

Trowbridge Town Council

Working with the Community



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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.

Trowbridge Town Council

- a town council for all of the town.

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Inset Map 9: Trowbridge

