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Community Governance Review Wiltshire Council County Hall Bythesea Road TROWBRIDGE Wilts

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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 Towns 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