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Dear lan,

Community Governance Review

Thank you for your letter of 26 April 2016.

Melksham Town Council is grateful for your confirmation that the matters referred to in my letter of 16 February 2016 are being afforded consideration by the Community Governance Review Working Group and looks forward to your further correspondence in this regard.

In the meantime I have been asked to reiterate the Town Council's strongly held belief that any revised boundary to the east of Melksham should accommodate the now approved developments immediately to the north and south of the 733 dwellings that it has already been decided should come within the town parish boundary. The Town Council considers that there has been a material change in circumstances as a result of the approval of these developments which must be recognised in any resultant Order in so far as it affects Melksham.

As part of the Community Governance Review process, Melksham Without Parish Council cogently argued that the boundary to the east of Melksham had become anomalous in light of recent development and that it should be realigned accordingly. The Town Council considers that this same rationale applies to the newly approved developments - that effectively form an extension to the 733 dwellings - and that they too must therefore be encompassed within a revised boundary.

The Town Council has expressly requested that copies of this letter together with my previous correspondence dated 16 February 2016 are made available to Councillor Stuart Wheeler and the other members of the Community Governance Review Working Group, and I would be grateful if you would arrange for copies to be circulated accordingly.

Jean Harris Finance Officer Thank you again for your letter of 26 April 2016 and the Town Council looks forward to your further communication in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Gray Town Clerk