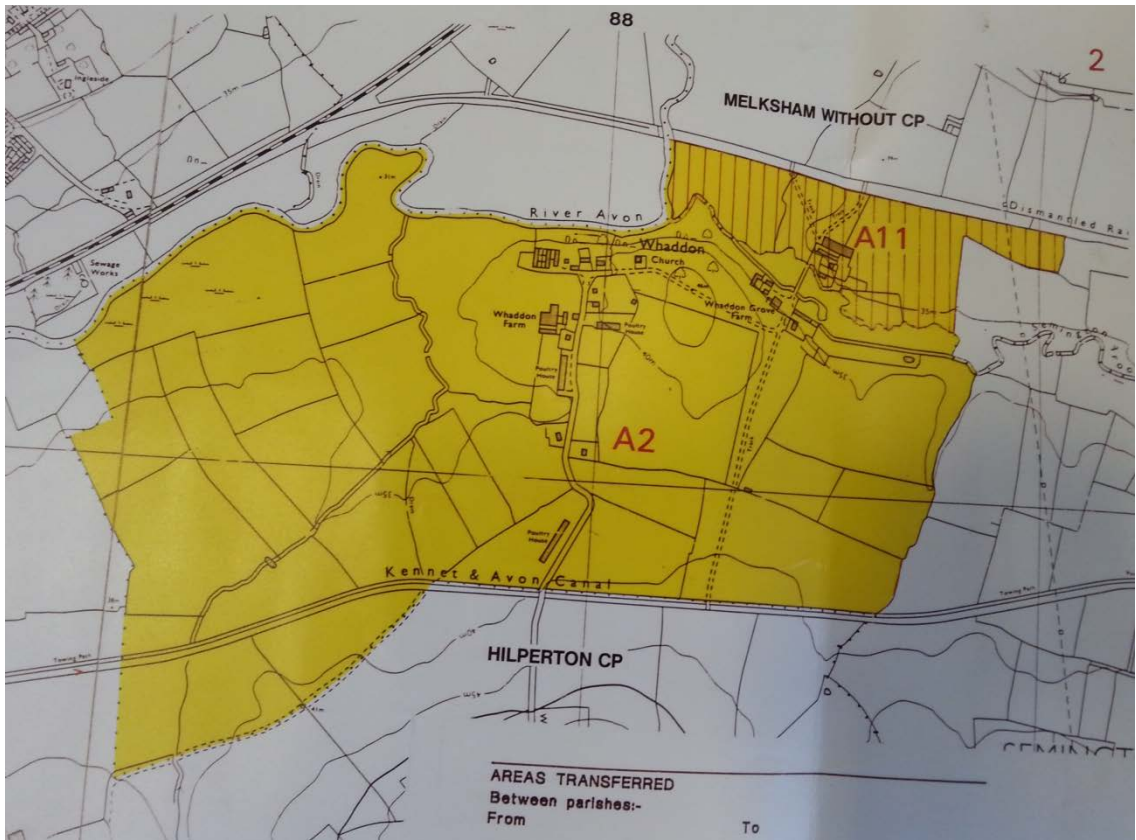
Letters and other documents

No	From	Date
1	1991 Parish Boundary Order West Wiltshire supplied by Trowbridge TC	1991
2	151001 Letter Sports Facilities Trowbridge Tigers FC	
3	151001 Letter Sports Facilities wasp 12 October 2015	12/10/15
4	151001 Letter Sports Facilities wasp	
5	151012 letter Sports Facilities headed paper Bath Lacrosse Club 12 Oct 15	12/10/15
6	Avon Valley Runners Community Governance Review	
7	Hilperton Parish Council - CGR 20 October 2015	20/10/15
8	Hilperton PC additional comments 30 July 2014	30/7/14
9	Hilperton PC Governance Review 28 July 2014	28/7/14
10	Letter from Ms Julie Baptista 14 October 2015	14/10/15
11	LETTER TO COUNCIL Natalie Hardy 12 October	12/10/15
12	North Bradley PC Letter to Eric Pickles Sept 14 final submission	24/9/14
13	PCLG Governance Review 060211 6 February 2011	6/2/11
14	Trowbridge Public Meeting Minutes - 13 October 2015	13/10/15
15	Trowbridge Rangers FC letter	
16	Trowbridge TC 4 November 2015a Response to Consultation CGR Trowbridge supplement Area3	4/11/15
17	Trowbridge TC 4 November 2015b Response to Consultation 4 November 2015	4/11/15
18	Trowbridge TC letter to residents Oct 2015	10/15
19	Trowbridge Town Council 101102 Governance Review Changes January 2011	
20	Trowbridge Town Council 140701 Updated report June 2014	6/2014
21	Trowbridge Town FC boundaries letter to cc for public meeting Oct 15	10/15
22	TTC 150923 Map Summary of Trowbridge Proposals _3_ _3_	23/9/15
23	TTC 150930 DISCOVER Trowbridge - a town council for all of the town _3_	30/9/15
24	West Ashton PC 2 October 2014 response to Trowbridge TC's proposals	2/10/14
25	Notes from Trowbridge CGR fact finding meeting 2 December 2014	2/12/14
26	Letter from Sport England 12 November 2015	12/11/15

Summary of e-mails received

No.	From	Date	For / Against
1	Ms T Mortimer	15/9/14	
2	Ms L Summerson	7/10/15	Supports TTC, inc W Ashton
3	Ms V Fahey	7/10/15	Supports TTC
4	Ms E Glover	8/10/15	Supports TTC, esp Paxcroft Brook
5	Mr J Ligo	9/10/15	Supports TTC
6	Mrs C Farnell	11/10/15	Supports TTC
7	Mr C Harris	12/10/15	
8	Mr K McCall	13/10/15	Finance queries
9	Mr and Mrs D Feather	26/10/15	Comment re consultation
10	Mr I Jamieson	7/11/15	Against TTC's Hilperton scheme only





Community Governance Review
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TROWBRIDGE
Wilts

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Yours sincerely

Tim Brown
Trowbridge Tigers FC



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12/10/2015

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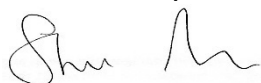
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Yours sincerely



Steve Boocock
CEO
Wiltshire and Swindon Sport

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Nik Roberts
4 Beatrice Way
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BA14 7TX
12th October 2015

Dear Councillor Wheeler

Bath Lacrosse Club has a long association with Trowbridge, and has an established Youth programme in the Town. Many of the players from the programme have gone on to play for Bath, their respective Universities, county and in one case internationally for Wales.

The Lacrosse programme provides just one of many activities for residents of the Trowbridge community. As the Development Office for Bath Lacrosse Club, I would like to express my support for the boundary proposals made by Trowbridge Town Council to the Community Governance Review in their entirety. It is clear to me, that the vast majority of the residents (both now and in the future), and therefore potential and current sports men and women in the highlighted areas, will look to Trowbridge as their natural administrative centre for common facilities, as well as social usage. The proposed boundary changes are more logical and will prevent future confusion, thus giving a better centralised council provision.

Trowbridge Town Council embraces the growth in the town's population and strives to develop services and facilities to cater for the extra population in the town. As well as improvements in the town centre, the town council has continued to support the provision of sport and active leisure facilities within the Trowbridge boundaries. Future investment will be jeopardised by the fractured nature of the current arrangement, the Town's identity, particularly on a sporting front is at risk.

Trowbridge Town Council has several projects underway:

- New sports pitches and outdoor leisure facilities at Devizes Road adjacent to the new Trowbridge Rugby Club
- A secure future for Woodmarsh football ground,
- Improved facilities in the Town Park,
- Negotiations with Wiltshire Council re control of Stallards and Seymour Recreation Grounds
- Development of a new health and well-being centre including indoor leisure facilities.

The neighbouring parish councils will not have a vested interest nor the capacity and resources to deliver these projects for Trowbridge.

Yours sincerely

N P Roberts, Bath Development Officer

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Yours sincerely,

Ian Isaacs
Honorary Secretary
Avon Valley Runners

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HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Area 3a – Wyke Road

Hilperton Parish Council supports the suggestion of the CGR working group that the residents of these houses should choose which civil parish they reside in. The Parish Council would be happy for the 'transfer in' of the Trowbridge residents if no decisive decision can be reached by the residents themselves. The Parish Council feels that having all the houses in Hilperton would reflect the identity and interests of the community in that area and would, in addition, be effective and convenient.

Area 3b – Hilperton Gap

Neither the Parish Council nor the Town Council proposals were displayed at the meeting earlier this month. The Parish Council is led to believe that neither proposal is being taken forward by the working group and so the 'land grab' by the Town Council for greenfield land, with no designation for development, will fall. Hilperton Parish Council is content if this is correct and the *status quo* will prevail for this area of land.

Area 3c – Paxcroft Mead south of Hilperton Drive/Halfway Close and brook

Trowbridge Town Council Proposal

The Parish Council was surprised to see the Town Council suggestion for this area used in the presentation at County Hall, as the Parish Council understood that the working group had made a decision that the land to the east of Leapgate was not being taken forward; a decision the Parish Council would agree with as this is, basically, another greenfield 'land grab' (the 'cricket square' and surrounding open space) which would rip the heart out of the south of the parish. Only about thirty properties are in the area but it also contains one of the two Hilperton primary schools, the Community Centre (the Parish Council is the custodian trustee), all the shops in the Local Centre (including the local branch of Budgens, a fish and chip shop and a Chinese takeaway) and one of the three pubs in the parish (the Red Admiral).

The wish of the Town Council to seize the housing in the Painters Mead area is covered below.

Hilperton Parish Council Proposal

The realignment of part of the Hilperton/Trowbridge boundary follows distinct physical features and, as demonstrated at the Trowbridge CGR meeting, meets with approval from the residents who firmly see themselves as residents of Hilperton.

In the FAQ paper supplied by Wiltshire Council, it states 'Therefore any changes made by a CGR **must** (our emphasis) improve communities and local democracy'.

Not 'maintain' but 'improve'. How would transferring these houses to Trowbridge meet this objective?

Bearing this statement in mind, the Parish Council would like to suggest that the proposed boundary suggested by it last year should be revised to more closely follow the fence line of the properties in Halfway Close/Hilperton Road so that all the open space to the north of Faverolle Way remains in Hilperton. It would also suggest that the boundary line should remain 'as is' in the area of Walmesley Chase/Montague Court.

Other Comments relating to area 3c

At the recent Salisbury CGR meeting an item was discussed – at great length – as under:-

“Suggestions were received for the Hampton Park and Bishopdown Farm areas of Salisbury city, and Laverstock and Ford Parish. The two schemes seek to move properties into one parish or the other, hence the current consultation on the two proposals”.

Hilperton Parish Council understood that a similar scheme was under consideration for the Painters Mead area of Paxcroft Mead as shown by the powerpoint at the Trowbridge CGR meeting referring to proposals relating to '200 – 600 + properties being presented completely neutrally'; the idea being that the 600 houses would move either all into Trowbridge or all into Hilperton.

Is this proposal no longer under consideration? If not, why not? It would represent a consistent approach across the county.

Marylyn Timms
Clerk to Hilperton Parish Council
20th October, 2015

“Following my e-mail which I sent yesterday regarding the Community Governance Review, I thought it might assist you if – on behalf of Hilperton Parish Council – I gave a little more information.

The figures involved for option Area ‘A’ are that Hilperton would lose approximately 31 properties (Halfway Close 4 ; Hilperton Road 5; Montague Court 2; Moyle Park 15; and Walmesley Chase 5). Areas ‘A’ and ‘B’ together would see the parish acquire about 105 properties gross (or 74 nett if you allow for the losses). Some would be from Trowbridge Adcroft Division and some from Trowbridge Paxcroft.

Neither of these changes would lead to an unacceptable variation from the ideal Wiltshire Council division size/numbers.

The rationale for moving the boundary as we have suggested is to follow more closely the guidance that boundaries are better if they follow a clearly defined physical visual point such as a stream or a road. The Parish Council fails to see how Trowbridge parish can be extended to the east using the line of a non-existent road which might never be constructed.

The Parish Council would like to emphasise that many non-Hilperton residents use facilities funded by the Parish Council, but we accept that this is balanced by Hilperton residents using the facilities of other parishes.”

I am afraid I do not have an electronic copy of this e-mail but I have hard copies.

So could this information, please, be added to our submission.

Many thanks,

Marylyn Timms
Clerk to Hilperton Parish Council

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HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE REVIEW, 2014

Area 'A'

Hilperton Parish Council suggests moving the parish boundary between Ashton Road and Leapgate to the centre of Paxcroft Brook, then have it turn right along Leapgate before turning left at the first Painter's Mead turning. It would then follow the centre of Painter's Mead until after Corbin Road, when it would follow the cycle/footpath on the left, looping around the back of Faverolle Way and Castley Road to join Hilperton Road at the pedestrian crossing. The boundary would then continue north as now.

Area 'B'

After passing along the part of the Hilperton Gap adjacent to Fieldways Hotel, the boundary would turn left along Middle Lane for a few yards, then go right along the middle of Albert Road, left along the centre of Osborne Road, right along the middle of Victoria Road and then right along the middle of Wyke Road to join the current boundary near the Wyke Road/Horse Road junction.

Marylyn Timms
Clerk to Hilperton Parish Council
28th July, 2014

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For the last 9 years I have lived in Trowbridge. Previously I have lived in towns, both Calne and Chippenham, small villages and for 6 years in a new edge of town development namely Staverton Marina.

Some of the people who live on the Paxcroft Mead estate may technically be living in Hilperton Parish, at the moment, but they do not live in Hilperton nor do they live in a village. To my mind they live in an edge of town, new development. This does not prevent them from having community spirit but that community is not a traditional village community and never will be.

Similarly the people who live on the new Home Farm development, plus the 2,500 houses still to be built will always live closer to Trowbridge than West Ashton. Indeed the village community of West Ashton would be seriously changed and affected by such a large development in their Parish. Wiltshire Council would be wise to look to the future and take this opportunity to redefine this boundary now and ensure total clarity for all new residents moving in, as the additional houses are built.

It is a ludicrous situation which splits a street in half and / or separates a few houses from the rest of their neighbours. It is little wonder to me that individuals are reduced to arguing about 'dog poo bins' when Wiltshire Councillors are reluctant to see the bigger picture and make sometimes difficult but ultimately sensible decisions.

Several times it was mentioned that Trowbridge Town Council was 'looking to land grab'. What I heard at the meeting was that Trowbridge Town Council was looking to the future, not just for town residents, such as me, but also for all of those who live in the surrounding parishes. Trowbridge Town Council is looking to continue to build on and improve the changes already made and / or which are underway in Trowbridge.

- The Civic Centre development and the services provided by the Trowbridge Information Centre
- The Odeon development
- The development of the old Peter Black site
- The improvements made to the Trowbridge Museum
- The re-opening of The Town Hall as a viable venue
- The proposed sports development to complement the new Rugby Club
- Trowbridge town park, Biss Meadow, The Sensory Garden

These are just some of the things which Trowbridge Town Council have supported, been solely responsible for or strong partners with Wiltshire Council to ensure their success.

All of these facilities are open to and available to residents of our neighbouring parishes. Indeed Trowbridge residents are extremely generous in sharing our resources to ensure a strong and effective community area.

Trowbridge Town Council is the organisation best placed with staff already in post, experience and resources to ensure continued improvement and enhancements to our County Town.

Boundary changes do not change where you live, your home will still be in the same place nor do they change the community you live in.

If we can no longer rely on older, traditional boundaries such as field boundaries and hedgerows then we must look to the future and use other obvious landscaping such as roads or rivers and streams.

Therefore I would propose that the Hilperton / Trowbridge boundary should be set as the A361. Similarly the West Ashton / Trowbridge boundary should be set as the A350. Any roads or housing developments which are split should move into Trowbridge where they will get better provision of services and, I am sure, a speedy response to their requests for 'dog poo bins',

Julie Baptista
Oldbrick Fields
Trowbridge

Natalie Hardy
32 Clarendon Avenue
Trowbridge
Wiltshire
BA14 7BN

12th October 2015

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As the representative of Fitz Netball club providing activities for residents of the Trowbridge community, we would like to express our support for all of the proposals made by Trowbridge Town Council to the Community Governance Review. It is clear that Trowbridge needs one town council for all of the town and that the proposals for changes to the town boundary made by Trowbridge Town Council will achieve this.

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Yours sincerely

Natalie Hardy

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NORTH BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL

INCORPORATING

NORTH BRADLEY, BROKERSWOOD AND YARNBROOK

Coasters
5 Chapel Close
Southwick
Trowbridge
Wiltshire
BA14 9RY

24th September 2014

Eric Pickles MP
Houses of Parliament
Westminster

Dear Sir

Governance Review, Wiltshire

I am writing on behalf of the Parish Council of North Bradley, regarding the proposed boundary changes that are being proposed by Wiltshire Council as part of the Governance Review.

The Parish of North Bradley is situated approximately four miles outside of Trowbridge, the county town of Wiltshire and the Governance Review is being carried out by Trowbridge Town Council.

We have 666 properties and our precept for 2014/15 is £14.27 per property giving a total fund for the year of £9,882.00p. There is a large development of 2,600 properties, including business premises and a school being undertaken on the outskirts of West Ashton, the next village to North Bradley. A portion of the development will come within the boundary of North Bradley Parish.

The Governance Review shows that Trowbridge Town Council are proposing to extend the boundary to take the area on which the new development is proposed and more, including existing properties at present within the Parish of North Bradley.

The premise of Trowbridge Town Council's argument is that the effect on the electorate numbers is minimal and completely ignores that the Parish Council loses out and only Trowbridge Town Council gains. There is no balance or benefit for the Parish, any reduction will severely impact on the viability of North Bradley Parish Council with the strong possibility that the precept could reduce by up to half and therefore the Precept income would be just sufficient to pay for a Parish Clerk. This would mean that there is a strong possibility Parishes such as North Bradley will find themselves having to ask their local Council to subsidise them as their property base has been eroded and there is insufficient money from the precept for the parish purse.

We also question that the proposed review/changes are premature. The 2,600 houses being built in West Ashton are likely to generate twice the number of voters and inevitably will need to establish a ward in its own right.

Whilst we understand that Wiltshire Council have the power to affect change with such reviews, taking into account population changes and the need for re-defined boundaries, it is also essential that they take into account the wishes of local inhabitants and the affect that such changes will have on village areas. With the eroding of the Parish boundary, it does lead us to fear that, Wiltshire Council could decide that North Bradley is too small to function on its own and join it with one of the other villages in the area or bring the village under the umbrella of Trowbridge town. It is already felt that Trowbridge Town Council have very little concern for the local villages, are lax in the managing of Parish needs and have no thought on the negative effect on rural and village life the proposed changes will make.

It is only a short time ago that in 2010 David Cameron championed giving more power to local communities and you were made Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in May 2010. A large amount of time, effort, expertise, organisation and money was spent on this idea, which was not only greatly welcomed but also felt to be of a great benefit to communities. I am sure North Bradley Parish Council were not the only ones who believed that these changes allowed communities to be able to help themselves, being the ones on the ground that knew what their community required and work along with local Councils to get the best for all concerned. We do not believe the changes were made so Trowbridge Town Council can hive off areas of local Parishes to subsidise larger towns to the detriment of the Parish.

We would be grateful if you would please review the boundary changes being proposed by Trowbridge Town Council with a view to allowing North Bradley Parish Council to remain, at least as it is now, with no change to its existing boundaries.

Yours faithfully

Roger Evans (Chairman of North Bradley Parish Council)

Mrs Lee Lee (Vice Chair of North Bradley Parish Council)

Judy Lane (Clerk to North Bradley Parish Council)

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Cc Andrew Murrison MP, Houses of Parliament, Westminster, London
John Watling, Head of Electoral Services, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road,
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Trowbridge Community Area Future Parish Councils Liaison Group

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The Chief Executive
Wiltshire Council
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TROWBRIDGE
BA14 8JD

6 February 2011

For the attention of Mr Andrew Kerr.

Dear Mr Kerr,

Governance Review – Trowbridge Town Council.

The Parish Councils' Liaison Group (PCLG) represents the common interests of those parishes centred on Trowbridge and at its recent meeting held on 2 February 2011 the members expressed considerable concern about the Governance Review proposed by Trowbridge Town Council.

The representatives from the Parish Councils were particularly concerned about the lack of any consultation with the affected parishes, the financial implications to the parishes and the possible erosion of the established 'buffer' zones or existing green spaces.

The Parish Councils do not support the boundary changes as presently proposed by Trowbridge Town Council.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Coleman (Secretary to TCAF PCLG)

Giving a helping hand to the following Parish Councils.

***Bulkington, Heywood, Hilperton, Keevil, North Bradley, Semington,
Southwick, Staverton, Steeple Ashton, West Ashton and Wingfield.***

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WORKING GROUP ON PARISH & COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PARISH & COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS MEETING HELD ON 13 OCTOBER 2015 AT ATRIUM, COUNTY HALL, BYTHESEA ROAD, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Ian McLennan and Cllr Stuart Wheeler

Also Present:

Ian Gibbons
John Watling
Paul Taylor
Jessica Croman

9 **Welcome & Introductions**

The Chairman welcomed those present and introduced the panel.

10 **Purpose and procedures of the meeting**

The Chairman explained the reasons for Community Governance Reviews, procedure for the meeting, and that decisions on boundaries would be taken by Full Council.

11 **Proposals**

Maps were presented showing the proposals.

11a **Area 3C Halfway Close and Brook**

Comments in support:

Peter Fuller

- The whole area should be uniform and in the same parish. Those living there and local candidates are unsure which parish which houses are in.

- The whole of the Paxcroft area should fall into Trowbridge and be uniform.
- Residents think that they are part of the town with services not in a village.
- In order for Trowbridge town to improve its services they need to be able to expand.

Andrew Bryant - TTC Chair of Town Development

- Agree with the proposals – The services will diminish in the area including grass cutting/ maintenance and local facilities.
- TC can take on the capacity and improve the services.
- TC get more of the precept so have the finances to support the area properly.
- Painters Close etc use the services of TTC, Hilperton does not have or provide any services.
- The residents in that area associate their community identity as in Trowbridge.
- Most of the Paxcroft area is already in Trowbridge so it makes sense to make the whole area uniform.

Comments against:

Danny Faltford – Local Resident in Paxcroft

- Like area & community and do not want change.
- Hilperton PC has been outstanding.
- Cannot see the benefits of moving into Trowbridge TC.

Peter Frost

- Services provided within the area are adequate and not a good reason to move the area into Trowbridge.

Tony Rural – Local resident

- Feel as though I live in Hilperton.
- Residents do know where they live and they are proud to live there.
- Do not want to be consumed by Trowbridge.
- Using services in Trowbridge is the same as using services in Bath or any other surrounding town/city.

New Comment

- Trowbridge Town Cllrs are arrogant and do not know what the people

of Paxcroft want. They need to go out and speak to the people who live there.

Additional comments/ questions:

June Hawker

- What will happen with the Hilperton gap? Would that impact development?
 - Boundaries would not affect any planning issues.

Jenny Ragged – Campaign for Transport

- Is planning really unaffected? Any changes would affect the community infrastructure levy change?
- Council tax – what goes to PC compared to TC?
- Criteria for drawing the boundary?
 - The levy is still not set in place. Depending on where any development is built, if it is between two parishes then the levy would be split.
 - Council tax rates – the precept is set by the parish/ TC by themselves and Wiltshire Council collect the precept on their behalf. The working group is not allowed to take into consideration precept rates while making recommendations or full council when making the decision.

12 Area 3a Wyke Road

Comments in support:

Andrew Bryant (TTC)

- Prefer border to the right to tidy up the area.
- Unfair on houses below who pay the higher precept and that small area does not.

Shan Debashi – voluntary group

- The voluntary group have plans to hopefully help all areas to be proud to use facilities in Trowbridge.
- Parish lines can determine or deprive areas of step changes because of finances.
- All surrounding parishes are users of Trowbridge town.
- Only because of the perception of Trowbridge TC people are negative but that needs to change.

Derek Carville

- The area should be in Trowbridge and the boundary line should follow the Hilperton gap road.

Comments against:

None

Additional comments:

New comment

- Unfair if not giving everyone in the area a choice on whether they want to be in Trowbridge or Hilperton.

12a Shore Place

Comments in support:

Jeff Osbourne

- Logical move and agree with the proposal.
- Current boundary is based on old maps.
- Trowbridge is unable to sort local issues (dog droppings) as part of the area falls in Wingfield and Wingfield will not supply bins.

Helen Osbourne

- Currently unable to support residents on the same road who have the same problems as they are based in Wingfield. The whole area needs to be in the same parish.

Andrew Bryant Trowbridge TC

- Agree with the scheme

Tracey Sullivan – Town Hall Arts and Culture

- Agree with the proposal, will make a difference to the town.
- Will help make people feel proud to be part of Trowbridge (community identity).

Comments against:

None

Additional comments:

None

12b Area 4a Old Farm, West Ashton

Comments in support:

Alan Cooper– Biss Meadows Country Park

- If the Biss Meadows was under the Town Council then they would get more support.
- Country park is split part of it is in Trowbridge and part in West Ashton, makes sense to bring the whole area together as part of Trowbridge.
- The development land where houses are proposed will extend Biss Meadows. Need to move the whole area into Trowbridge before they are built.

Andre Bryant – Trowbridge TC

- Agree that the area should move into Trowbridge
- The current area is far extended away from the West Ashton parish
- Built right next to Trowbridge boundary

New comment – Castle Mead School

- Consider the school and area as part of Trowbridge and follows the Trowbridge admissions process
- Facilities are big benefit in Trowbridge and used by all
 - The school was already in the Trowbridge boundary.

Derek Callaway

- Old Farm Road is a new development so how did West Ashton live before? It should have little effect.

New comment

- Do not think it will effect West Ashton because Trowbridge has a good sense of community

Comments against:

Tim Lemare – Local Resident

- Do not want to move into Trowbridge, do not associate identity with Trowbridge
- See little benefit from being part of Trowbridge
- Many people find work and recreation outside of the area and do not necessarily use Trowbridge town but Bath and surrounding areas just as much.
- Percept is spent well in the West Ashton parish area
- The local village hall is used by the whole county
- 303 houses in West Ashton parish – 117 in old farm estate – if taken West Ashton will reduce by 38%.
- West Ashton as a parish will become unsustainable and unfeasible if Old Farm is taken away.

Richard Covington – West Ashton PC

- Castle Mead school is already in Trowbridge
- The whole Ashton Park area needs to be considered as one
- West Ashton PC have put plans forward to develop the Business Park with sport facilities and child care. If the whole area is looked at as one the area is going to grow and provide a democratic area for West Ashton PC.
- If the Old Farm Area is taken then there will be a significant hit on PC and services provided
- Weighting on survey results PC vs TC?
- 75% of children in Parish Council school come from Trowbridge

Roger Evans – North Bradley PC

- Supports West Ashton PC
- Trowbridge TC is land grabbing from parishes and it will get worst if they are allowed to take this land.
- Start taking small areas and will slowly grow and take more
- People live in parishes to be in a village setting and they do not want to be part of the town.

Additional comments:

Hayley Bell – Trowbridge TC

- Paxcroft is a great community area
- TC provided free activities for the children in those areas – funded by TC. The Parishes cannot offer that service.
- Investment would grow for sporting facilities if TC could grow
- TC planning on buying Woodmarsh and residents want to use those

facilities.

13 Close

The Chairman welcomed addition comments on schemes not included on the agenda.

Jeff Osborne

- Ashton Park – why has it not been considered?
- Would like to see the area resolved before it's developed and people live there.
 - CGR will take another look at the area.

New Comment

- Trowbridge residents use the parish council facilities just as much as parishes use Trowbridge facilities.
- PCs cannot provide services due to the size of the budgets and should not be comparable. This does not mean Towns should take over the villages for those reasons.

Richard Covington

- Support Jeff Osborn why has Ashton Park not been considered.
- Why put sport facilities on the other side of the town when building houses there?
- TC statutory powers are no different to PC – if PC grows they could offer the same facilities as the TC is offering. We should be working together and supporting each other not against each other.

Roger Evans - North Bradley PC

- If the area is given to TC the large area of West Ashton PC and North Bradley will be hugely effected. Want to see the overall picture considered and not little pockets.

Andre Bryant – Trowbridge TC

- If the parishes want to retain a unique image of being a village why try to compete and take on more and more stay as a village, don't grow.
- Parish pathways etc are paid for by WC not parishes.

New Comment

- Ashton Park/ Old Farm road residents who are there would like to stay where they are. They moved there for a reason.
- You would not be upsetting people if they are not there yet. It's better to move the Parish line now rather than later.
- Trowbridge is full and needs to expand in order to develop services.
- The TC has facilities in North Bradley and has no intention to take over that parish over.

Len Turner – Transforming Trowbridge

- Trowbridge has strategic significance and needs to grow.
- Additional housing in core strategy was to serve the needs of Trowbridge.
- Businesses look to the TC to provide support.
- The White Horse Businesses Park should be in Trowbridge.

Francis Morland – Southwick PC

- The process is flawed and residents have been consulted too late.
- Public need more notice and information about the proposals.
- It is a clear land grab by TC to take in the rural areas.
- If Trowbridge is expanding to that extent it will affect the Area Board's representation and it will not have a continuing function.

David Feather

- What is the process going forward?

Chairman gave information on the next steps of the process.

Mike Roberts

- How long will the process take?

The Chairman informed the meeting that recommendations will be taken to the Full council meeting on the 24 November. There would be the possibility to extend consultations if needed and the working party was not in a rush to make recommendations.

There was a question on declarations and an explanation was given.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

(Duration of meeting: 7.00 - 8.40 pm)

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Community Governance Review
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Dear Councillor Wheeler

As the representative of a sports club providing activities for residents of the Trowbridge community, we would like to express our support for all of the proposals made by Trowbridge Town Council to the Community Governance Review. It is clear that Trowbridge needs one town council for all of the town and that the proposals for changes to the town boundary made by Trowbridge Town Council will achieve this.

Trowbridge Town Council has been supportive of growth in the town's population and the development of services and facilities for that growing population. As well as improvements in the town centre, the town council has continued to support the provision of sport and active leisure facilities around the town and is now looking to invest in additional facilities, but the town council need to be able to do this for the whole town, not just parts of it.

Trowbridge Town Council is already working with partners on plans to deliver; new sports pitches and outdoor leisure facilities at Devizes Road next to the new Trowbridge Rugby Club, a secure future for Woodmarsh football ground, improved facilities in the Town Park, it is in discussion with Wiltshire Council about taking over the Stallards Recreation Ground and Seymour Recreation Ground and it is supporting the development of a new health and well-being centre including indoor leisure facilities. The neighbouring parish councils do not have the capacity and resources to deliver these changes for Trowbridge. Only a single town council can make these changes efficiently and effectively.

Trowbridge Town Council can only do these things for the whole town if the areas of new development are included in the town boundary and everyone makes a contribution to our success. Please ensure that Trowbridge continues to invest in the future of the town by approving all of the proposals made by Trowbridge Town Council.

Yours sincerely
Kevin Aylesbury

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Supplementary Response to Wiltshire Council: Community Governance Review Consultation.

In response to the submission made by Hilperton Parish Council (which is appended below) Trowbridge Town Council makes the following supplementary response to the CGR consultation.

1. Are you answering this survey as?

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2. Which of the following town and or parish reviews are you referring to? (please write the area name such as Area A1 Salisbury or A8 Corsham from the list of schemes shown on the Councils website)

Trowbridge and Surrounding Parishes Area 3: Properties and land to the South and West of Elizabeth Way (the new Hilperton Gap Relief Road) and the A361/Hilperton Drive including properties in Wyke Road and Paxcroft Mead.

3. What is your name and postcode or your business or organisation name?

Trowbridge Town Council - Lance Allan, Town Clerk

8. Finally do you have any other views about this review that you feel should be taken into account?

Area 3a - Wyke Road

Where is it suggested by Wiltshire Council that the CGR Working Party is either able to suggest or has indeed suggested that the residents of this area can decide which parish they reside in? There is no information on the Wiltshire Council web site or in the government guidance which suggests that the residents can make a decision. Surely, as Trowbridge Town Council has repeatedly been told, it is a matter for Wiltshire Council to make a decision, based upon the evidence presented to it. Clearly part of that evidence, but only part, will be the views of the residents living in that area; additionally evidence relating to community identity, efficient and effective local government, but also strong clearly-defined boundaries tied to firm ground detail will also need to be taken into consideration.

Trowbridge Town Council would suggest that there is no clear evidence with regard to community identity and efficient and effective local government for the Wyke Road area.

Looking at the government guidance it is clear that; if there is a fine balance with regard to community identity and efficient and effective local government and if it is determined that there should be separate civil parishes for different communities to reflect community identity and facilitate efficient and effective local government, then the only issue is where the boundary between the two should be and then '*strong clearly-defined boundaries, tied to firm ground detail*' should be the determining factor.

In this area the main roads are the strongest and most clearly-defined boundaries and therefore the B3105 Canal Road and Elizabeth Way should form the boundary between Trowbridge and Hilperton. In fact this area and much of Hilperton Marsh and the Hilperton Gap was part of Trowbridge until 1991 and has only been part of Hilperton since then. (See the extracts from the West Wiltshire Parishes Order 1991 maps attached.)

Hilperton Parish Council has provided neither evidence nor reasoning why the main roads should not form the revised boundary.

Area 3b – Hilperton Gap

Hilperton Parish Council should be careful when using emotive language such as 'land grab'. A significant proportion of the Hilperton Gap was part of Trowbridge for nearly 100 years, from the establishment of parish councils in 1894 to the change of the boundary in 1991. Almost all of the area to the south of the new Elizabeth Way was part of Trowbridge. Hilperton Parish might itself be accused of a land grab to a much greater extent than Trowbridge: As a result of the West Wiltshire Parishes Order 1991, the Civil Parish of Hilperton increased in land area, through 'grabbing' bits of Trowbridge, Semington and Melksham Without, by over 70%, from 436 hectares to over 750 hectares, (Trowbridge is 956 hectares). The areas of Hilperton which Trowbridge Town Council has suggested should now become part of Trowbridge are smaller than the areas of Trowbridge which were lost to Hilperton in 1991.

Hilperton Parish Council has provided neither evidence nor reasoning why the main road should not form the revised boundary.

Area 3c - Paxcroft Mead south of Hilperton Drive/Halfway Close and brook (sic)

So, Hilperton Parish Council understood that the Working Party had made a decision. This is clear evidence that the Working Party had gone beyond its remit and was acting Ultra Vires. Perhaps this is why the officers responsible for the consultation ignored the decision of the Working Party and included the Town Council's suggestion in the consultation. The Working Party cannot claim that it was acting 'completely neutrally' if had decided that one parish's proposals would not be presented for consultation and another parish would be allowed to have additional proposals presented which had not been discussed at the meeting of the Working Party with the Trowbridge area parishes.

How can Hilperton Parish Council justify describing the area east of Leapgate, around Hackett Place as 'greenfield' when they themselves go on to explain that it includes; a Primary School, a community centre, shops, a public house and 'only' about thirty (in fact over fifty) residential properties? Yes, it also includes a cricket ground and parts of the Paxcroft Brook public open space, but this is hardly 'greenfield'.

Hilperton Parish Council has asked how the Trowbridge Town Council proposal would improve communities and local democracy. Trowbridge Town Council is grateful for the opportunity to do just that:

- The main A361/Hilperton Drive is the strongest and most-clearly defined boundary between Hilperton and Trowbridge. People living either side of the road would clearly understand and appreciate that this formed a boundary. Trowbridge would then be responsible for all parts of the town (which are not connected to neighbouring parishes).
- Hilperton is a parish of around 2000 houses, more than 10% of those houses are in Area 3c, yet none of the Hilperton Parish councillors live in Paxcroft Mead, that is all of Paxcroft Mead, (including Newhurst Park), some 500 houses or around 25% of the parish. Two of the Trowbridge Town Councillors (Councillor Roger Andrews and Councillor Nicola Blackmore) live in Paxcroft Mead. Hilperton Parish Council did not engage with the Paxcroft Mead Residents' Association (PMRA) about the boundary review. Trowbridge Town Council did engage with PMRA and circulated information to the residents and provided copies of all of the town council's reports to members of the public attending public meetings. Trowbridge Town Council can therefore already demonstrate that it is providing and can provide better local democracy to Paxcroft Mead.

Hilperton Parish Council then goes on to admit that its own proposal for this area is in need of further alteration, suggesting that changes are needed regarding the boundary in the area of open space adjacent to Faverolle Way, without, it would appear, providing a map to detail their latest proposal. Hilperton Parish Council also then suggests amending its own proposal to leave the boundary 'as is' in the area of Walmesley Chase/Montague Court. How can this be justified against their emphasis on the need to 'improve communities and local democracy'? Leaving the boundary 'as is' in this area of Paxcroft Mead would leave some residents of Walmesley Chase in Hilperton and some in Trowbridge, it would leave some residents of Montague Court in Hilperton and some in Trowbridge and it would leave some residents of Painter's Mead in Hilperton and some in Trowbridge. This is not an improvement, it is maintaining an anomalous boundary, contrary to the government guidance.

Hilperton Parish Council has provided neither evidence nor reasoning why the main roads should not form the revised boundary.

Other Comments relating to Area 3c

Where have Hilperton Parish Council got the idea from that there is a proposal to transfer 600plus houses between Trowbridge and Hilperton? It certainly isn't a proposal that has been made by Trowbridge Town Council, it is not a proposal that was made at the meeting of the Working Party with the Trowbridge area parishes. Is there a secret proposal which has not been the subject of consultation? Surely it cannot be the case, that the Working Party (a body which cannot legally make decisions on behalf of Wiltshire Council) has been dreaming up its own proposals? After all the Working Party are determined to present the proposals 'completely neutrally'.

Which proposal does Hilperton Parish Council support, the first one it made, the revised one indicated above, adjusting its original proposal, or the secret proposal to transfer 600plus houses?

Trowbridge Town Council has consistently made the same proposal for all of Area 3.

Hilperton Parish Council are concerned that there should be a 'consistent approach across the county'. If that is the case, and in Melksham the proposal is that the town council should merge with the neighbouring parish council and in Devizes the proposal is that the town council should merge with the neighbouring parish council and in Salisbury there are calls for the City Council to merge with a neighbouring parish council, then where does that leave Trowbridge? Perhaps Hilperton Parish Council would like to take over the whole of Trowbridge.

Lance Allan
Town Clerk

HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Area 3a – Wyke Road

Hilperton Parish Council supports the suggestion of the CGR working group that the residents of these houses should choose which civil parish they reside in. The Parish Council would be happy for the 'transfer in' of the Trowbridge residents if no decisive decision can be reached by the residents themselves. The Parish Council feels that having all the houses in Hilperton would reflect the identity and interests of the community in that area and would, in addition, be effective and convenient.

Area 3b – Hilperton Gap

Neither the Parish Council nor the Town Council proposals were displayed at the meeting earlier this month. The Parish Council is led to believe that neither proposal is being taken forward by the working group and so the 'land grab' by the Town Council for greenfield land, with no designation for development, will fall. Hilperton Parish Council is content if this is correct and the status quo will prevail for this area of land.

Area 3c – Paxcroft Mead south of Hilperton Drive/Halfway Close and brook

Trowbridge Town Council Proposal

The Parish Council was surprised to see the Town Council suggestion for this area used in the presentation at County Hall, as the Parish Council understood that the working group had made a decision that the land to the east of Leapgate was not being taken forward; a decision the Parish Council would agree with as this is, basically, another greenfield 'land grab' (the 'cricket square' and surrounding open space) which would rip the heart out of the south of the parish. Only about thirty properties are in the area but it also contains one of the two Hilperton primary schools, the Community Centre (the Parish Council is the custodian trustee), all the shops in the Local Centre (including the local branch of Budgens, a fish and chip shop and a Chinese takeaway) and one of the three pubs in the parish (the Red Admiral).

The wish of the Town Council to seize the housing in the Painters Mead area is covered below.

Hilperton Parish Council Proposal

*The realignment of part of the Hilperton/Trowbridge boundary follows distinct physical features and, as demonstrated at the Trowbridge CGR meeting, meets with approval from the residents who firmly see themselves as residents of Hilperton. In the FAQ paper supplied by Wiltshire Council, it states 'Therefore any changes made by a CGR **must** (our emphasis) improve communities and local democracy'.*

Not 'maintain' but 'improve'. How would transferring these houses to Trowbridge meet this objective?

Bearing this statement in mind, the Parish Council would like to suggest that the proposed boundary suggested by it last year should be revised to more closely follow the fence line of the properties in Halfway Close/Hilperton Road so that all the open space to the north of Faverolle Way remains in Hilperton. It would also suggest that the boundary line should remain 'as is' in the area of Walmesley Chase/Montague Court.

Other Comments relating to area 3c

At the recent Salisbury CGR meeting an item was discussed – at great length – as under:-

“Suggestions were received for the Hampton Park and Bishopdown Farm areas of Salisbury city, and Laverstock and Ford Parish. The two schemes seek to move properties into one parish or the other, hence the current consultation on the two proposals”.

Hilperton Parish Council understood that a similar scheme was under consideration for the Painters Mead area of Paxcroft Mead as shown by the powerpoint at the Trowbridge CGR meeting referring to proposals relating to ‘200 – 600 + properties being presented completely neutrally’; the idea being that the 600 houses would move either all into Trowbridge or all into Hilperton.

Is this proposal no longer under consideration? If not, why not? It would represent a consistent approach across the county.

*Marylyn Timms
Clerk to Hilperton Parish Council
20th October, 2015*

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2. **Which of the following town and or parish reviews are you referring to? (please write the area name such as Area A1 Salisbury or A8 Corsham from the list of schemes shown on the Councils website)**

Trowbridge and Surrounding Parishes Area I Shore Place

3. **What is your name and postcode or your business or organisation name?**

Trowbridge Town Council - Lance Allan, Town Clerk

4. **Having studied the proposal for your area do you?**

- Agree with the proposal
Please give your reason for the response above

The Town Council supports the proposal which has been consulted upon, considers that the change would improve community identity and efficient and effective local government for the town of Trowbridge and the residents of this area.

Area I. Properties in Shore Place, Kingsley Place and Chepston Place currently in Wingfield Parish.

This proposal was made by the town council because the current boundary runs through the middle of residential properties and splits streets in two. These streets are part of the Broadmead development and are remote from Wingfield village.

This proposal would therefore improve both community identity and efficient and effective community governance, utilising an excellent natural boundary.

5. **What are the reasons for your response above in relation to "Community Identity"?**

The three roads, Shore Place, Kingsley Place and Chepston Place are part of the 'Broadmead' Estate, built over 40 years ago and are only accessible via other parts of the Broadmead estate, all of which is part of Trowbridge. Two of the roads, Chepston Place and Kingsley Place are split between Trowbridge and Wingfield. All other properties in Wingfield are part of Wingfield village or are independent farm related buildings. This proposal would improve community identity because properties which are part of the community of Trowbridge would be included in Trowbridge Parish.

6. **What are the reasons for your response above in relation to "Efficient**

and Effective Local Government"?

The Town of Trowbridge provides a range of facilities and services for a wide community and should have a single town council to serve the whole of the town area, including areas of current and planned development where they are detached from the villages which are related to the neighbouring parishes, in order to continue to provide efficient and effective local government on behalf of the whole town.

7. How far do you agree or disagree that the proposed changes to the parish boundaries where you live will improve the following factors?

**Strongly
agree**

A sense of civic pride and civic values	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Effective engagement with the local community	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Provide strong local leadership	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Create a parish of the right size	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

1. **Are you answering this survey as?**
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2. **Which of the following town and or parish reviews are you referring to? (please write the area name such as Area A1 Salisbury or A8 Corsham from the list of schemes shown on the Councils website)**

Trowbridge and Surrounding Parishes Area 2: Area to the south of the Kennet and Avon Canal including Ladydown Farm.

3. **What is your name and postcode or your business or organisation name?**

Trowbridge Town Council - Lance Allan, Town Clerk

4. **Having studied the proposal for your area do you?**

- I would suggest the following amendment
Please give your reason for the response above

The Town Council considers that the area should be consulted upon and that the change would improve community identity and efficient and effective local government for the town of Trowbridge and the residents of this area.

Area 2. Area to the south of the Kennet and Avon Canal including Ladydown Farm.

This proposal was made by the town council because; the current boundary is poorly defined, the existing three residential properties can only be accessed via Trowbridge and are within a few metres of properties in Trowbridge, across a bridge over the river Biss; the Canal, river Avon and railway line are all barriers without bridges between this area and Holt village, making this area and the residences within it remote from Holt.

This proposal would therefore improve both community identity and efficient and effective community governance, utilising an excellent natural boundary.

The government guidance says “83. As far as boundaries between parishes are concerned, these should reflect the “no-man’s land” between communities represented by areas of low population or barriers such as rivers, roads or railways.”

This proposal has not been consulted on and Wiltshire Council has provided no justification for this lack of consultation and therefore no justification why this proposal is being treated differently from similar proposals, for example the proposal from Melksham Without that their boundary with Seend should be altered to the line of the canal.

5. **What are the reasons for your response above in relation to "Community**

Identity"?

The area to the south of the Kennet and Avon Canal which includes Ladydown Farm is remote from Holt village, in fact the villages of Hilperton and Staverton and the towns of Bradford on Avon and Trowbridge are all closer to this area than the village of Holt. They are divided from Holt by the canal, the river Avon and the river Biss, a railway line and mature woodland. The area has no identity links with Holt and can only be accessed via a track to Trowbridge, with other residential properties within 100m. It is clear therefore that this area is identified as part of the community of Trowbridge.

6. What are the reasons for your response above in relation to "Efficient and Effective Local Government"?

Holt Parish Council appears through its Neighbourhood Plan consultation draft to be unable to provide efficient and effective local government for the area to the south of the canal through its apparent failure to recognise that this area is protected by Greenbelt designation. Trowbridge Town Council would be able to provide efficient and effective local government of this area, in addition to other adjacent areas of the town which are in the Greenbelt.

7. How far do you agree or disagree that the proposed changes to the parish boundaries where you live will improve the following factors?

	Strongly agree
A sense of civic pride and civic values	●
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	●
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	●
Effective engagement with the local community	●
Provide strong local leadership	●
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	●
Create a parish of the right size	●

The answers to question 7 above relate to the proposals made by the Town Council to transfer this area to Trowbridge and not with the proposal of the Working Party in respect of Area 2.

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Trowbridge and Surrounding Parishes Area 3: Properties and land to the South and West of Elizabeth Way (the new Hilperton Gap Relief Road) and the A361/Hilperton Drive including properties in Wyke Road and Paxcroft Mead.

3. **What is your name and postcode or your business or organisation name?**

Trowbridge Town Council - Lance Allan, Town Clerk

4. **Having studied the proposal for your area do you?**

- I would suggest the following amendment
Please give your reason for the response above

The Town Council considers that the whole of the area should be consulted upon, particularly now that Elizabeth Way has been built and is open to traffic and that no other suitable or better natural boundary exists between Hilperton and Trowbridge than the main roads; B3105/Elizabeth Way and A361/Hilperton Drive, that the alternative proposals would be divisive, would diminish community identity, are not based upon good natural boundaries and would result in significantly less efficient and less effective local government for the town of Trowbridge, the parish of Hilperton and particularly for the residents of this area.

This proposal was made by the town council to resolve the anomaly of properties either side of Wyke Road being in different parishes and properties in Paxcroft Mead being built on the parish boundary. The only acceptable natural boundary which accords with the government guidance is the line of the modern main roads, which is clearly defined and is unlikely to change over time.

This proposal would therefore improve both community identity and efficient and effective community governance, utilising an excellent natural boundary.

The government guidance on CGRs says, "This can often lead to existing parish boundaries becoming anomalous as new houses are built across the boundaries resulting in people being in different parishes from their neighbours. In such circumstances, the council should consider undertaking a community governance review."

The Wyke Road section has been subject to consultation, with an alternative proposal from Hilperton Parish Council also being consulted on. The Hilperton proposal does not utilise a suitable natural boundary, proposing that neighbours would be in different parishes with no natural boundary between them.

The Paxcroft Mead section has been subject to consultation, with an alternative proposal from Hilperton Parish Council also being consulted on. The Hilperton proposal does not utilise a suitable natural boundary. The government guidance states "For instance, factors to consider include parks and recreation grounds which sometimes provide natural breaks between communities but they can equally act as focal points."

Paxcroft Brook is proposed as the boundary by Hilperton Parish Council, but is at the centre of an extensive area of Open Space which acts as a focal point for the whole community, with play areas, benches, cycle paths and bridges. In addition properties in Painter's Mead would still be split between two parishes.

The central section, bounded by the new Elizabeth Way has not been subject to consultation. This new road would make a much clearer and more permanent natural boundary between the town and the parish, compared to the existing boundary which crosses the middle of some of the gardens on Albert Road.

5. What are the reasons for your response above in relation to "Community Identity"?

This area includes areas of historic development (Wyke Road) and areas of modern development (Paxcroft Mead). All of Wyke Road was part of the parish of Trowbridge until 1991. The majority of Paxcroft Mead is in Trowbridge Parish. The whole area is identified with the town of Trowbridge. The village of Hilperton is distinctive and is neither closer nor able to provide better identity to these areas, all of which are south and west of the main road routes, which provide a suitable boundary between the town of Trowbridge and the village of Hilperton, no other suitable boundary exists if it is accepted that Trowbridge and Hilperton should retain separate identities.

6. What are the reasons for your response above in relation to "Efficient and Effective Local Government"?

Paxcroft Mead includes an extensive area of public open space called Paxcroft Brook which acts as a focal point for the whole of the community and includes a children's play area, cricket pitch, benches, cycle paths and bridges linking this area to the town centre and to other parts of the town. If the whole of the open space is to be managed and maintained and the range of services and facilities developed and enhanced efficiently and effectively then a single local council is needed which has the resources, capacity and willingness to undertake that role and provide leadership to the community. Only Trowbridge Town Council can do all of this.

Hilperton Parish Council is unwilling or unable to manage the whole of the Paxcroft Brook open space and none of their proposals include the whole of the Paxcroft Brook open space in a single parish.

7. How far do you agree or disagree that the proposed changes to the parish boundaries where you live will improve the following factors?

**Strongly
agree**

A sense of civic pride and civic values	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Effective engagement with the local community	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Provide strong local leadership	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Create a parish of the right size	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

The answers to question 7 above relate to the proposals made by the Town Council to transfer this area to Trowbridge and not with the limited or alternative proposals of the Working Party in respect of Area 3.

1. Are you answering this survey as?

- A representative of a Parish or Town or City council affected by the proposal

2. Which of the following town and or parish reviews are you referring to? (please write the area name such as Area A1 Salisbury or A8 Corsham from the list of schemes shown on the Councils website)

Trowbridge and Surrounding Parishes Area 4: Properties and land to the south of the town including existing developments at Old Farm and the White Horse Business Park, permitted developments at the West Ashton Road Employment Allocation and all of the Trowbridge Urban Extension at Ashton Park approved in the Wiltshire Core Strategy.

3. What is your name and postcode or your business or organisation name?

Trowbridge Town Council - Lance Allan, Town Clerk

4. Having studied the proposal for your area do you?

- I would suggest the following amendment
Please give your reason for the response above

The Town Council considers that the whole of the area should be consulted upon, particularly now that the whole of Ashton Park is the subject of a number of planning applications and that no other suitable or better natural boundary exists between West Ashton and Trowbridge and between North Bradley and Trowbridge and that the change would improve community identity, improve the economic prospects of the whole community and improve efficient and effective local government for the town of Trowbridge, and the residents and future residents of this area.

This proposal was made by the town council to reflect the existing and agreed expansion of the town's urban envelope which retains the green buffer between the Urban Extension and the villages of West Ashton, Yarnbrook and North Bradley. The outer extent of the development will provide a good natural boundary, following the line of mature and ancient natural woodland and the river Biss, as well as the White Horse Business Park itself.

This proposal would therefore improve both community identity and efficient and effective community governance, utilising excellent natural boundaries.

The Old Farm area, has after discussion and delay, been included in the consultation, but other than the direct communication from the town council the residents of the estate would not have known that a proposal affecting them was being consulted on. No alternative proposals for the Old Farm area have been presented as part of the consultation.

None of the other areas have been included in the consultation, some Wiltshire Councillors have suggested that they are green fields with no residents, but there are at least ten residential properties in the area which also only received direct communication from the town council. Wiltshire Council has failed to justify why this proposal was not subject to consultation. If the whole of Area 4 including Old Farm was consulted on as a single proposal, as have all other proposals in Wiltshire, then the area would have a population of around 300 people, greater than nearly all of the other proposals which are part of the consultation.

5. What are the reasons for your response above in relation to "Community Identity"?

All of this area, including the existing development, the consented development and the Core Strategy Allocation which is now subject to planning applications will be closely or directly connected to the community of Trowbridge, the Urban Area of Trowbridge and therefore the town of Trowbridge. None of the areas will be closely related to the villages of West Ashton or North Bradley. (None of the area is in the parish of Southwick, as incorrectly suggested in the consultation. The Core Strategy identifies the Ashton Park Allocation as an Urban Extension of Trowbridge. The majority of the area, as well as being detached from West Ashton village has the main A350 primary route passing in the area between the village and the planned development. The whole area is detached from North Bradley village and the majority of the area lies across the A363 main road and the railway line from North Bradley. The identifiable community for all of Area 4 is therefore Trowbridge.

6. What are the reasons for your response above in relation to "Efficient and Effective Local Government"?

The Old Farm Estate and the employment site include public open space which are parts of the Biss Meadows Country Park, other parts of Biss Meadows currently exist in Trowbridge, leading all the way to the Town Park in the Town Centre. Biss Meadows acts as a focal point for the whole of the community and includes benches, cycle paths and bridges linking this area to the town centre and to other parts of the town. Biss Meadows is being extended through the existing Castle Mead development, which is in the town boundary already.

Biss Meadows Country Park will be further extended as part of the Ashton Park Urban Extension, parts of which are already in the town boundary, with other parts in West Ashton and North Bradley parishes.

If the whole of the open space is to be managed and maintained and the range of services and facilities developed and enhanced efficiently and effectively then a single local council is needed which has the resources, capacity and willingness to undertake that role and provide leadership to the community. Only Trowbridge Town Council has a strategy to manage this and has the ability to manage and maintain this area and therefore provide efficient and effective Local Government.

7. How far do you agree or disagree that the proposed changes to the parish boundaries where you live will improve the following factors?

	Strongly agree
A sense of civic pride and civic values	●
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	●
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	●
Effective engagement with the local community	●
Provide strong local leadership	●
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	●
Create a parish of the right size	●

The answers to question 7 above relate to the entirety of the proposals made by the Town Council to transfer this area to Trowbridge and not with the limited proposal of the Working Party in respect of Area 4.

8. Finally do you have any other views about this review that you feel should be taken into account?

Wiltshire is a large strategic unitary authority which is fully parished and can best deliver for the residents of the county with each identified community effectively and efficiently delivering local facilities and services and working in partnership with Wiltshire Council via the parish, town and city councils. Each community whether a city, town, village or group of villages working together can achieve quality local government. Trowbridge is no exception and should have a single local council for the whole community of Trowbridge. Some would suggest that Trowbridge includes Staverton, Hilperton and even other villages. The Town Council has sought to achieve a proposal which taken together delivers excellent community identity, whilst retaining parish councils for the villages of Wingfield, Holt, West Ashton and North Bradley and in some cases new developments close to the villages for Staverton and Hilperton. The Town Councils proposals also utilise excellent natural boundaries and the best, most well defined and clearly identifiable features as boundaries. We would ask that Wiltshire Council supports all of the proposals made by the town council as a comprehensive singular review of the boundary of Trowbridge.

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Dear Resident,

Wiltshire Council is undertaking a Community Governance Review, which could result in changes to the boundaries between the town and the neighbouring parishes of Wingfield, Holt, Hilperton, West Ashton and North Bradley. Trowbridge Town Council has proposed a change which would result in your property and areas around your property being included in the town boundary.

A Full Council meeting of Wiltshire Council held on Tuesday 29th September was told that Wiltshire Council would be consulting the residents of the Old Farm estate, West Ashton Road, about the proposal; that your estate and areas around it should be transferred from the parish of West Ashton Parish to the parish of Trowbridge. Wiltshire Council appears not to have advised you of these proposals, hence this communication from Trowbridge Town Council. The Town Council is ensuring that you are aware of these proposals and have an opportunity to respond to Wiltshire Council even if you do not support the proposals made by the Town Council.

As you will no doubt be aware the areas to the south of Old Farm estate have already been allocated as part of an urban extension for Trowbridge. Trowbridge Town Council therefore believes that the Town Council should be responsible for providing a range of services in these areas, rather than the villages which are separated from the town.

Being part of Trowbridge will result in an increase in Council Tax, typically town councils do charge more than parish councils, but in the case of Trowbridge this is only 8.6% more on your total Council Tax bill, the equivalent of less than £2.50 per week to support the provision of sports and leisure activities, events and local community facilities. West Ashton Parish Council currently spends less than £1000 on providing services and facilities, the vast majority of this in the village. You can be part of the Trowbridge success story or detached from a neighbouring village.

You can attend the public meeting at County Hall on Tuesday 13th October at 6pm or respond to the consultation using this link: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communitygovernancereviewsurvey2015.htm

Trowbridge Town Council believes that if the Town Council is responsible for the whole town it can continue to deliver a better Trowbridge. We hope you will support our proposal.

Yours faithfully

Lance Allan
Town Clerk

DISCOVER Trowbridge – a town council for all of the town.

Trowbridge Town Council believes that Trowbridge has made a step change in recent years, with its own investment in the Civic Centre and the Town Park and support for the development of new shops, the ODEON cinema and restaurants, the weekly market, new businesses and a growing population.

Trowbridge Town Council wants to ensure that this transformation continues into the future so that together we can all deliver a sustainable town that provides a full range of facilities and services for the whole community.

Trowbridge Town Council is already working with partners on plans to deliver;

- new sports pitches and outdoor leisure facilities
- improved cultural and heritage venues and activities in the Museum & the Town Hall
- a new health and well-being centre and other improvements in the town centre

It also wants to improve our car parks and make them more affordable for people who work in the town centre and visit Trowbridge, retain our town bus services, provide better children's play areas and new and improved youth facilities including skate-parks.

Trowbridge Town Council can only do these things for the whole town if the areas of new development are included in the town boundary and everyone makes a contribution to our success. Wiltshire Council is currently undertaking a consultation on changes to the town boundary and everyone needs to respond to the consultation. If you think that Trowbridge Town Council should continue to deliver a better place, with better facilities, then please tell Wiltshire Council that:

Trowbridge needs one town council for all of the town and I/we support all of the revisions to the town boundary proposed by Trowbridge Town Council.

Please attend the public meeting on Tuesday 13th October at 6pm in County Hall and complete the online survey at:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communitygovernancereviewsurvey2015.htm>

A map showing the proposed changes to the town boundary is attached, the map uses the Wiltshire Council approved Core Strategy map as its base, with only the current and proposed town boundaries superimposed. Alternatively, please e-mail your comments to cgr@wiltshire.gov.uk

Please contact me if you have any questions, and thank you for your support.

Lance Allan,
Town Clerk

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Suggested Answers

2. Which of the following town and or parish reviews are you referring to? (please write the area name such as Area A1 Salisbury or A8 Corsham from the list of schemes shown on the Councils website)

All of the proposals made by Trow bridge Town Council including the ones you are not consulting on.

4. Having studied the proposal for your area do you?
I would suggest the following amendment

Please give your reason for the response above

We support all of the revisions to the town boundary proposed by Trow bridge Town Council. Including the ones you are not consulting on.

5. What are the reasons for your response above in relation to "Community Identity"?

Trow bridge needs one town council for all of the town. All of the existing and new development within the urban area of Trow bridge will look to the town for services and facilities. The whole town needs one town council, not three or four.

6. What are the reasons for your response above in relation to "Efficient and Effective Local Government"?

Trow bridge needs one town council for all of the town. Only a single town council has the capacity and resources to provide services, facilities and infrastructure efficiently and effectively.

7. How far do you agree or disagree that the proposed changes to the parish boundaries where you live will improve the following factors?

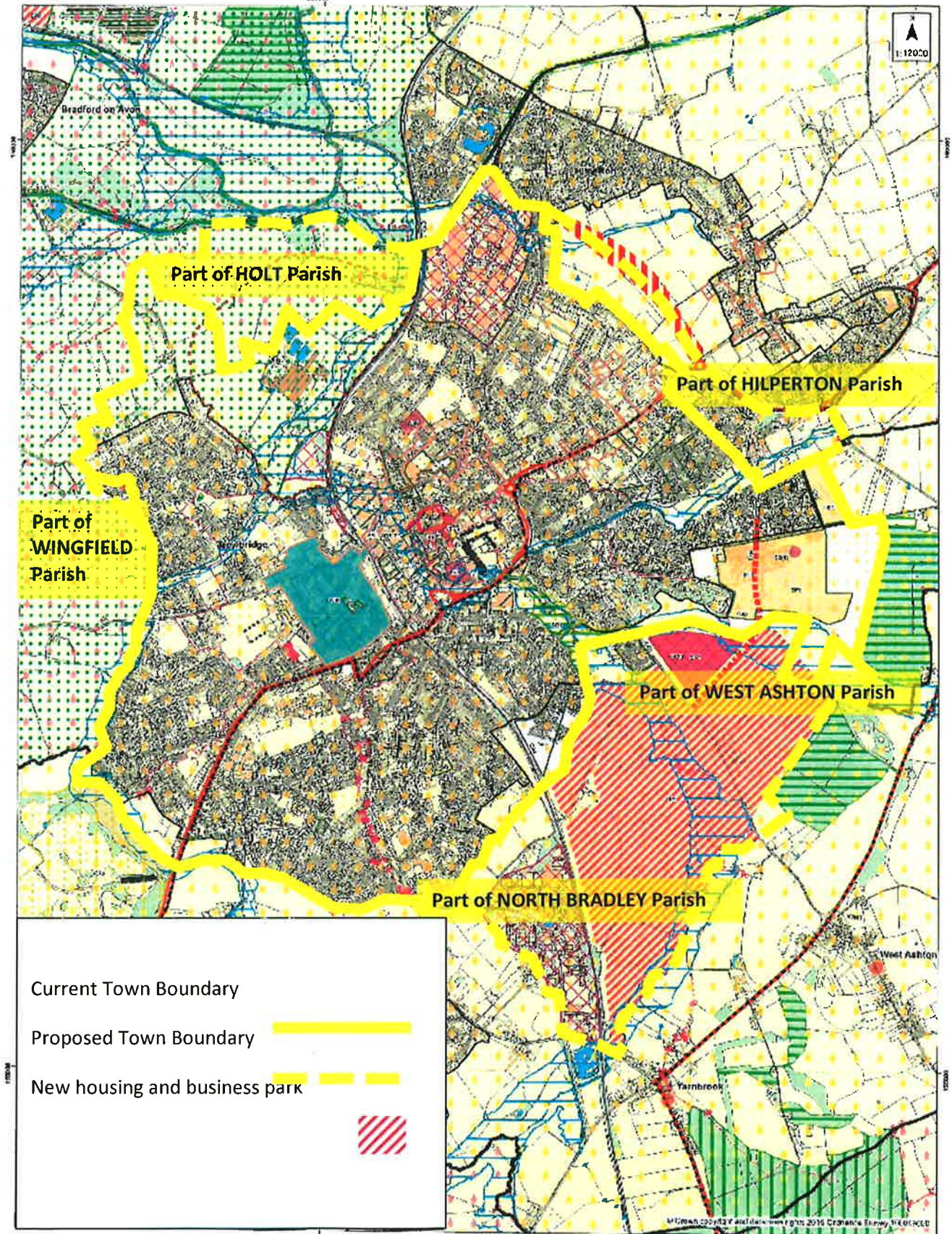
Strongly agree

- A sense of civic pride and civic values
- A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector
- A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness
- Effective engagement with the local community
- Provide strong local leadership
- Enable local authorities to deliver quality services
- Create a parish of the right size

8. Finally do you have any other views about this review that you feel should be taken into account?

Trow bridge needs one town council for all of the town. Without a single town council the answers given above to question 7 will not apply.

Inset Map 9: Trowbridge



Governance Review Report – January 2011

Introduction

When Area Board boundaries were set up by the Unitary Implementation Executive, concerns were expressed by it that both Area Board boundaries and Unitary Division boundaries, upon which the Area Boards were based, did not reflect community identity in a number of areas. It was indicated in a report to the IE that support would be given to undertaking a Community Governance Review in some areas to see if improvements to community identity within Area Boards could be achieved. This suggestion was strongly supported by senior members of the Council.

A number of boundary anomalies were resolved in the North of the County at the same time as Wiltshire Council was established (April 2009), such as at Chippenham around Cepen Park and in Calne, resulting from a long standing parish boundary review undertaken under the old system. For some time Trowbridge Town Council has been concerned that there are similar anomalies in other parts of the Wiltshire Council Area, such as:

The area to the north of Bishopdown where the parish boundary between the City of Salisbury and the Parish of Laverstock cuts through the middle of a housing estate, leaving Laverstock Parish part in South Wilts Area Board and part in Salisbury Area Board. The report to the IE on 16th March 2009, in answer to an issue raised by Cllr Mary Douglas said; *'Confirmed that part of the Laverstock CP includes parts of Hampton Park housing estate which are within the Salisbury St Marks and Bishopdown ED in the Salisbury Area Board – suggested early electoral review of City boundary'*.

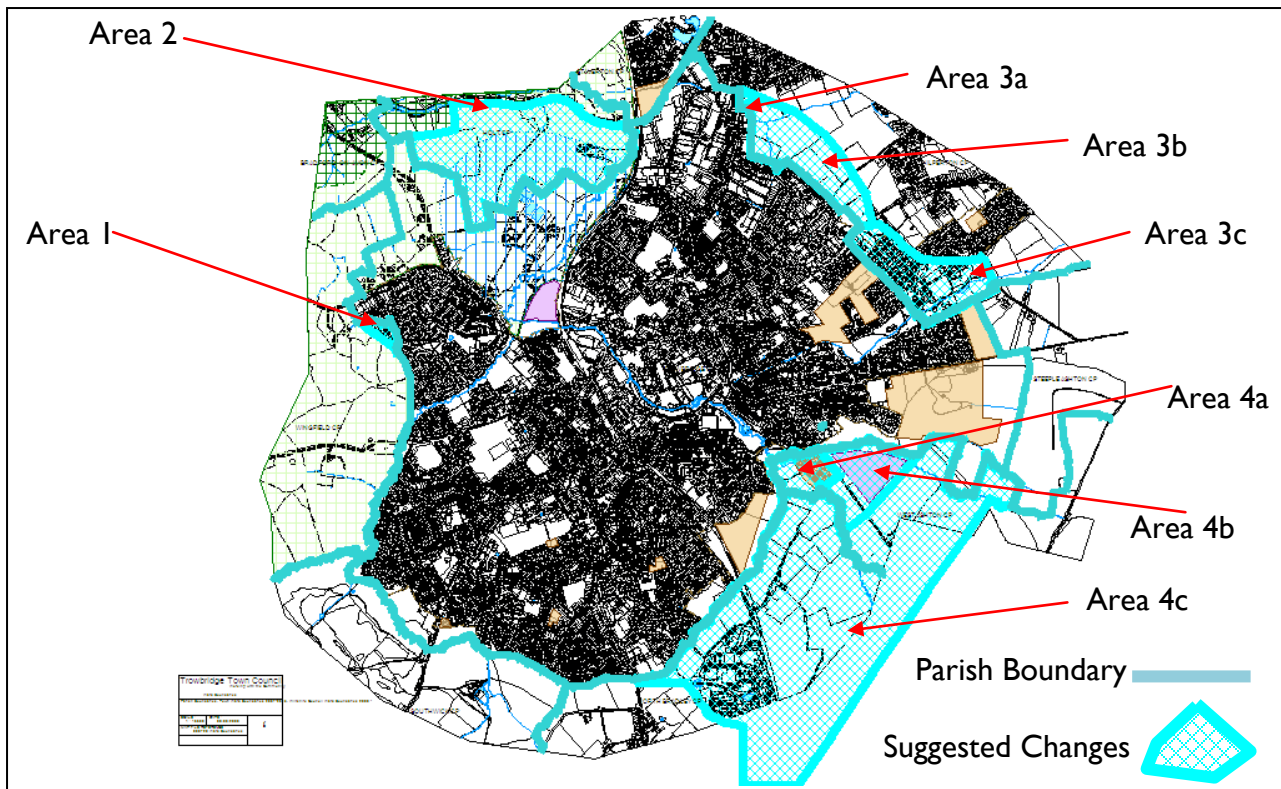
A number of areas around Trowbridge, are clearly part of the community of Trowbridge but attached to parishes in the Bradford-on-Avon Community Area. These include Shore Place, which is in Wingfield Parish but part of a Trowbridge housing estate and only accessible via Trowbridge. The report to the IE on 16th March in answer to representations from Trowbridge Town Council said; *'It is suggested that an electoral (governance) review of the Trowbridge area would be required to address the overlap of urban areas into neighbouring parishes.'*

In addition a Community Governance Review could resolve other community identity issues, not directly impacting upon Area Boards, around Salisbury, Westbury, Devizes, Melksham as well as at Trowbridge, where in Moyle Park and Walmesley Chase the parish boundary runs through the middle of houses. The Town Council would like to know:

1. Is Wiltshire Council committed to undertaking a Community Governance Review to address some of these anomalies?
2. Would the results of any review be implemented in time for the next Wiltshire Council and Parish Council elections in 2013?
3. Should any review also include changes to town boundaries to extend the area covered by the town to include areas likely to accommodate significant development in the next local plan period?
4. What would the next steps be in initiating any review?

Suggested changes around Trowbridge supported by the Town Council

The areas which Trowbridge Town Council considers need to be addressed as part of any Governance Review are detailed on the attached map highlighted in cyan cross hatching and described as follows:



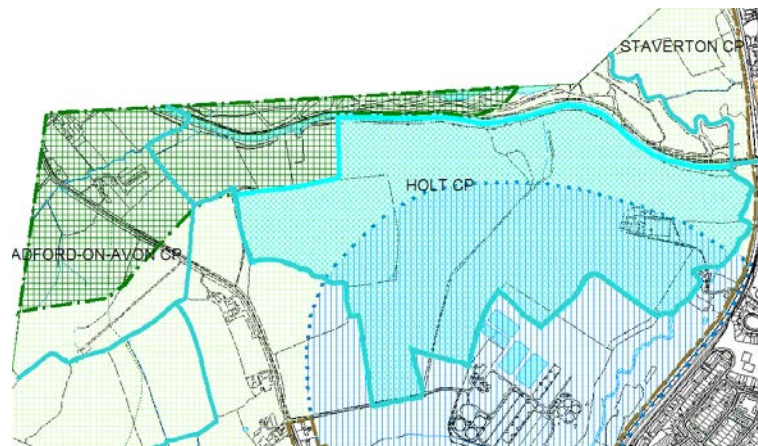
All of the suggested changes would involve revisions to the Unitary Division boundaries, but none result in an electorate with an unacceptable variation from the average. The following pages detail the suggested changes and provide an estimate of the changes in electorate for each Unitary Electoral Division affected.

Area 1 – Shore Place



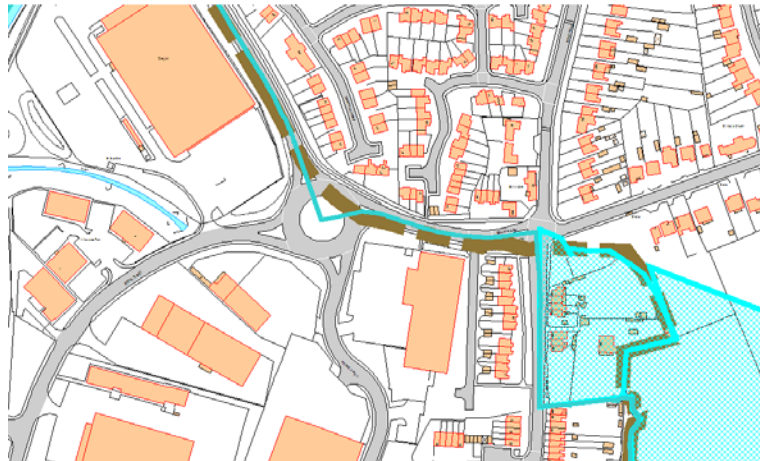
A small area to the West of the town which is part of the Broadmead Estate, but which is in Wingfield Parish (Winsley and Westwood ED), including addresses in Shore Place, Chepston Place and Kingsley Place. This area is only accessible from Trowbridge and is remote from the remaining population of Wingfield. Approximately 28 properties are affected. It is the only part of Wingfield not in the Green Belt. Assuming 59 electors would transfer this would reduce the 2012 electorate of the Winsley and Westwood ED to 3354 and would increase Trowbridge Lambrok ED to 3619.

Area 2 – Lady Down Farm



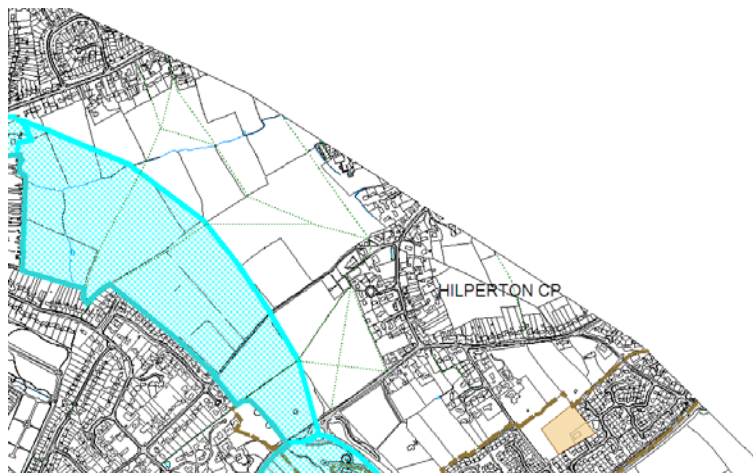
An area to the North West of the town, currently part of Holt Parish (Holt and Staverton ED), lying south of the Kennet and Avon Canal but outside the Bradford on Avon Landscape Protection Zone and including Lady Down Farm. Some of it lies within the Sewage Works Limit and all of it lies within the Green Belt. The Canal forms a good natural Boundary. The current boundary in a number of places is undefined by field boundaries. The area is not accessible from the remainder of Holt Parish. The only residence affected is only accessible from Trowbridge. Assuming 2 electors would transfer this would reduce the 2012 electorate of Holt and Staverton ED to 3428 and would further increase Trowbridge Lambrok to 3621.

Area 3a – Wyke Road



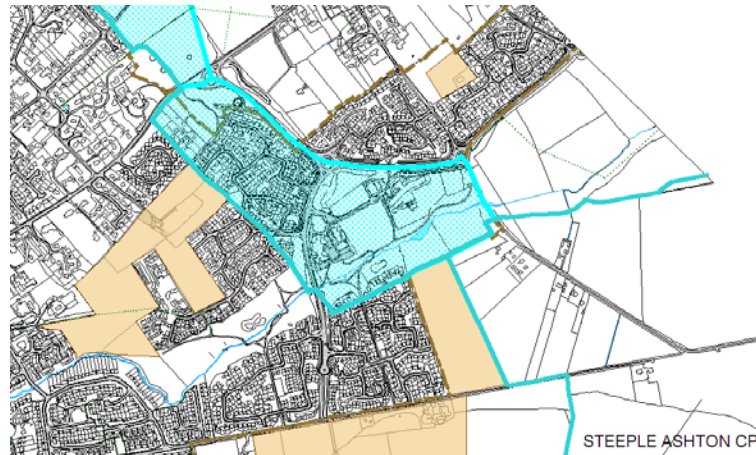
A small area of Hilperton Parish (Hilperton ED) which was part of the town until the last review in 1991, including properties fronting onto Wyke Road. The nearest properties across the road and to the south fronting Wyke Road are all in Trowbridge. The area will lie to the south of the relief road when completed. Approximately 8 properties are affected. Assuming 17 electors would transfer this would reduce the 2012 electorate of the Hilperton ED to 3689 and would increase Trowbridge Adcroft ED to 3535.

Area 3b – Hilperton Gap Recreation Land



This is the remainder of the area lying to the South and West of the relief road, (currently being prepared for construction). This is part of Hilperton Parish (Hilperton ED) but was part of Trowbridge until the last review on 1991. The area is currently allocated in the adopted local plan as an area for the provision of recreational land. No properties are affected. The relief road will form a good natural boundary when completed.

Area 3c Paxcroft Mead South of Hilperton Drive



All of the area of developed land in Hilperton Parish (Hilperton ED) lying to the South of the existing Hilperton Drive, which forms a good natural boundary. It includes properties in: Hilperton Road, Halfway Close, Castley Road, Painters Mead, Faverole Way, Gibbs Leaze, Fairwood Close, Montague Court, Leap Gate, Hackett Place and Moyle Park. Approximately 210 properties are affected plus businesses, the Community Centre and Mead School at Hackett Place. It is not considered appropriate to extend the boundary North of Hilperton Drive as Hilperton Drive forms a natural boundary to Hilperton village. The current boundary runs through the middle of properties in Moyle Park and Walmesley Chase and a number of streets are split by the current boundary (Montague Court, Walmesley Chase, Painters Mead, Hilperton Road and Halfway Close). Assuming 445 electors would transfer this would further reduce the 2012 electorate of the Hilperton ED to 3244 and would increase Trowbridge Paxcroft ED to 3963.

Area 4a – Old Farm



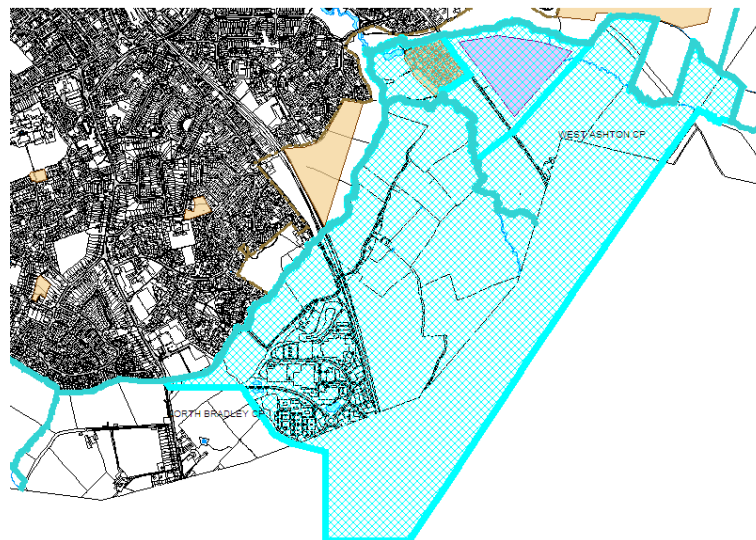
The area of developed land and adjacent floodplain at Old Farm, off the West Ashton Road, currently in West Ashton Parish (Southwick ED). This is within 100 metres of the main built up area of Trowbridge yet remote from the remainder of West Ashton village which is some 1600m away at the closest point near the A350 crossroads. Approximately 105 properties are affected. Assuming 223 electors would transfer this would reduce the 2012 electorate of the Southwick ED to 3197 and would increase Trowbridge Park ED to 3581.

Area 4b – West Ashton Road Employment Land



An area allocated as employment development land and the adjacent flood plain to the east of the West Ashton Road and south of Trowbridge Lodge Park which will be west of the link road between Leap Gate and West Ashton Road. No existing properties are affected.

Area 4c – Biss Farm and White Horse Business Park



Areas of West Ashton and North Bradley Parishes (Southwick ED) which are expected to be included in the 2026 Local Plan Core Strategy allocations for residential and employment land. The area is bounded to the south by the high voltage power lines between Biss Wood and the River Biss, and then the River Biss as far as the A363 and the railway line, including the whole of the existing White Horse Business Park continuing on the A363 to the Bradley Road Roundabout where it rejoins the existing town boundary at Woodmarsh. Approximately 6 residential properties are affected as well as farm buildings and a large number of commercial buildings. Assuming 13 electors would transfer this would further reduce the 2012 electorate of the Southwick ED to 3184 and would further increase Trowbridge Park ED to 3591 and would also increase Trowbridge Drynham ED to 3413.

Other Changes NOT Supported by the Town Council

A number of other changes could be made to further improve community identity, but the arguments for changes, such as those affecting parts of Staverton Parish to the north of the canal around the Marina and New Terrace and in Hilperton including parts of Paxcroft Mead to the North of Hilperton Drive and areas to the East of Hammond Way, are significantly less sound and therefore not supported by the Town Council:

Staverton Marina

It is argued that parts of Staverton Marina are part of the community of Trowbridge. This is based upon the boundary of the town policy limit, (West Wilts District Plan, first alteration), which includes areas of Staverton bounded by the canal, New Terrace and the railway line. There are a number of difficult issues related to a revision of the boundary in this area. The Canal and river form an excellent natural southern boundary for Staverton Parish, the only other natural boundary would be the railway line. Removing all of this area from Staverton parish would remove the vast majority of the population from the parish and would have an impact therefore on the Holt and Staverton Unitary Division, resulting in an unacceptable variation from the average electorate. Much of the area borders residential parts of Hilperton Parish. It does not border residential parts of Trowbridge, those areas of Trowbridge bordering this area are industrial.

Paxcroft Mead North of Hilperton Drive

It is argued that the remainder of Paxcroft Mead lying to the north of Hilperton Drive are part of the community of Trowbridge. This is based upon the boundary of the town policy limit, which includes this area. There are a number of difficult issues related to a further revision of the boundary on this area. Hilperton Drive (A361) forms a very good natural boundary between the urban area and the village of Hilperton. No other better natural boundaries exist in this area between the urban area and the village. This area, whilst within the town policy limit, is at a significantly greater distance from the centre of Trowbridge than other areas of existing or future residential development around the town. This change would have a very significant impact upon the electorate of the Hilperton ED and would result in an unacceptable variation from the average electorate.

East of Hammond Way

It is argued that parts of Hilperton lying to the east of Hammond Way and North of Canal Road, close to the northern end of Wyke Road, Horse Road and Marsh Road are part of the community of Trowbridge. Some of this area was part of Trowbridge prior to the previous revision implemented in 1991. There are a number of difficult issues related to a further revision of the boundary in this area. There is no better natural boundary than Canal Road between this area and Trowbridge, which forms the current boundary. The proposals 3a and 3b above further improve the use of natural boundaries in this area. This area is contiguous with the centre of the village of Hilperton, along Marsh Road and is throughout generally residential development. The area is wholly contained within the current Hilperton Village development boundary. This change would have a very significant impact upon the electorate of the Hilperton ED and would result in an unacceptable variation from the average electorate.

Summary of Supported Changes to Unitary Electoral Divisions:

Electoral Division	2012 electorate (estimate)	transfers	Revised 2012 electorate	Variance from average (3695)
Winsley & Westwood	3413	-59	3354	-9.2%
Holt and Staverton	3430	-2	3428	-7.2%
Hilperton	3706	-17-445	3244	-12.2%
Southwick	3420	-223-13	3184	-13.8%
Trowbridge Lambrok	3560	+59+2	3621	-2.0%
Trowbridge Adcroft	3518	+17	3535	-4.3%
Trowbridge Paxcroft	3518	+445	3963	+7.3%
Trowbridge Park	3358	+223+10	3591	-2.8%
Trowbridge Drynham	3410	+3	3413	-7.6%

The average of 3,695 electors is based upon the total WC electorate estimate for 2012 of 362,128 electors across the 98 Electoral Divisions (EDs). None of these supported suggestions affecting the Trowbridge area give a greater variance from average than already established EDs of +15% for Malmesbury and Warminster Broadway and -18% for Winterslow.

Lance Allan
Town Clerk



Governance Review Report – June 2014

Introduction

This report is an updated version of a report which was originally presented to Wiltshire Council in 2011, was updated in June 2013 following the elections and has now been further updated in June 2014, following the commencement of the Community Governance Review by Wiltshire Council.

Trowbridge Town Council has welcomed the commencement of the Community Governance Review by Wiltshire Council and presents this updated report. The first section below, whilst no longer directly relevant, as the review has now commenced, is presented as background to the issue, as it details the request made by the town council to persuade Wiltshire Council to undertake a review.

When Area Board boundaries were set up by the Unitary Implementation Executive (IE) in 2009, concerns were expressed by the IE that both Area Board boundaries and Unitary Division boundaries, upon which the Area Boards were based, did not reflect community identity in a number of areas. It was indicated in a report to the IE that support would be given to undertaking a Community Governance Review (CGR) in some areas to see if improvements to community identity within Area Boards could be achieved. This suggestion was strongly supported by the IE and by those who are now senior members of the Council.

A number of boundary anomalies were resolved in the then North Wiltshire District area of the County at the same time as Wiltshire Council was established (April 2009), such as at Chippenham around Cepen Park and in Calne, resulting from long standing parish boundary reviews which were undertaken under the old system. The current system no longer requires input from the DCLG and the Secretary of State's approval. The review is the sole responsibility of Wiltshire Council. Whilst electoral arrangements have been reviewed, parish boundary reviews have not been undertaken in the former West Wiltshire area since the last ones were implemented in 1991. More than thirty years would, in all estimates be too long, particularly in an area which has experienced significant development and housing growth. For some time Trowbridge Town Council has been concerned that there are similar anomalies in other parts of the Wiltshire Council area, such as:

The area to the north of Bishopdown where the parish boundary between the City of Salisbury and the Parish of Laverstock cuts through the middle of a housing estate, leaving Laverstock Parish part in South Wilts Area Board and part in Salisbury Area Board. The report to the IE on 16th March 2009, in answer to an issue raised by Cllr Mary Douglas said; 'Confirmed that part of the Laverstock CP includes parts of Hampton Park housing estate which are within the Salisbury St Marks and Bishopdown ED in the Salisbury Area Board – suggested early electoral review of City boundary.'

A number of areas around Trowbridge, are clearly part of the community of Trowbridge but attached to parishes in the Bradford-on-Avon Community Area. These include Shore Place, which is in Wingfield Parish but part of a Trowbridge housing estate and only accessible via Trowbridge. The report to the IE on 16th March in answer to representations from Trowbridge Town Council said; 'It is suggested that an electoral (governance) review of the Trowbridge area would be required to address the overlap of urban areas into neighbouring parishes.'

In addition a Community Governance Review could resolve other community identity issues, not directly impacting upon Area Boards, around Salisbury, Westbury, Devizes, Melksham as well as at Trowbridge, where in Moyle Park and Walmsley Chase the parish boundary runs through the middle of houses.

In May 2011 when Wiltshire Council considered this issue, whilst recognising their statutory duty to undertake a Community Governance Review on a periodic basis Wiltshire Council resolved not to consider the matter further until after the 2013 elections. The 2011 report to Wiltshire Council says, "1.1 The Council is required to undertake Governance Reviews, i.e. to keep under review the boundaries and seating arrangements of parishes and parish wards within the county" . and, "2.3 The frequency of such reviews is not specified, although ten years would appear to be the generally accepted maximum."

With the expectation that the Core Strategy and Local Plan for Wiltshire will be adopted in 2014 it would be wholly appropriate for Wiltshire Council now to accept its responsibilities and undertake a CGR.

At a meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee of Trowbridge Town Council it was resolved:
That Trowbridge Town Council submits the report, with any appropriate updates if required, to Wiltshire Council as a formal request for a Community Governance Review, to ensure that the future boundaries of the town include appropriate areas and that the most appropriate Local Council represents the identified community of Trowbridge. And that the Town Council coordinates this approach with other Local Councils seeking a CGR from Wiltshire Council.

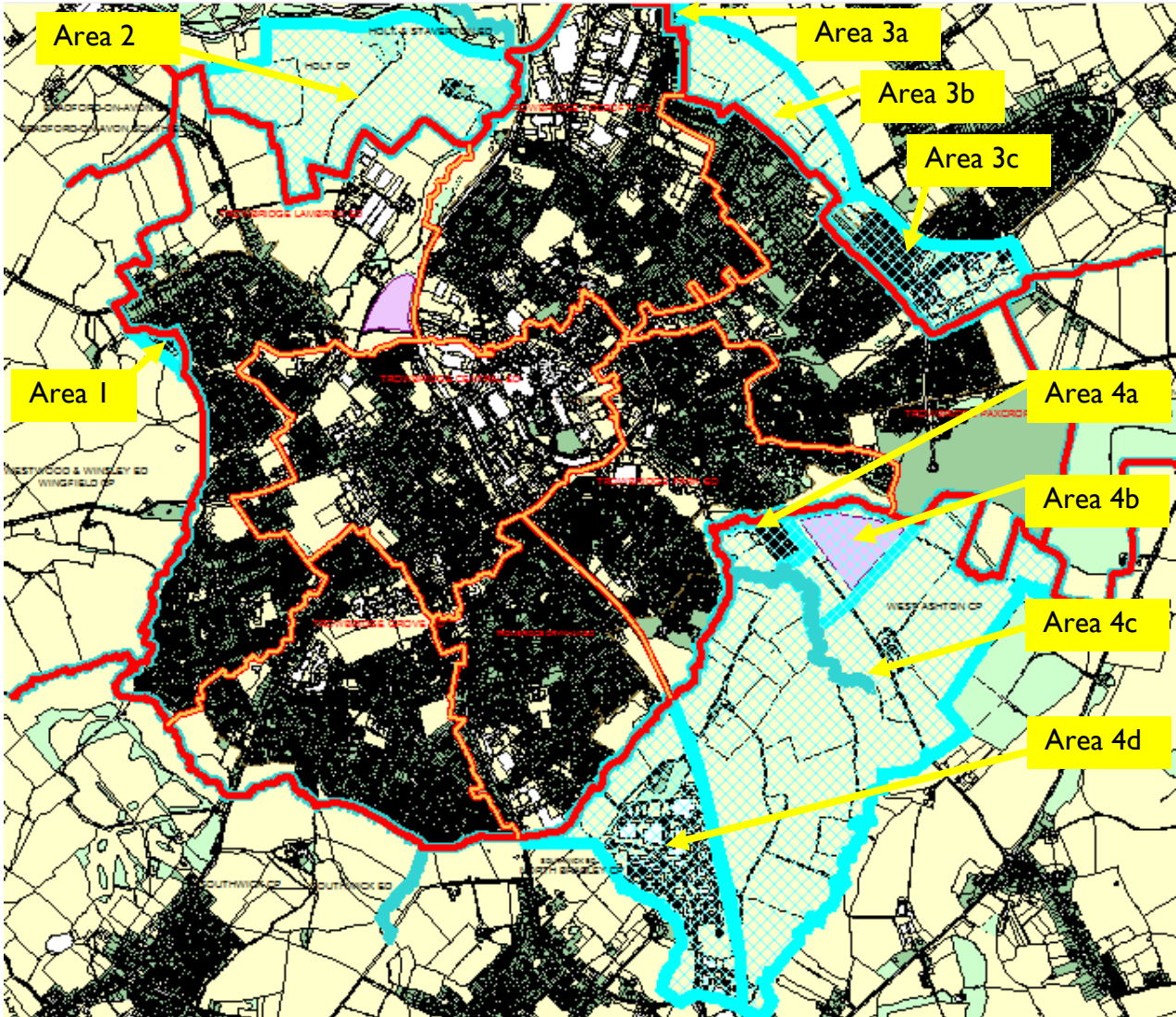
Trowbridge Town Council would therefore request:

- 1. That Wiltshire Council now commit to undertaking a Community Governance Review to address existing parish boundary anomalies and deliver clearer community identity across growing communities in Wiltshire.*
- 2. That Wiltshire Council ensures that, with four years in which to undertake a Community Governance Review and implement any changes, the results of any review will be implemented prior to the next Wiltshire Council and Parish Council elections in 2017.*
- 3. That Wiltshire Council ensure that any review includes changes to town and parish boundaries to extend the area covered by growing communities to include allocated for significant development in the local plan period covered by the Core Strategy which is scheduled to be adopted in 2014, so that the implementation of Neighbourhood Plans and Community Infrastructure Levy applies in a sensible and logical way, allowing constructive partnership between local councils and Wiltshire Council to support growth, economic recovery and service delivery.*

The remainder of the report is an updated version of the detail specifying the particular areas adjacent to the boundary of Trowbridge Town which the town council considers merit review and has been updated to reflect the most recent information available and presents more up to date mapping, particularly providing greater detail of areas (Area 4c and Area 4d) which were previously outside the scope of the town council's mapping software.

Suggested changes around Trowbridge supported by the Town Council

The areas which Trowbridge Town Council considers need to be addressed as part of any Community Governance Review are detailed on the map below, highlighted in cyan cross hatching. All of the suggested changes also anticipate revisions to the Unitary Division boundaries, but none result in an electorate with an unacceptable variation from the average.



Existing Parish Boundary



Wiltshire Council Electoral Division Boundary



Town Council Ward Boundary



Suggested Changes

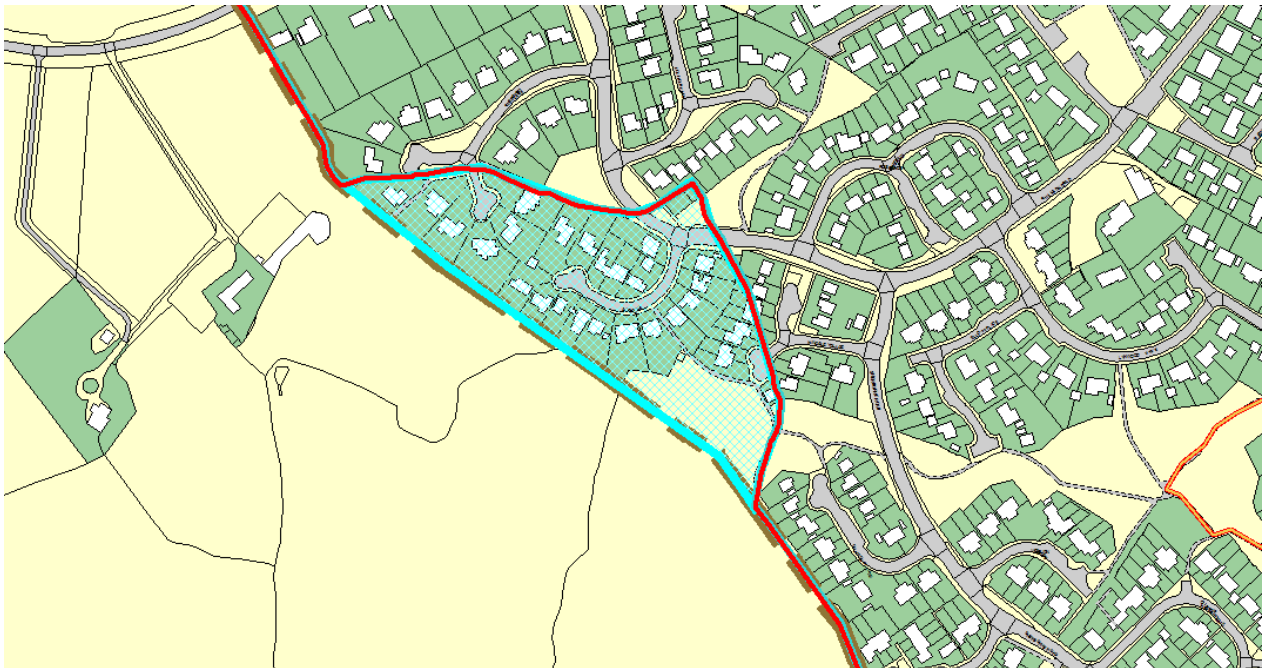


Summary of Changes to Unitary Electoral Divisions:

Electoral Division	2012 electorate (estimate)	transfers	Revised 2012 electorate	Variance from average (3695)
Winsley & Westwood	3413	-59	3354	-9.2%
Holt and Staverton	3430	-2	3428	-7.2%
Hilperton	3706	-17-445	3244	-12.2%
Southwick	3420	-223-10-3	3184	-13.8%
Trowbridge Lambrok	3560	+59+2	3621	-2.0%
Trowbridge Adcroft	3518	+17	3535	-4.3%
Trowbridge Paxcroft	3518	+445	3963	+7.3%
Trowbridge Park	3358	+223+10	3591	-2.8%
Trowbridge Drynham	3410	+3	3413	-7.6%

The average of 3,695 electors is based upon the total WC electorate estimate for 2012 of 362,128 electors across the 98 Electoral Divisions (EDs). None of these changes for the Trowbridge area give a greater variance from average than existing EDs of +15% for Malmesbury and Warminster Broadway and -18% for Winterslow. The following pages detail the suggested changes and provide an estimate of the changes in electorate for each Unitary Electoral Division affected.

Area I – Shore Place



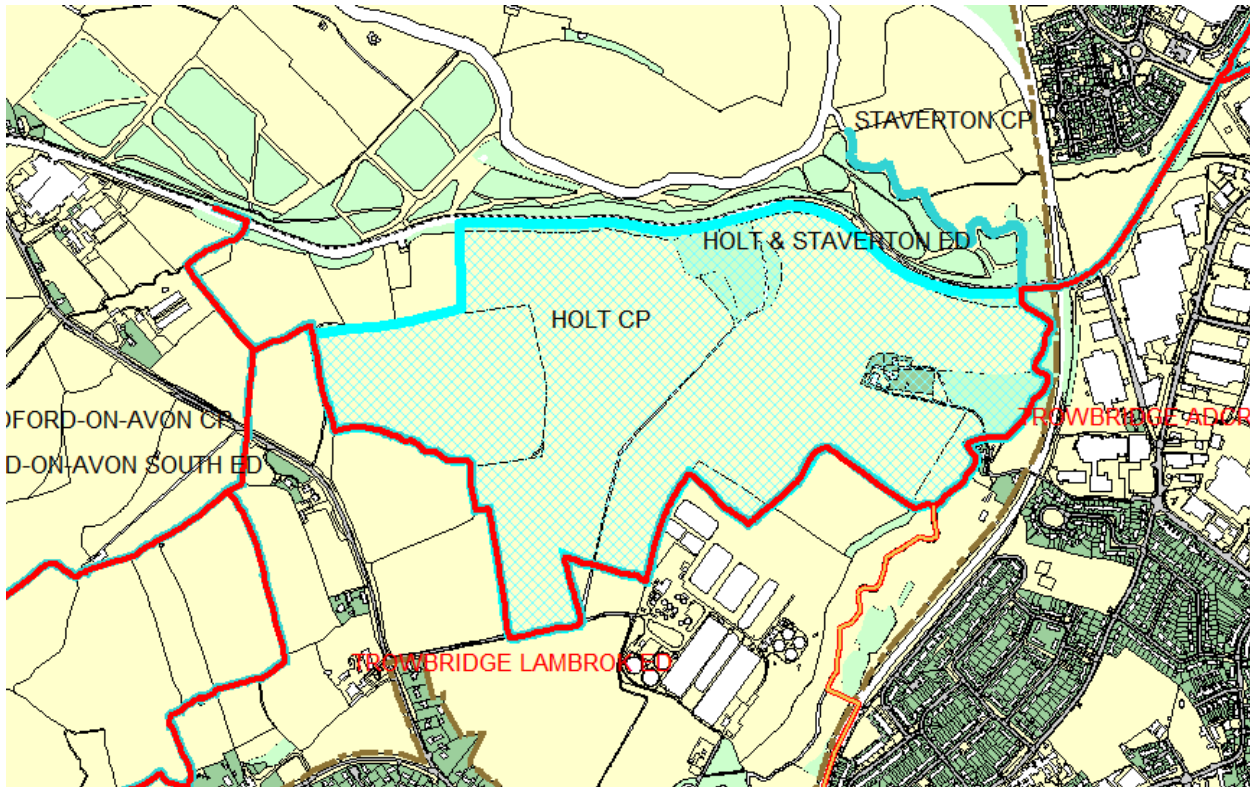
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Area I comprises a small area to the West of the town which is part of the Broadmead Estate, but which is in Wingfield Parish (Winsley and Westwood ED), including addresses in Shore Place, Chepston Place and Kingsley Place. This area is only accessible from Trowbridge and is remote from the remaining population of Wingfield. The boundary between the estate and therefore the built up area of Trowbridge and rural farmland within the Green Belt provides a significantly improved natural boundary. It is the only part of Wingfield not in the Green Belt.

Approximately 28 properties are affected. Assuming 59 electors would transfer this would reduce the 2012 electorate of the Winsley and Westwood ED to 3354 and would increase Trowbridge Lambrok ED to 3619.

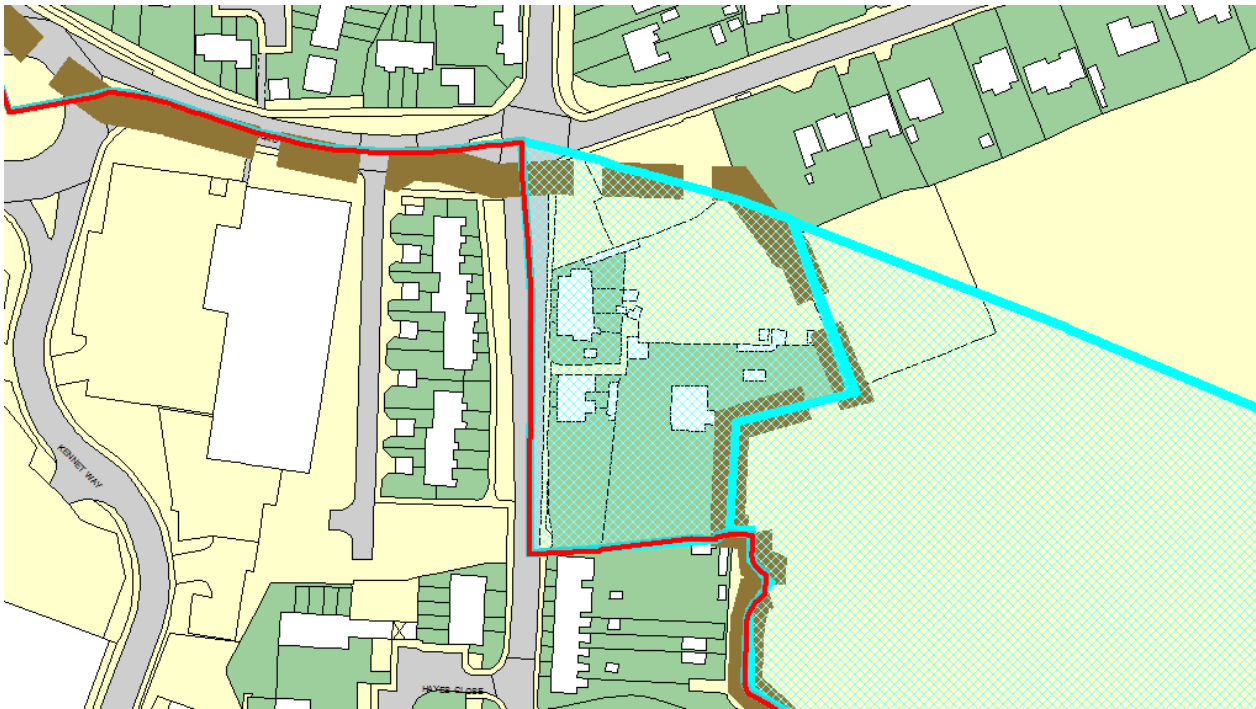
Area 2 – Lady Down Farm



Area 2 comprises an area to the North West of the town, currently part of Holt Parish (Holt and Staverton ED), lying south of the Kennet and Avon Canal but outside the Bradford on Avon Landscape Protection Zone and including Lady Down Farm. Some of it lies within the Sewage Works Limit and all of it lies within the Green Belt. The Canal forms a good natural Boundary. The current boundary in a number of places is undefined by field boundaries. The area is not accessible directly from the remainder of Holt Parish.

The only residence affected is only accessible from Trowbridge. Assuming 2 electors would transfer this would reduce the 2012 electorate of Holt and Staverton ED to 3428 and would further increase Trowbridge Lambrok to 3621.

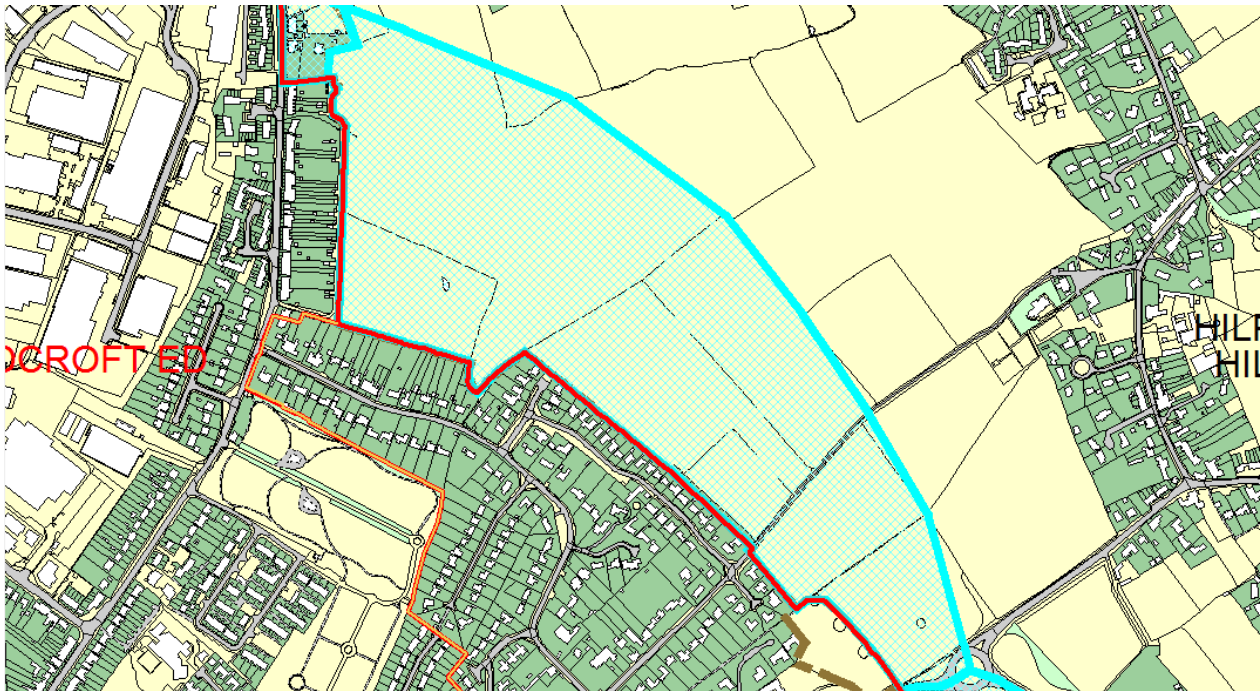
Area 3a – Wyke Road



Area 3a comprises a small area of Hilperton Parish (Hilperton ED) which was part of the town until the last review was implemented in 1991, including properties fronting onto Wyke Road. The nearest properties across the road and to the south fronting Wyke Road are all in Trowbridge. The area will lie to the south of the Hilperton Relief Road when completed (due 2015).

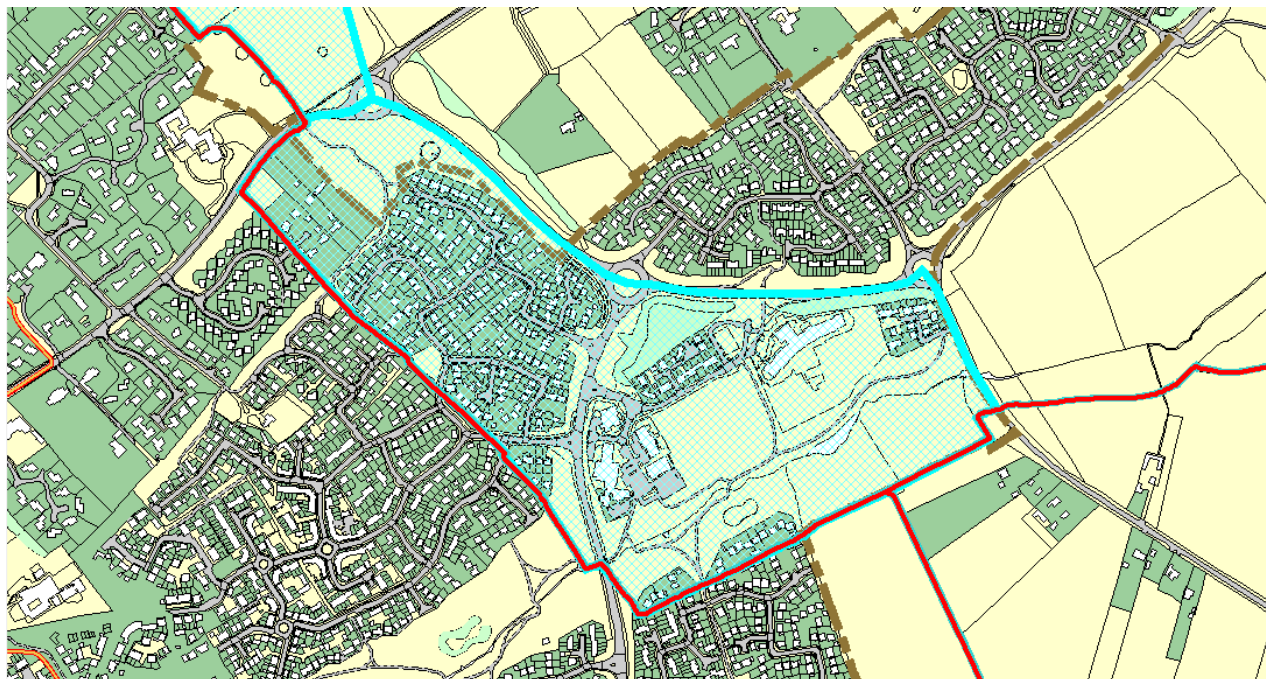
Approximately 8 properties are affected. Assuming 17 electors would transfer this would reduce the 2012 electorate of the Hilperton ED to 3689 and would increase Trowbridge Adcroft ED to 3535.

Area 3b – Hilperton Gap South



Area 3b comprises all of the remainder (after accounting for Area 3a) of the area lying to the south and west of the Hilperton Relief Road, (due to be completed by end 2015). This is part of Hilperton Parish (Hilperton ED) but was part of Trowbridge Parish until the last review was implemented in 1991. The relief road will form a good natural boundary when completed.

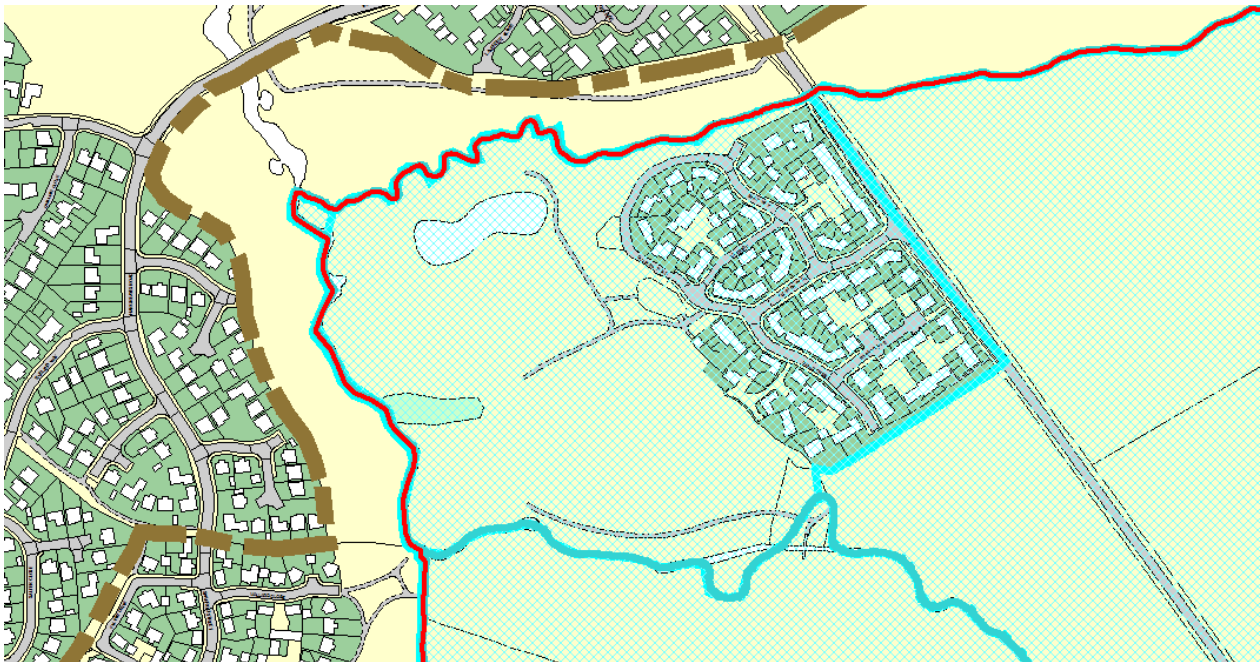
No properties are affected.

Area 3c Paxcroft Mead South of Hilperton Drive

Area 3c comprises all of the developed land lying to the South of the existing Hilperton Drive in Hilperton Parish (Hilperton ED), which forms a good natural boundary. It includes properties in: Hilperton Road, Halfway Close, Castley Road, Painters Mead, Faverole Way, Gibbs Leaze, Fairwood Close, Montague Court, Leap Gate, Hackett Place and Moyle Park. Approximately 210 properties are affected plus businesses, the Community Centre and The Mead School at Hackett Place. It is not considered appropriate to extend the boundary North of Hilperton Drive as Hilperton Drive forms a good natural boundary to Hilperton village and therefore Hilperton Parish. The current boundary runs through the middle of properties in Moyle Park and Walmesley Chase and a number of streets are split by the current boundary (Moyle Park, Montague Court, Walmesley Chase, Painters Mead, Hilperton Road and Halfway Close).

Assuming 445 electors would transfer this would further reduce the 2012 electorate of the Hilperton ED to 3244 and would increase Trowbridge Paxcroft ED to 3963.

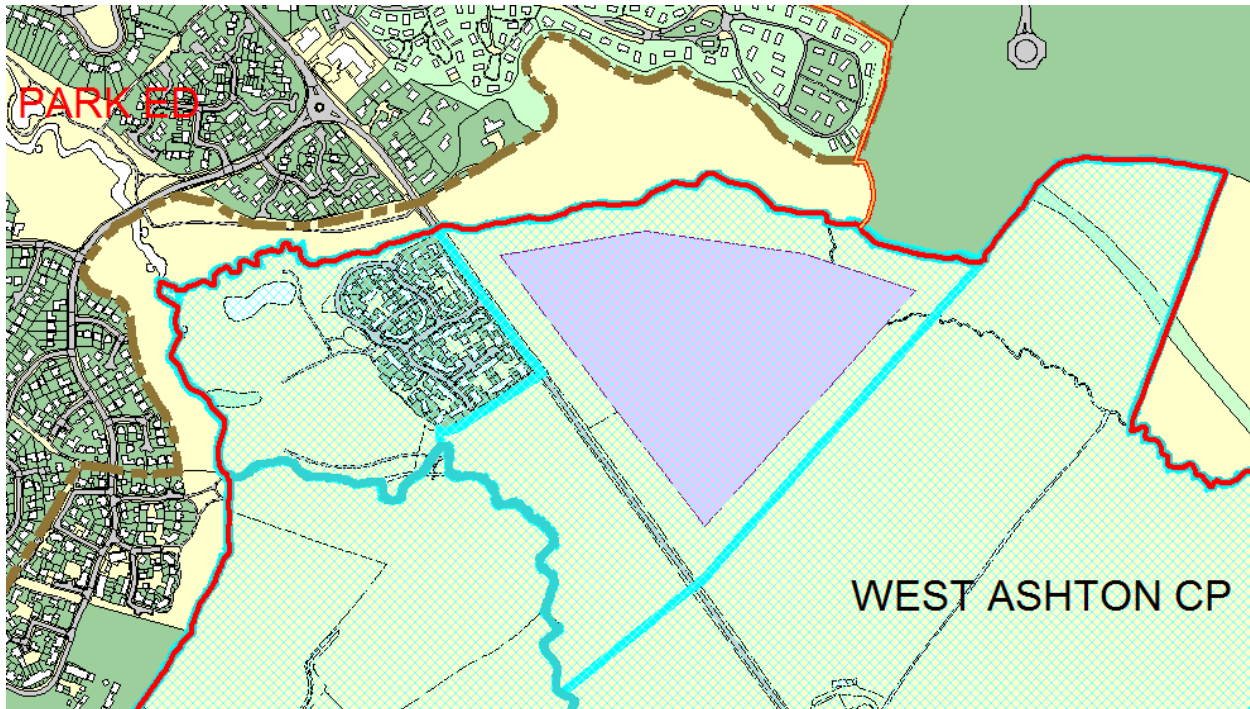
Area 4a – Old Farm



Area 4a comprises the area of developed land and adjacent floodplain at Old Farm, off the West Ashton Road, currently in West Ashton Parish (Southwick ED). This is within 100 metres of the main built up area of Trowbridge yet remote from the remainder of West Ashton village which is some 1600m away at the closest point near the A350 crossroads.

Approximately 105 properties are affected. Assuming 223 electors would transfer this would reduce the 2012 electorate of the Southwick ED to 3197 and would increase Trowbridge Park ED to 3581.

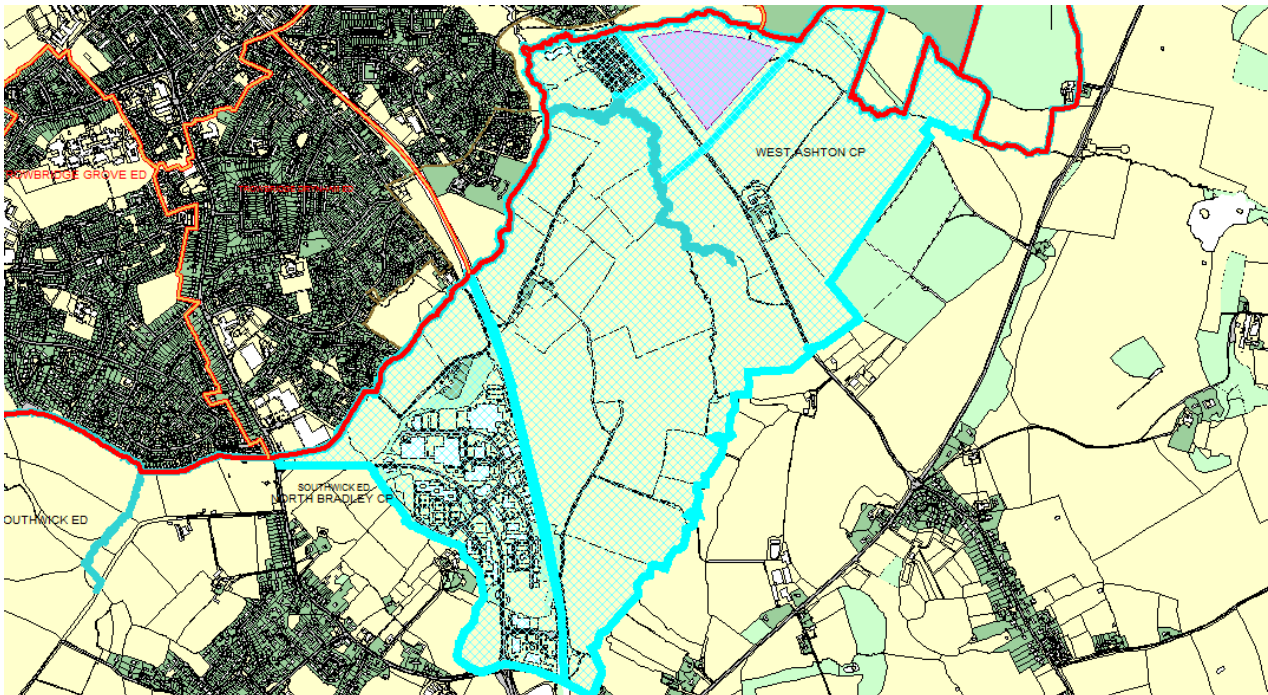
Area 4b – West Ashton Road Employment Land



Area 4b comprises an area allocated as employment development land and the adjacent flood plain either side of the West Ashton Road and south of Trowbridge Lodge Park which is west of the link road between Leap Gate and West Ashton Road.

No existing properties are affected.

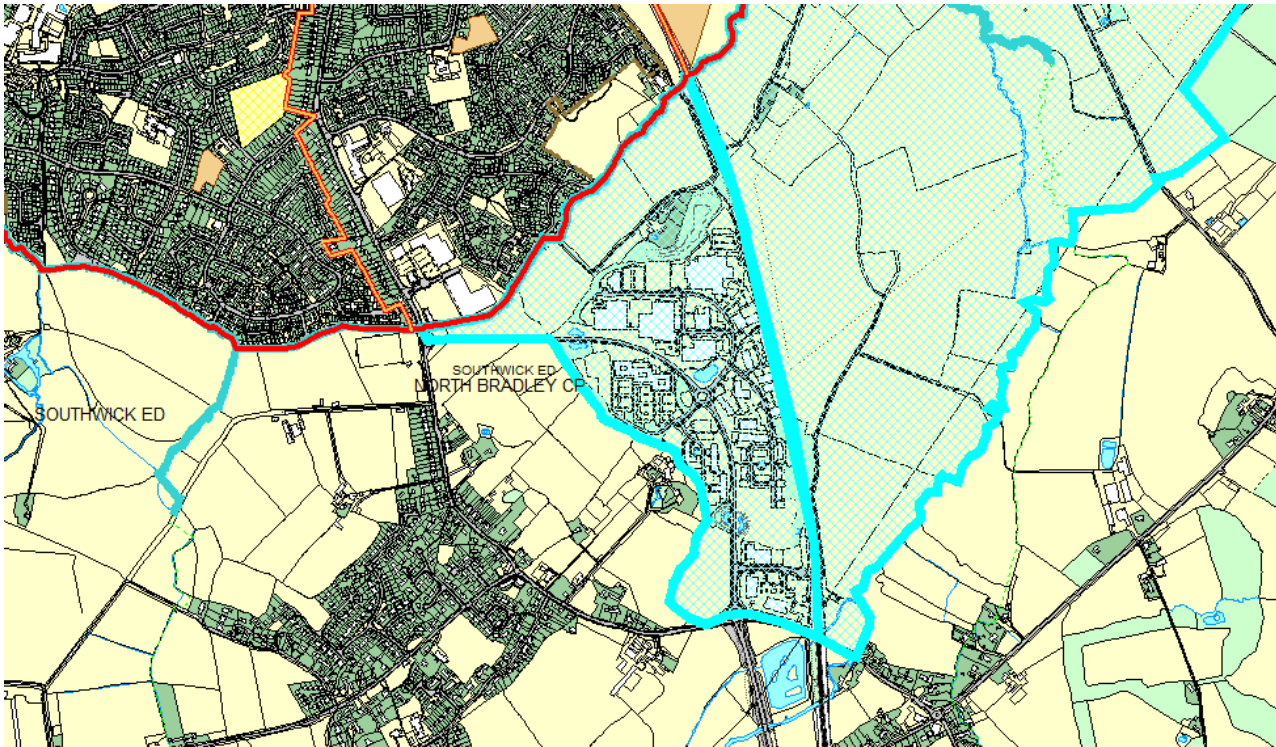
Area 4c – Ashton Park Urban Extension



Area 4 c comprises parts of West Ashton and North Bradley Parishes (Southwick ED) which are included in the Wiltshire Core Strategy allocations for residential and employment land, known as the Ashton Park Urban Extension. The area is bounded to the east and south by Biss Wood and the River Biss as far as the A363, all of which will form good natural boundaries for both the urban area of Trowbridge and therefore for the Parish Boundary. To the west it is bounded by the railway line.

Approximately 5 existing residential properties are affected as well as farm buildings. Assuming 10 electors would transfer this would further reduce the 2012 electorate of the Southwick ED to 3187 and would further increase Trowbridge Park ED to 3591

Area 4d – White Horse Business Park



Area 4d comprises all of the White Horse Business Park and additional similar commercial development around the White Horse Business Park as well as the land between the Business Park and the town boundary. It takes the proposed new town boundary from the A363 railway bridge, encompassing all of the commercial development around the western edge of the White Horse Business Park and then continues on the A363 to the Bradley Road Roundabout where it rejoins the existing town boundary at Woodmarsh.

Only 2 residential properties are affected as well as farm buildings and a large number of commercial buildings. Assuming 3 electors would transfer this would further reduce the 2012 electorate of the Southwick ED to 3184 and would increase Trowbridge Drynham ED to 3413 electors.

Other Changes NOT Supported by the Town Council

A number of other changes could be made to further improve community identity, but the arguments for changes, such as those affecting parts of Staverton Parish to the north of the canal around the Marina and New Terrace and in Hilperton including parts of Paxcroft Mead to the North of Hilperton Drive and areas to the East of Hammond Way, are significantly less sound and therefore not supported by the Town Council:

Staverton Marina

It is argued that parts of Staverton Marina are part of the community of Trowbridge. This is based upon the boundary of the old town policy limit, (West Wilts District Plan, first alteration), which includes areas of Staverton bounded by the canal, New Terrace and the railway line. There are a number of difficult issues related to a revision of the boundary in this area. The Canal and river form an excellent natural southern boundary for Staverton Parish, the only other natural boundary would be the railway line. Removing all of the area south of the railway line from Staverton Parish would remove the vast majority of the population from the parish and would have an impact therefore on the Holt and Staverton Unitary Division, resulting in an unacceptable variation from the average electorate. Much of the area borders residential parts of Hilperton Parish. It does not border residential parts of Trowbridge, those areas of Trowbridge bordering this area are industrial.

Paxcroft Mead North of Hilperton Drive

It is argued that the remainder of Paxcroft Mead lying to the north of Hilperton Drive is part of the community of Trowbridge. This is based upon the boundary of the old town policy limit, which includes this area. There are a number of difficult issues related to a further revision of the boundary in this area. Hilperton Drive (A361) forms a very good natural boundary between the urban area and the village of Hilperton. No other better natural boundaries exist in this area between the urban area and the village. This area, whilst within the town policy limit, is at a significantly greater distance from the centre of Trowbridge than other areas of existing or future residential development around the town. This change would have a very significant impact upon the electorate of the Hilperton ED and would result in an unacceptable variation from the average electorate.

East of Hammond Way

It is argued that parts of Hilperton lying to the east of Hammond Way and North of Canal Road, close to the northern end of Wyke Road, Horse Road and Marsh Road are part of the community of Trowbridge. Some of this area was part of Trowbridge prior to the previous revision implemented in 1991. There are a number of difficult issues related to a further revision of the boundary in this area. There is no better natural boundary than Canal Road between this area and Trowbridge, which forms the current boundary. The proposals 3a and 3b above further improve the use of natural boundaries in this area. This area is contiguous with the centre of the village of Hilperton, along Marsh Road and is throughout, generally residential development. The area is wholly contained within the current Hilperton Village development boundary. This change would have a very significant impact upon the electorate of the Hilperton ED and would result in an unacceptable variation from the average electorate.

Lance Allan
Town Clerk



Trowbridge Town Football Club

Honorary President – Mr Ralph McCaldon



**FA CHARTER STANDARD
DEVELOPMENT CLUB**

Community Governance Review
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Wilts

Dear Councillor Wheeler

As the Chairman of a sports club providing activities for residents of the Trowbridge community, we would like to express our support for all of the proposals made by Trowbridge Town Council to the Community Governance Review. It is clear that Trowbridge needs one town council for all of the town and that the proposals for changes to the town boundary made by Trowbridge Town Council will achieve this.

Trowbridge Town Council has been supportive of growth in the town's population and the development of services and facilities for that growing population. As well as improvements in the town centre, the town council has continued to support the provision of sport and active leisure facilities around the town and is now looking to invest in additional facilities, but the town council need to be able to do this for the whole town, not just parts of it.

Trowbridge Town Council is already working with partners on plans to deliver; new sports pitches and outdoor leisure facilities at Devizes Road next to the new Trowbridge Rugby Club, a secure future for Woodmarsh football ground,

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improved facilities in the Town Park, it is in discussion with Wiltshire Council about taking over the Stallards Recreation Ground and Seymour Recreation Ground and it is supporting the development of a new health and well-being centre including indoor leisure facilities. The neighbouring parish councils do not have the capacity and resources to deliver these changes for Trowbridge. Only a single town council can make these changes efficiently and effectively.

Trowbridge Town Council can only do these things for the whole town if the areas of new development are included in the town boundary and everyone makes a contribution to our success. Please ensure that Trowbridge continues to invest in the future of the town by approving all of the proposals made by Trowbridge Town Council.

Yours sincerely,



Ralph McCaldon
Chairman Trowbridge Town Fc



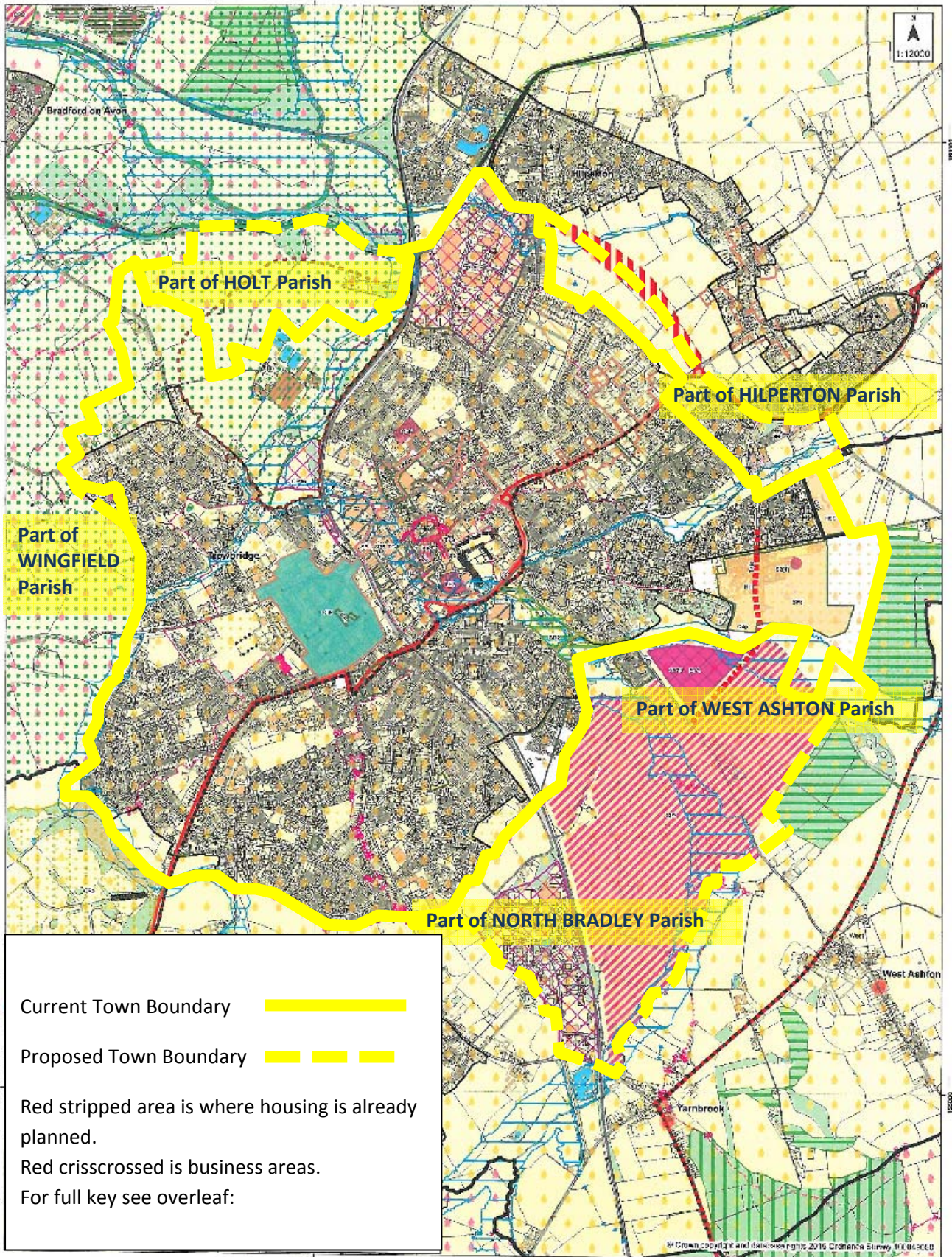


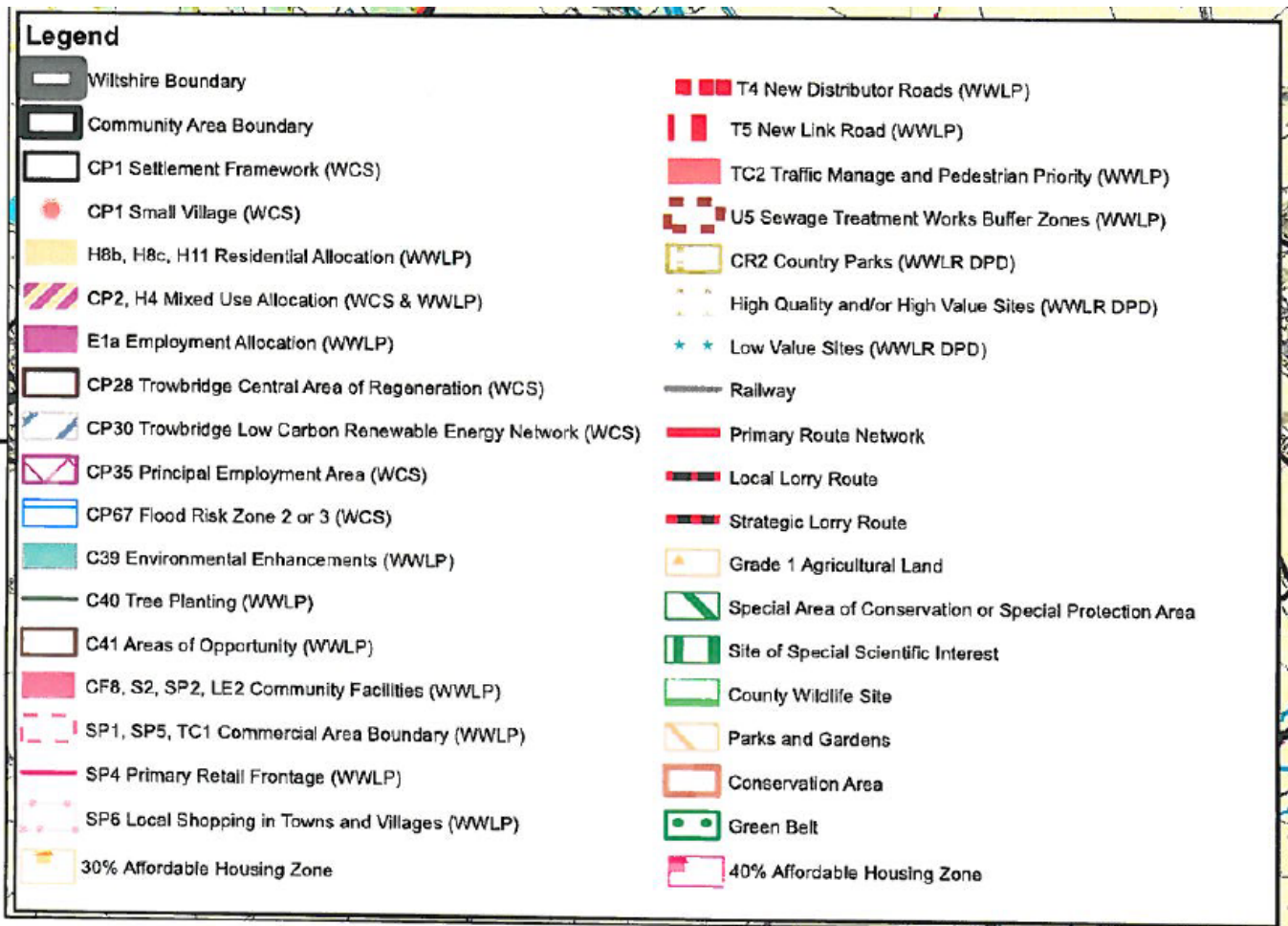
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Inset Map 9: Trowbridge





The Map overleaf is taken from the **Wiltshire Core Strategy** and has had the existing **Town Boundary** and the proposed **Town Boundary** superimposed on it. The map also includes additional text indicating the current parishes for the proposed areas of transfer.

Above is a key to aid interpretation.

The areas proposed by Trowbridge Town Council for adjustments to the town boundary include; areas of existing development in the **Broadmead** and **Old Farm** estates (part of **Wingfield Parish**), areas to the south of the canal (part of **Holt parish**), areas to the south of the new **Hilperton Gap Relief Road** & areas of **Paxcroft Mead** which are south of the **A361/Hilperton Drive** (part of **Hilperton Parish**), areas allocated in the **Core Strategy**, either side of the **West Ashton Road** and the **White Horse Business Parkn** (parts of **West Ashton Parish** and **North Bradley Parish**).

Trowbridge Town Council

September 2015

DISCOVER Trowbridge – a town council for all of the town.

Trowbridge Town Council believes that Trowbridge has made a step change in recent years, with its own investment in the Civic Centre and the Town Park and support for the development of new shops, the ODEON cinema and restaurants, the weekly market, new businesses and a growing population.

Trowbridge Town Council wants to ensure that this transformation continues into the future so that together we can all deliver a sustainable town that provides a full range of facilities and services for the whole community.

Trowbridge Town Council is already working with partners on plans to deliver; new sports pitches and outdoor leisure facilities, improved cultural and heritage venues and activities in the Museum and at the Town Hall, a new health and well-being centre and other improvements in the town centre. It also want to improve our car parks and make them more affordable for people who work in the town centre and visit Trowbridge, retain our town bus services, provide better children's play areas and new and improved youth facilities including skate-parks.

Trowbridge Town Council can only do these things for the whole town if the areas of new development are included in the town boundary and everyone makes a contribution to our success. Wiltshire Council is currently undertaking a consultation on changes to the town boundary and everyone needs to respond to the consultation. If you think that Trowbridge Town Council should continue to deliver a better place, with better facilities then please tell Wiltshire Council that:

Trowbridge needs one town council for all of the town and we support all of the revisions to the town boundary proposed by Trowbridge Town Council.

Please attend the public meeting on Tuesday 13th October at 6pm in County Hall and complete the online survey at:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communitygovernancereviewsurvey2015.htm>

Thank you for your support.

Lance Allan
Town Clerk



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West Ashton Parish Council

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Mr John Watling
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2nd October 2014

Dear Mr Watling,

Re: Wiltshire Governance Review

I am writing on behalf of West Ashton Parish Council, regarding the Governance Review currently being carried out by Wiltshire Council, and in particular the boundary changes that have been proposed by Trowbridge Town Council as part of that Review.

Councillors considered the proposals submitted by Trowbridge Town Council at a recent Parish Council meeting and resolved to strongly oppose the proposals for the following reasons -

- The premise of Trowbridge Town Council's argument is that the effect on the electorate numbers is minimal, changes follow natural boundaries, and in the case of 'Old Farm', it is because of its proximity to Trowbridge. However they have had a total disregard for the severe negative financial impact that their proposals to subsume key outlying development sites will have on neighbouring Parish Council's - there is no balance of benefit whatsoever for the Parishes.
- The Parish of West Ashton borders the County Town of Trowbridge on one side, with the River Biss forming the natural historic boundary. There are currently approximately 313 properties in the Parish, 136 of which make up the 'Old Farm' Housing Estate, on the West Ashton Road (area 4a). The precept for West Ashton, plus top-up grant from Wiltshire Council for 2014/15 totalled £4,230 (£13.46 per Band D equivalent property). The Governance Report - June 2014 shows that Trowbridge Town Council are proposing to extend their boundary to include this estate, which would effectively reduce the precept for West Ashton by almost a half, barely leaving sufficient income to fund employment of a part-time Clerk.
- Trowbridge Town Council have indicated that, mainly due to the effects of the proposal for 'Old Farm', the electorate of the current 'Southwick' division will be reduced by approximately -13.8% to 3184 - resulting in it being the smallest division in the Trowbridge Area, well below the average for all the Electoral Divisions in Wiltshire of 3,695 electors - this can surely not be regarded as a 'minimal' change?
- Trowbridge Town Council are also proposing to extend their boundary even further to encompass the 'Ashton Park Urban Extension' (area 4c). A large planned development of 2,600 properties, including employment land, 2 local service centres, a possible 3 schools and other associated facilities planned predominately within the Parish of West Ashton, with a portion of the development coming within the

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boundary of our neighbouring Parish, North Bradley. West Ashton Parish Council consider that this proposed boundary change is premature - the proposed 2600 houses in 'Ashton Park' are likely to generate twice that number of voters and could inevitably result in the establishment of at least one new Electoral Division in its own right. In addition to the loss of potential precept income to West Ashton Parish Council as a result of this proposal, there will also be the loss of the considerable amount of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) revenue that will be generated from the development.

- In addition Trowbridge Town Council are also proposing to annex the employment land identified as “West Ashton Road Employment Land” (area 4b), there is no impact on the electorate at this time. The land has not been developed despite having planning approval since 1999, however there are now plans in a late stage to develop the area for recreational use with a sports centre and nursery amongst the proposed facilities. This area would form an integral part of the 'Ashton Park' development, and therefore it would seem perfectly reasonable for it to remain within the West Ashton Parish boundary.
- In 2013/14 changes in Government funding to Local Authorities, meant that the way the precept was being administered changed. Although an additional top up grant was provided by Wiltshire Council in 2013/14 to make up the shortfall, this level of support could not be sustained in 2014/15. As yet there has been no indication as to what/if any additional support will be offered by Wiltshire Council for 2015/16. The impact of these changes initiated by Central Government are already squeezing Parish budgets to the bare minimum, and any potential reduction in the size of the Parish population caused by any proposed boundary changes will inevitably severely affect the viability of West Ashton Parish Council.
- The Parish Council would urge Wiltshire Council during the review process to seriously consider the financial impact that these proposed boundary changes will have on West Ashton - The Parish Council **could not** function effectively as a result of these proposals. It is also essential that the wishes of the local inhabitants are taken into account, and the negative effect that such changes could have on rural and village life are seriously considered. The needs of a rural community are very different to those of a larger town, and since the introduction of the Localism Act in 2010, West Ashton Parish Council have welcomed the opportunity to take on more responsibilities and become more involved in dealing with the day to day issues affecting our community, actively working alongside the local Authority to get the best for all concerned. We strongly believe that the ideals of the Localism Act would not support the changes proposed by Trowbridge Town Council to hive off lucrative areas of development from local Parishes, to subsidise their own finances, to the detriment of the Parish Councils.

We would be very grateful if you will please give these comments your due consideration with a view to allowing West Ashton Parish Council to remain, at least as it is now, with no change to its existing boundaries.

Yours sincerely

Carol Hackett

Mrs Carol Hackett
West Ashton Parish Clerk

cc Eric Pickles MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Houses of Parliament, Westminster, London
Andrew Murrison MP, Houses of Parliament, Westminster, London

WORKING GROUP ON PARISH & COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS

NOTES OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PARISH & COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS MEETING HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2014 AT ST JOHNS PARISH CENTRE, 2 WINGFIELD RD, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 9EA.

Present:

Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Jon Hubbard and Cllr Stuart Wheeler

Also Present:

Cllr Dennis Drewett, Ian Gibbons, Cllr John Knight, Cllr Jeff Osborn, Cllr Horace Prickett, Paul Taylor, Cllr Simon Richardson (Staverton PC), June Jones (Staverton PC Clerk), Cllr Richard Covington (West Ashton PC), Nicola Duke (West Ashton PC Clerk), Cllr Tim Le Mare (Wes Ashton PC), Cllr Roger Andrews (Trowbridge TC), Bob Brice (Trowbridge TC), Lance Allan (Trowbridge TC Clerk), Kedrick Jackson (Hilperton PC), Vlc Bielecki (Hilperton PC), Marlyn Tims (Hilperton PC Clerk), Cllr Andrew Pearce (Holt PC), Cllr Steve Siddell (Holt PC), Cllr John Ellis (Steeple Ashton PC), Cllr Jan Wicks (Steeple Ashton PC) and John Watling

1 **Welcome & Introductions**

The Chairman welcomed all present and introduced the Members and supporting officers for the Working Group.

2 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Ernie Clark declared a non pecuniary interest as shown on his Register of Interests in relation to property owned in Hilperton. As none of the proposals relating to Hilperton had any direct effect on Cllr Clark or members of his family, he declared he would therefore debate on and vote on any proposal relating to Hilperton parish.

3 **Purpose and Procedures of the meeting**

The procedure for the meeting was detailed, with it explained the purpose was to hear the proposals from the relevant Town and Parish Councils, and to seek the views of other affected Parishes and take questions including from the Working Group, who would produce a set of recommendations, to be consulted upon, which would be considered by Full Council in 2015.

4 **Parish Proposals (10 Minutes each)**

4a **Hilperton**

The proposal from Hilperton Parish Council was presented as detailed in the agenda papers.

4b **Trowbridge**

The proposals from Trowbridge Town Council were presented as detailed in the agenda papers.

5 **Parish Responses (5 Minutes each)**

The relevant parties responded to the proposals presented and sought additional clarification.

6 **Consultation**

Consultation on any recommendation arrived at would be flexible and take the most appropriate form for a particular Town or Parish, including consideration at Area Boards, letter notifications and other measures.

7 **Any other business**

There was no other business considered.

(Duration of meeting: 1030 - 1200)

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Consideration of Proposals

Area 1 - Shore Place

The Working Group was in agreement with the reasoning of the Town Council for this area.

Recommendation - To support the proposal from Trowbridge Town Council to amend the boundary of Trowbridge to include Area 1.

Area 2 - Lady Down Farm

While the Working Group acknowledged that the sole residential property within the large area could only be accessed through Trowbridge, it was not convinced that governance of the area would be improved or that the proposed new boundary was an improvement over the existing natural boundary.

Recommendation - To retain the current boundary.

Area 3a - Wyke Road

The Working Group accepted the arguments for amending the boundary so that it did not run down the centre of Wyke Road, and met the line of the under construction Hilperton Relief Road.

Recommendation - To support the proposal from Trowbridge Town Council to amend the boundary of Trowbridge to include Area 3a.

Area 3b - Hilperton Gap South

The Working Group considered that even with the construction of the Hilperton Relief Road through the Hilperton Gap, the existing boundary along the back fence line of Trowbridge Town properties formed an appropriate natural boundary, and it was not apparent what governance improvements would be obtained from amending the line as per the proposal.

Recommendation - To retain the current boundary.

Area 3c - Paxcroft Mead South of Hilperton Drive

The Working Group considered the proposal in concert with those from Hilperton Parish Council, and partly accepted Hilperton's submission for Area B that the boundary be north to the brook to form a natural boundary. For the remainder of the properties south of Hilperton Drive, the Working Group considered whether the properties formed one contiguous whole which should be wholly within Hilperton or Trowbridge, or if there were grounds to consider the properties did form part of separate communities. If the properties did form one whole, it was discussed whether the less residential and more distinct properties on the other side of the Leap Gate road formed part of the same community.

Recommendation - For the boundary to run south along Hilperton Drive to the Leap Gate roundabout

Area 4a - Old Farm, Area 4b - West Ashton Road Employment Land, Area 4c - Ashton Park Urban Extension

While Old Farm Estate was currently far removed from the rest of West Ashton Parish and much closer and connect with Trowbridge Town, taking into account the arguments to consider plotted development for the next five years, the surrounding areas of 4b and 4c would be considerably more built up. As a result, Old Farm Estate would not be as isolated from other properties and other

development in what is currently West Ashton Parish as it might currently seem. As such, there was no need to adjust the boundary, and West Ashton would have the opportunity to further expand and develop as a community.

Recommendation - To retain the current boundary.

Area 4d - White Horse Business Park

The Working Group considered that as a result of the recommendation for parts 4a,b and c, Area 4d would not become more closely linked with Trowbridge Town that it was at present, and as such there was no reason it should be altered.

Recommendation - To retain the current boundary

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12 November 2015

Dear Lance,

Thank you for contacting Sport England and raising the Community Boundary Review & Trowbridge.

Sport England has been very appreciative that the Trowbridge Town Council has been proactive in shaping sports projects over the years and anticipates this becomes harder when local boundaries change and/or become too fragmented to join things up strategically. Our expectations are that public sector bodies develop an evidenced based assessment of needs in the local area which informs a strategy on facilities and sports pitches. An example of this working in practice is the development of the site adjacent to Trowbridge Rugby Club as the best location.

From a sports perspective Sport England would hope to see strong local leadership and willing partnerships from the local authority and the town and parish councils within the authority area in order to best serve the sporting needs of residents. Ideally this would be along the lines of how Trowbridge Town Council has already been working with Sport England and partners in order to shape sport for Trowbridge.

Yours sincerely

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Area A3 and A4 - Trowbridge and Surrounding Parishes

Mapping

Scheme 18 22 23 - Area A3, A4 Trowbridge and surrounding parishes Map 3 v2

Scheme 18 22 23 - Hilperton PC Proposal Area A3, A4

Scheme 18 22 23 - Trowbridge Town Council Proposal Area A3, A4 Trowbridge and surrounding parishes Map 3 150915

Scheme 19 and 20 - Area A3, A4 Trowbridge and surrounding parishes Map 2a

Scheme 19 and 20 - Area A3, A4 Trowbridge and surrounding parishes Map 2b

Scheme 21 - Area A3, A4 Trowbridge and surrounding parishes Map 1a

Scheme 24 - Trowbridge TC Area 2 Lady Down Farm

Scheme 25 - Trowbridge TC Area 3b Hilperton Gap

Scheme 26 - Trowbridge TC Area 4a Old Farm

Scheme 27 - Trowbridge TC Area 4b West Ashton Road Employment Land

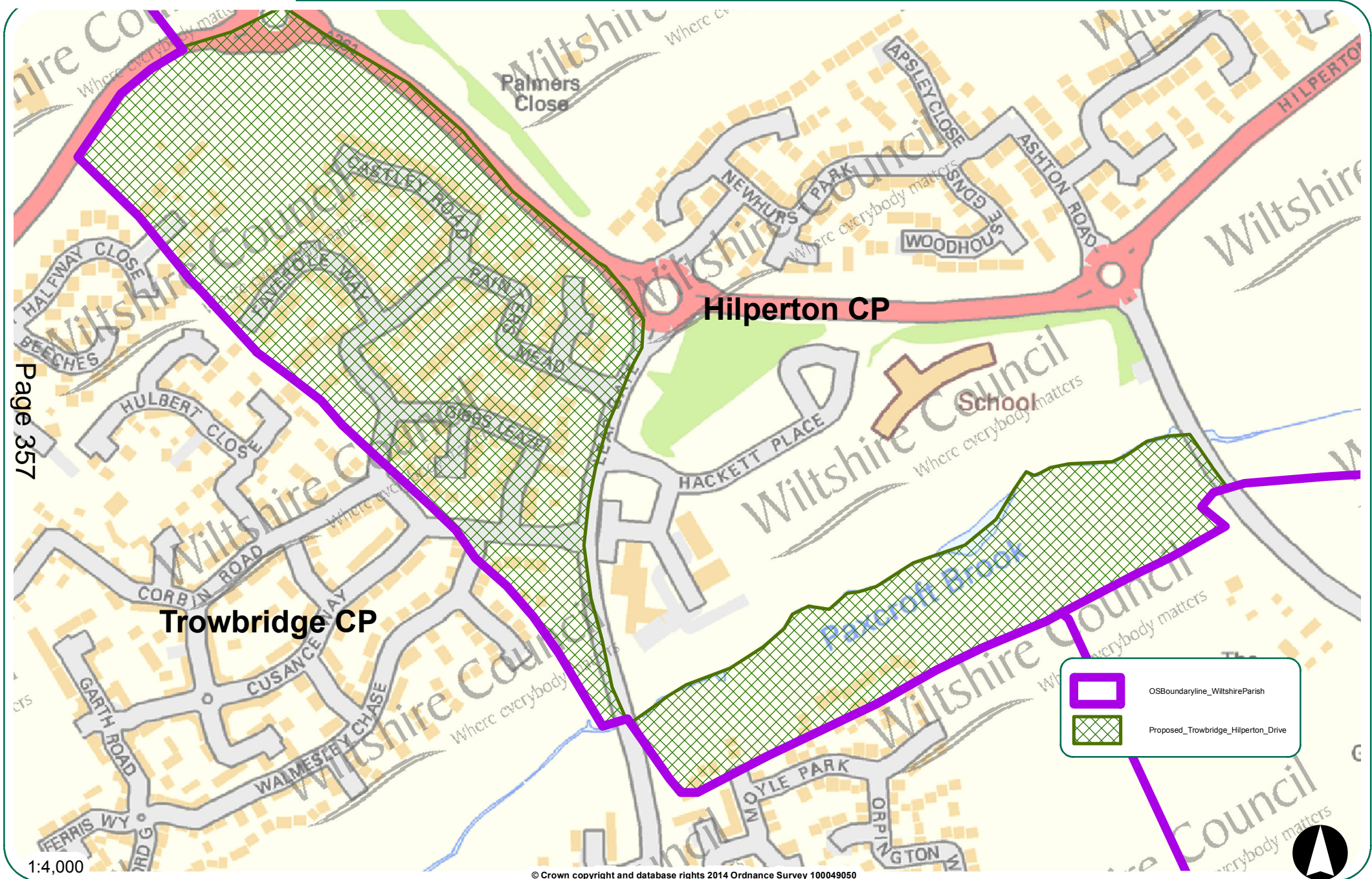
Scheme 28 - Trowbridge TC Area 4c Ashton Park Urban Extension v2

Scheme 28 and 29 Trowbridge TC Area 4c and 4d

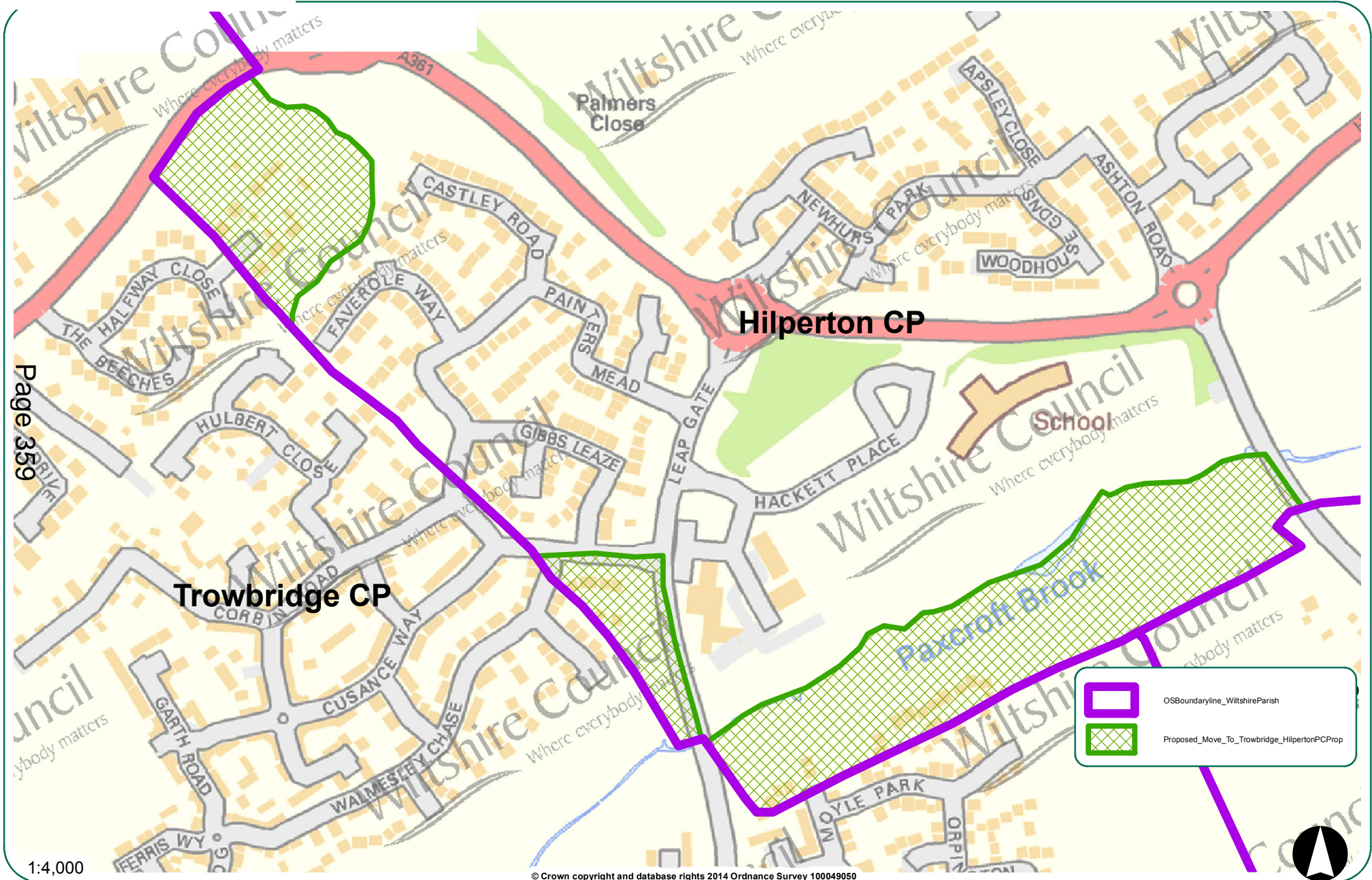
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Hilperton Drive Area

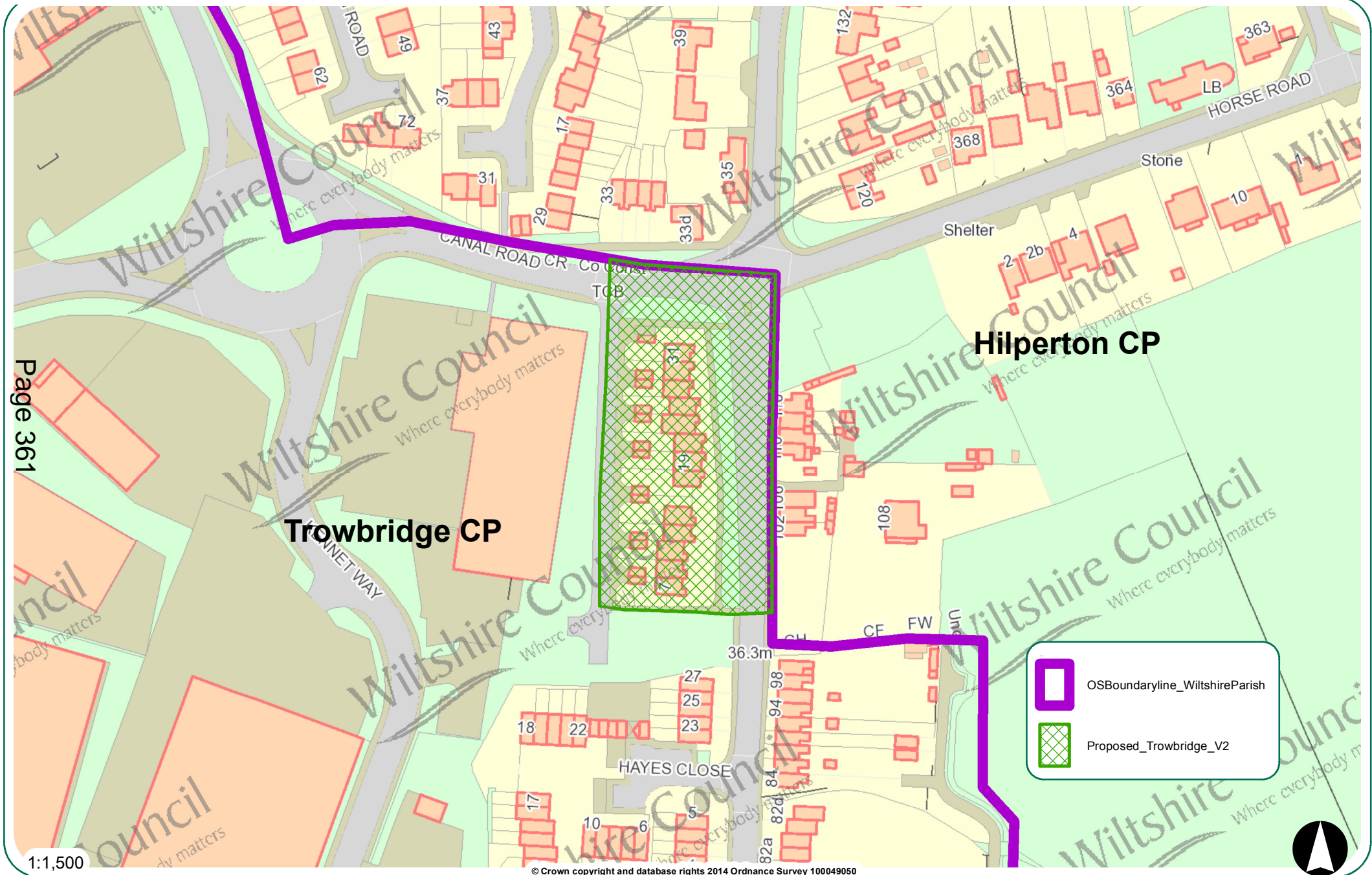


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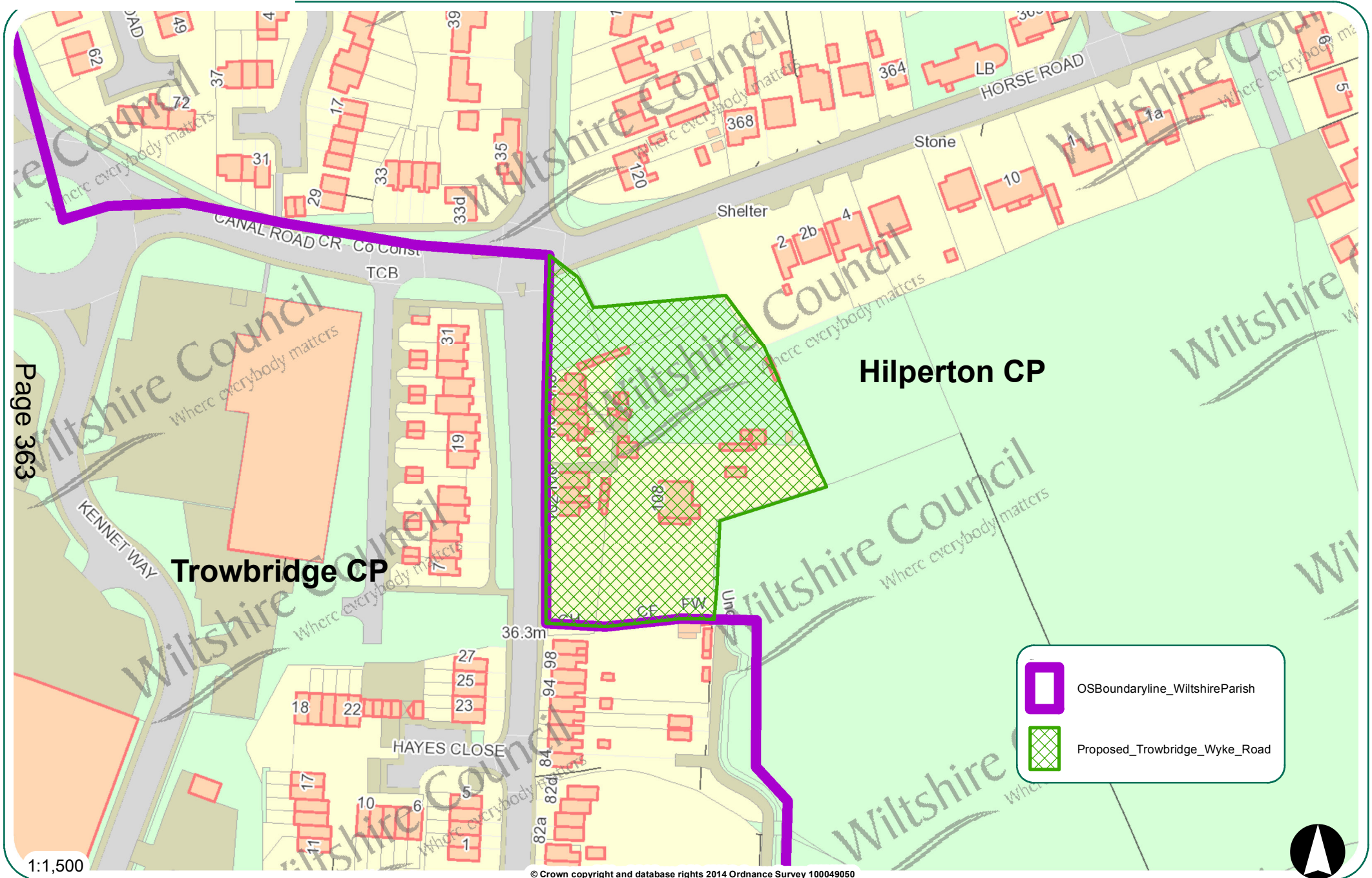
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Wyke Road (West) Area



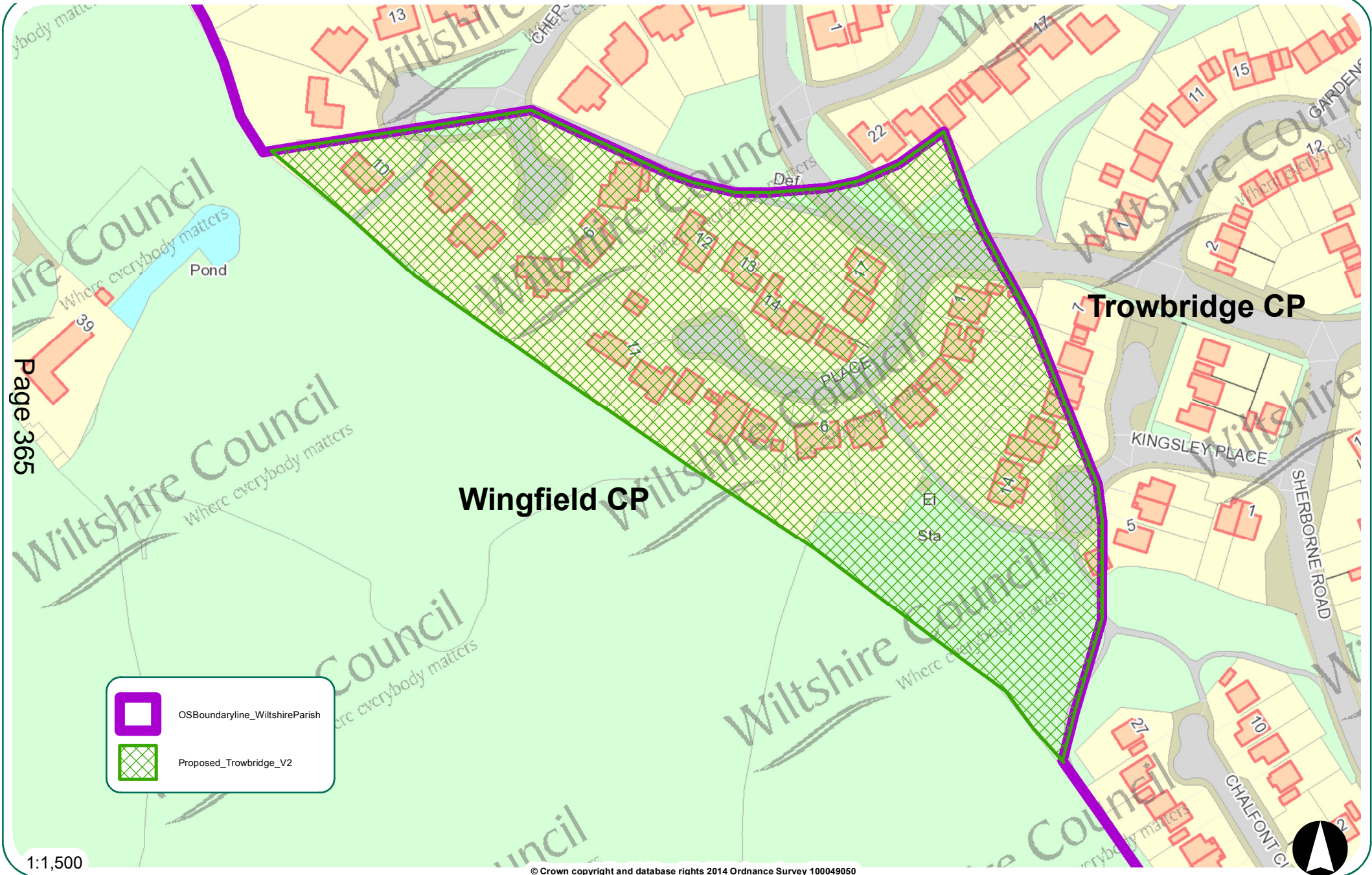
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Wyke Road (East) Area

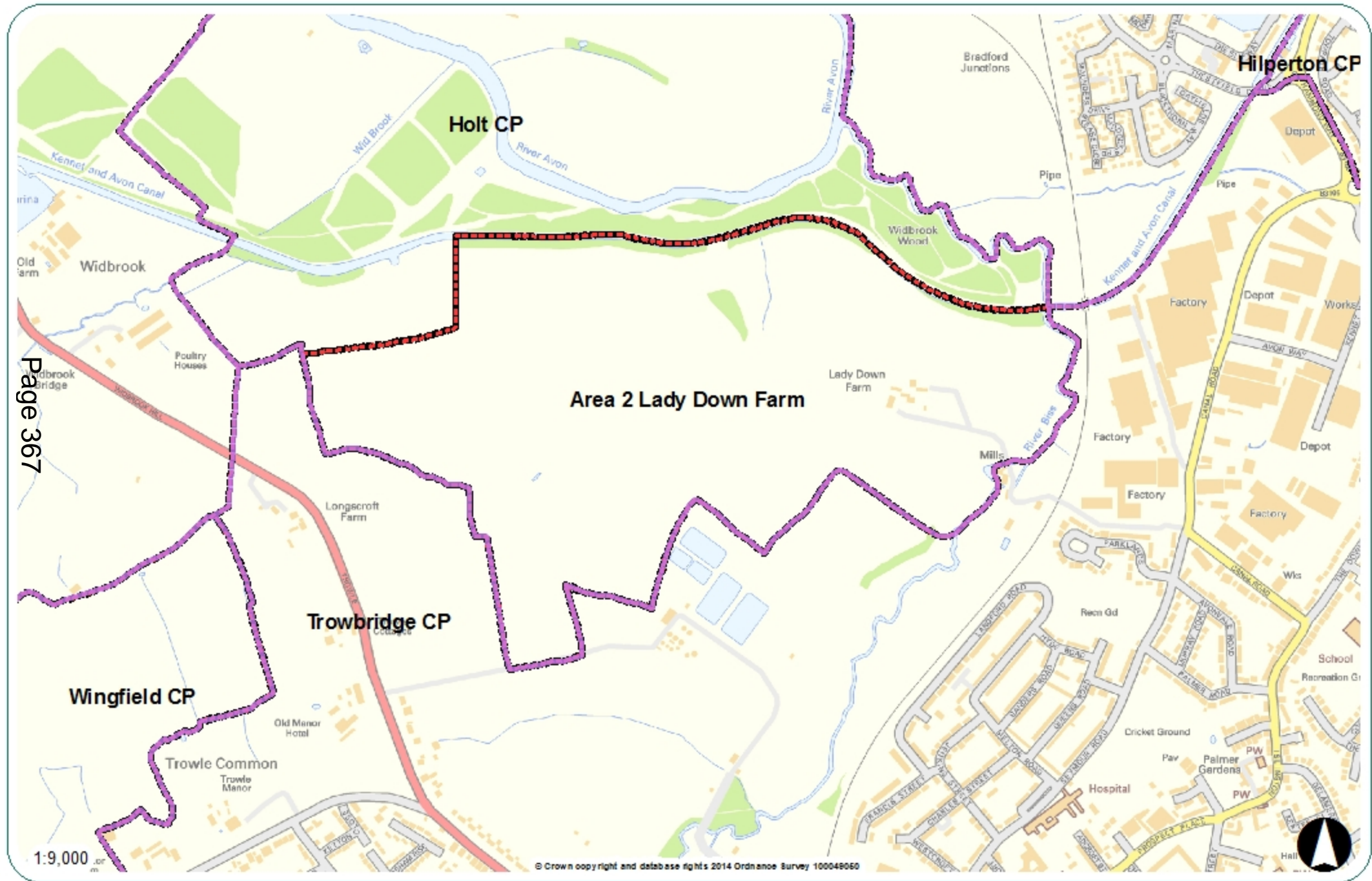


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Area A3, A4 - Trowbridge and surrounding parishes Map 1a
Shore Place Area



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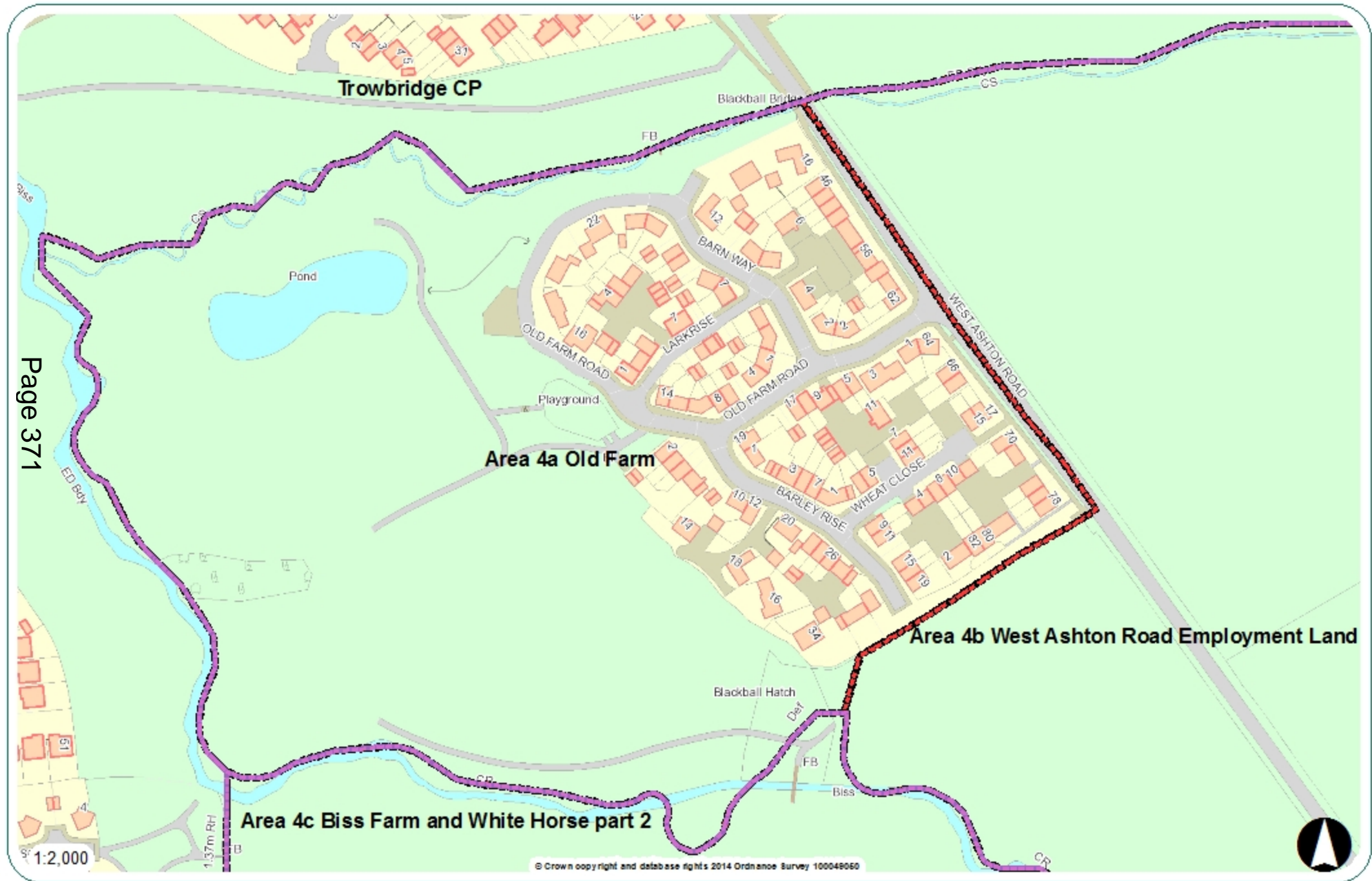
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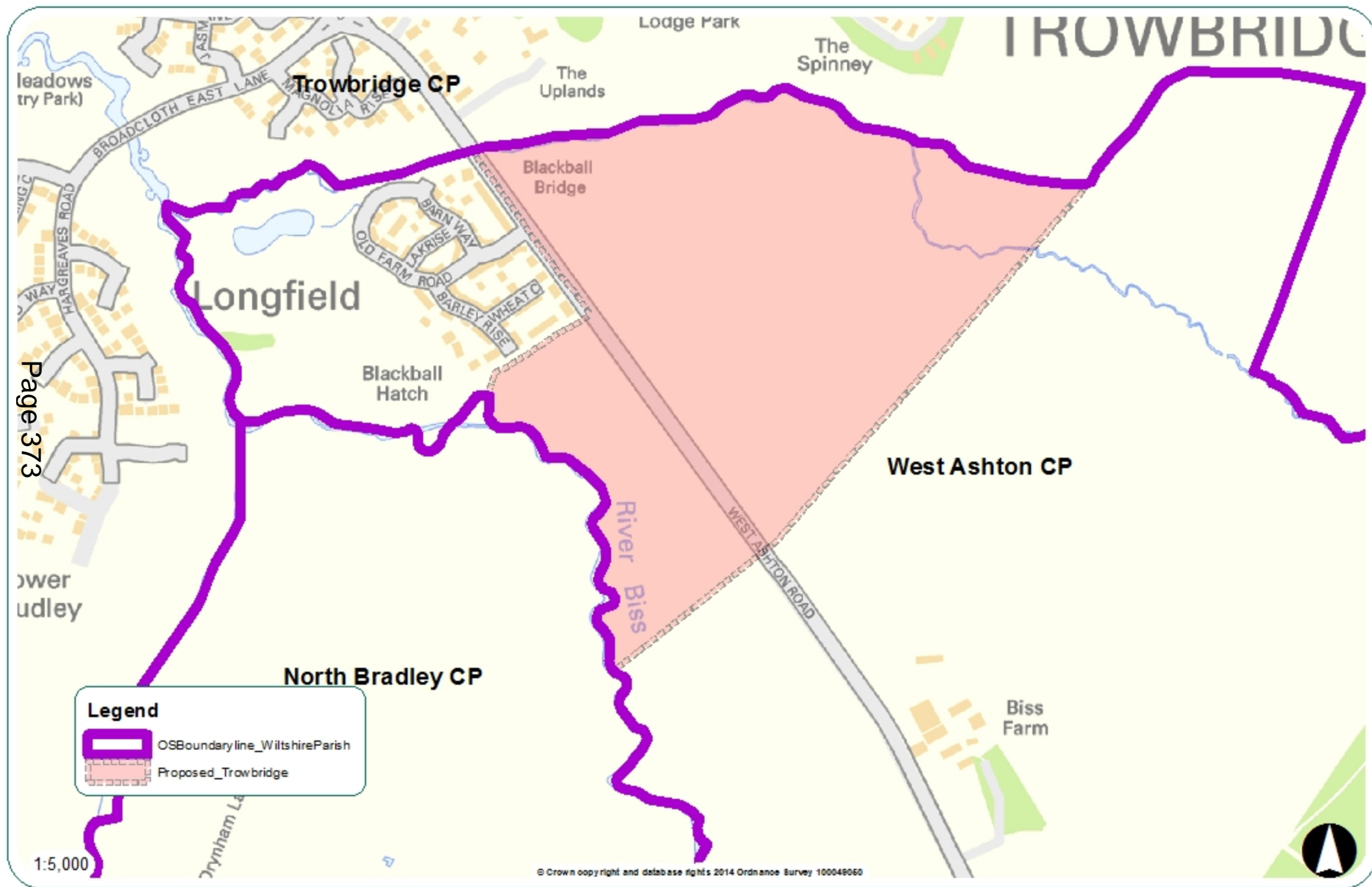
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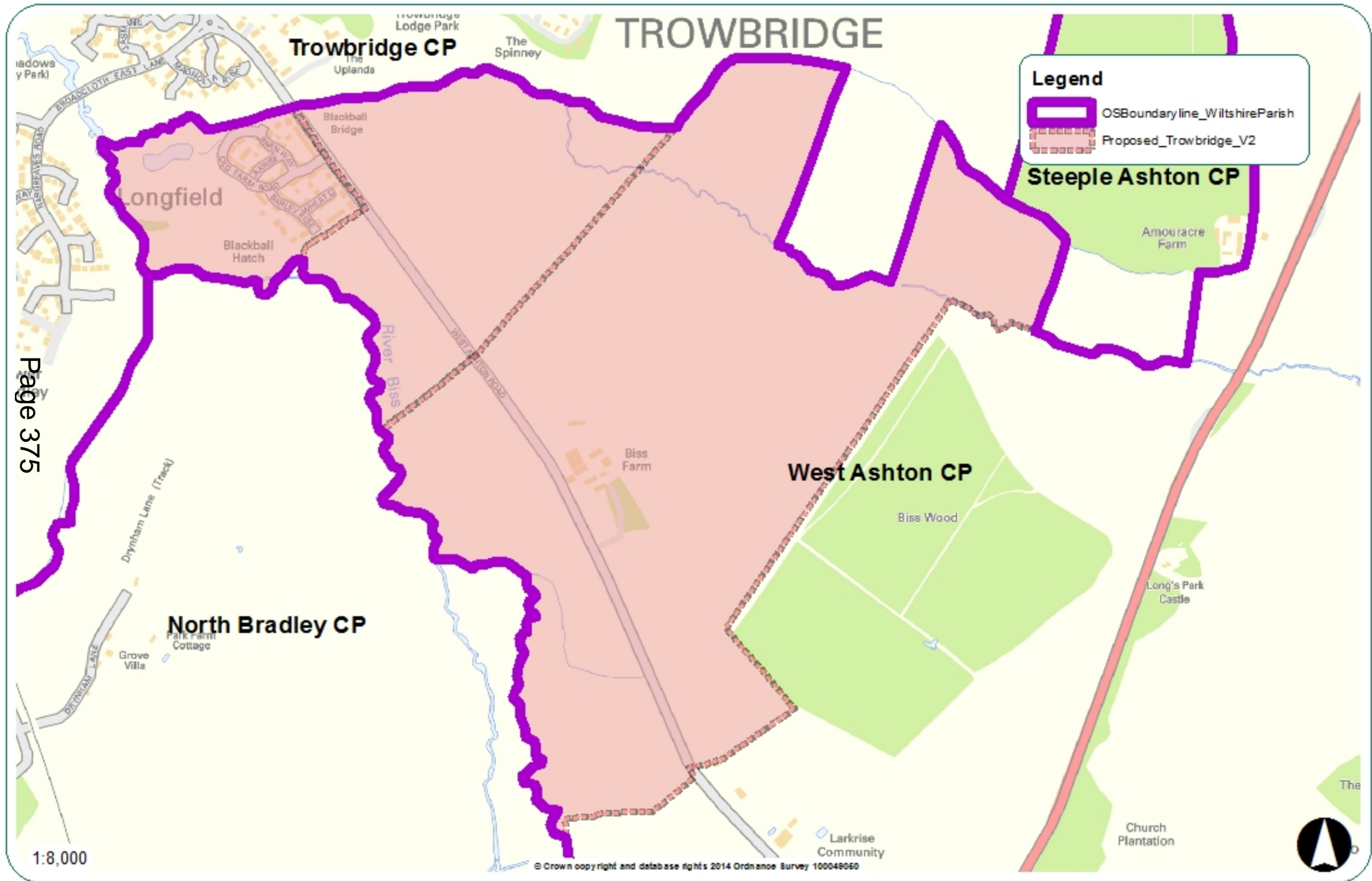
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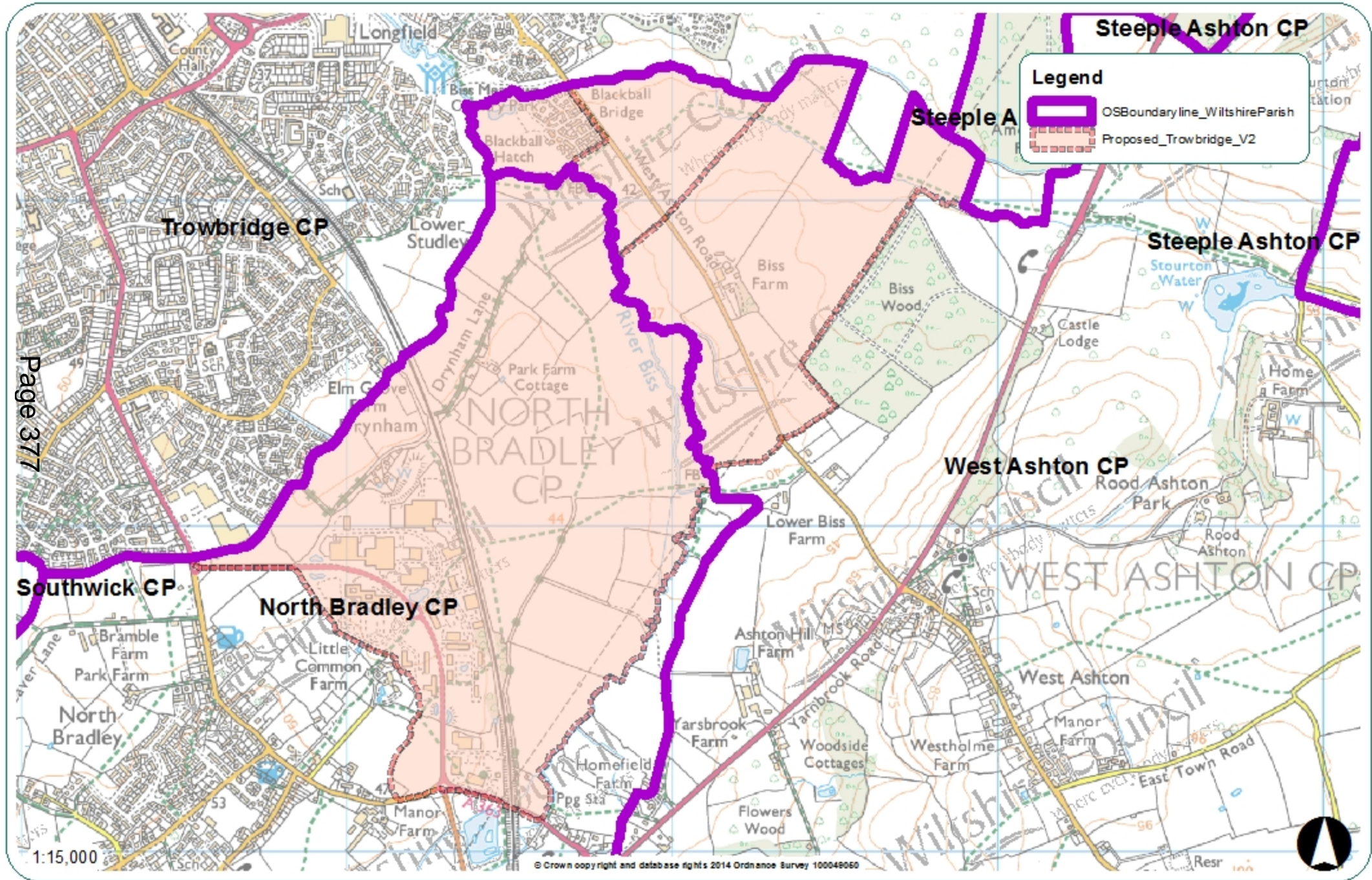
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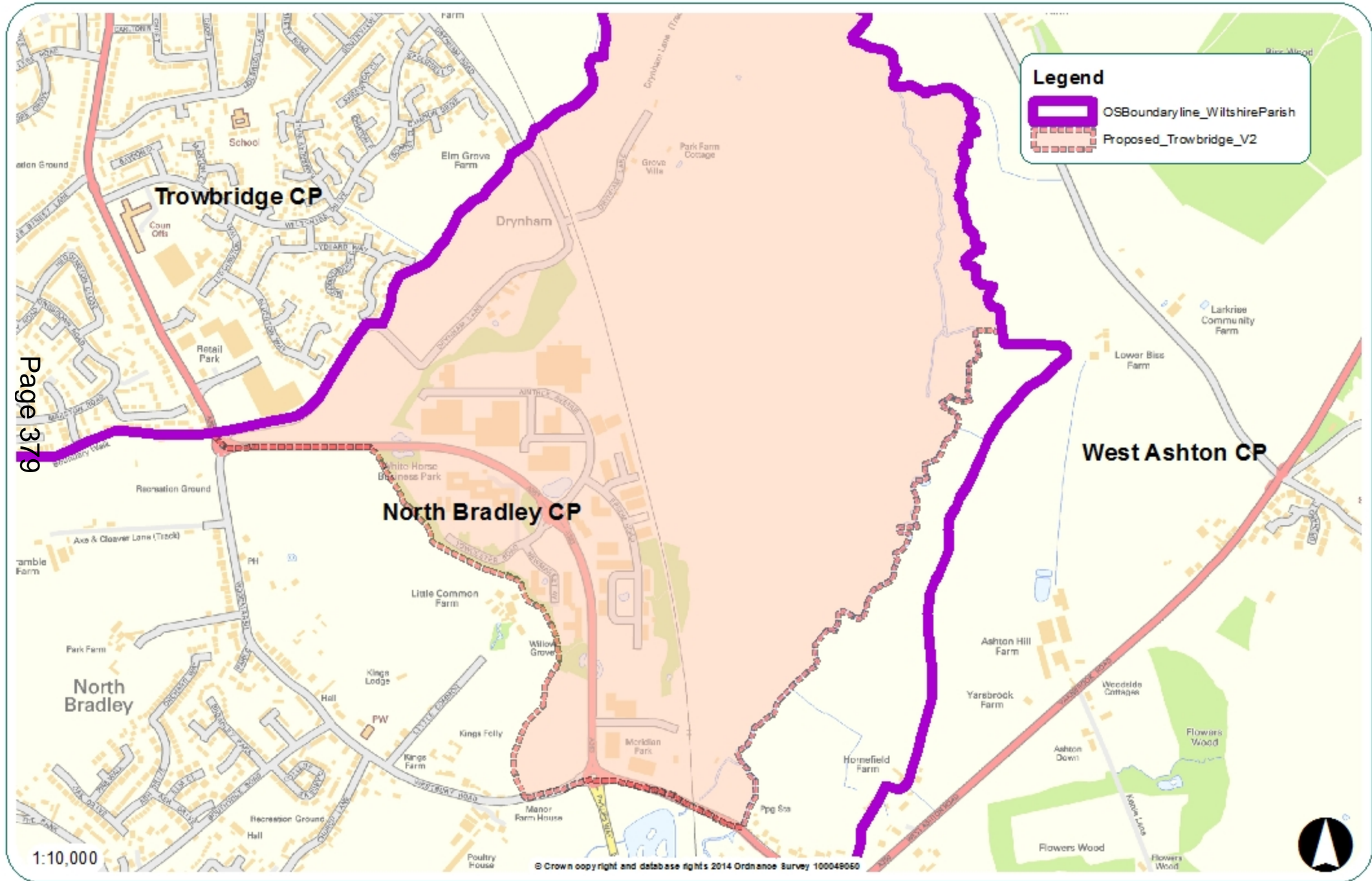
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