Wiltshire Council

Council

12 July 2016

Community Governance Review

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to update Council on the outcome of the consultation on the various schemes that the Working Group were asked in November 2015 to re-consider and to make recommendations on the Community Governance Review (CGR) for consideration by the Council.

2. Background

2.1. A Community Governance Review is a review of the whole or part of the Council's area to consider one of more of the following:

- Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes
- The naming of parishes and styles of new parishes
- The electoral arrangements of parishes (including the number of councillors to be elected to the council and parish warding)
- Grouping or de-grouping parishes

2.2. The Council appointed a Working Group to carry out this Review and to make recommendations to the Council. The Working Group comprises a representative from each group of the Council (with a substitute permitted to attend). Individual members of the Working Group have been mindful of their position as local members in some cases, and have received advice and guidance in that respect from the Council's Monitoring Officer. In particular, it should be noted that following the consultation members of the Working Group withdrew from discussions on the formulation of recommendations affecting their respective divisional area.

2.3. The Council at its meeting on 24 November 2015 approved a number of CGR schemes. The report and minutes of the meeting can be found at this link.

2.4. For some of those schemes there will be a need for amendments to be made to the warding arrangements of those Councils and these are the subject of further report on the Council agenda.

2.5. This report deals with those CGR Schemes upon which the Council decided required further consultation and the decisions of the Council in relation to each of these Schemes is set out within the appropriate section of this report.

2.6. Each scheme has therefore been given a number consistent with previous considerations to enable progress to be tracked on each scheme. These are

as follows and for each scheme there is mapping provided within **Appendix 1** to explain the scheme:

Scheme 2 – Bishopdown Farm, Salisbury
Scheme 3 – Hampton Park, Laverstock and Ford
Scheme 18 – Halfway Close and Brook, Trowbridge
Scheme 19 – Wyke Road, Trowbridge
Scheme 20 – Wyke Road, Trowbridge
Scheme 21 – Shore Place, Trowbridge
Scheme 22 – Paxcroft Mead, Trowbridge
Scheme 23 – Hulbert Close, Ferris Way and Oxford Gardens, Trowbridge
Scheme 24 – Lady Down Farm, Trowbridge
Scheme 25 – Hilperton Gap South, Trowbridge
Scheme 26 – Old Farm, Trowbridge
Scheme 27 – West Ashton Road Employment Land, Trowbridge
Scheme 28 – Ashton Park Urban Extension, Trowbridge
Scheme 29 – White Horse Business Park, Trowbridge
Scheme 100 – Merger of Laverstock and Ford Parish Council with Salisbury City Council
Scheme 102 – Corsham and Box
Scheme 103 – Albert Road, Osborne Road and Victoria Road, Trowbridge

3. Main Considerations for the Council

3.1. The Review has to ensure that the community governance arrangements within the areas under review reflect the identities and interests of the communities concerned and provide effective and convenient governance for local people. Further guidance can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-governance-reviews-guidance

3.2. In carrying out the review, and in formulating its recommendations, the Working Group has had regard both to its legal obligations under Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and to the statutory guidance issued jointly by the DCLG and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. In reaching a decision on these recommendations, the Council must have regard to the same criteria, which are therefore summarised below, and which are linked to all of its recommendations.

3.3. Section 93 of the 2007 Act requires the Council, when undertaking a review, to ensure that community governance within the area under review will:-

- be reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area, and
- facilitate effective and convenient local government.

3.4. The Guidance gives further advice in relation to the above two main criteria, as summarised below:

Identities and Interests of Local Communities

- Communities need to be empowered to respond to challenging economic, social and cultural trends and to demographic change;
- Parish Councils can perform a central role in community leadership;
- How people perceive where they live - their neighbourhoods – is significant in considering the identities and interests of local communities. Neighbourhoods can be defined by the geography of an area, the make-up of the local community, a sense of identity and whether people live in a rural, suburban or urban area;
- Parishes should reflect distinctive and recognisable communities of interest with their own sense of identity;
- The feelings of the local communities and the wishes of local inhabitants are the primary considerations in considering this criteria;
- There may be a variety of different communities of interest within a Parish and any review should consider communities as offering a sense of place and of local identity for all residents.

Efficient and Convenient Local Government

- Effective and convenient government is best understood in the context of a local authority's ability to deliver quality services economically and efficiently and give users of services a democratic voice in the decisions that affect them;
- Local communities should have access to good quality local services, ideally in one place and a parish council may be best placed to do this;
- Parish Councils should be viable in terms of providing at least some local services which need to be easy to reach and accessible to local people.
- The Guidance also provides that, when considering the two statutory criteria set out in paragraph 3.3 above, the Council should take into account a number of influential factors, including:
- The impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion and
- The size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish.

3.5. Further guidance is provided in relation to these two factors:

The impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion

- Community cohesion is about recognising and responding to changes in the make-up of a community to enable different groups of people to integrate and get on well together. This includes developing a shared sense of belonging and developing positive relationships between people from different backgrounds. Cohesion is also about how people perceive the composition of their local community and what it represents.

Size, Population and Boundaries

- Size, population and boundaries are relevant considerations in deciding whether community governance arrangements are effective and convenient. Authorities should be based on natural communities reflecting people's expressed choices. A parish should be based on an area which reflects community identity and is of a size which is viable as an administrative unit of local government. Boundaries should reflect 'no man's land' between communities and be (and be likely to remain) easily identifiable, such as rivers, roads or railways.

3.6. The Guidance recognises that over time communities may expand with new housing development and that this can lead to parish boundaries becoming anomalous as new houses are built across boundaries resulting in people being in different parishes to their neighbours. The Guidance states that in many cases changes to the boundaries of existing parishes, rather than creating an entirely parish, will be sufficient to ensure that community governance arrangements continue to reflect local identities and facilitate effective and convenient local government.

3.7. In addition to offering the opportunity to put in place strong clearly defined boundaries tied to firm ground features and to remove any anomalous parish boundaries, community governance reviews also offer the opportunity to consider the future of any redundant or moribund parishes where there are an insufficient number of local electors within the area willing to serve on a parish council. This may be demonstrated in continuing vacancies on the parish council or where there has been an absence of elections over a period of time due to the lack of people wishing to stand for election.

3.8. When considering the proposals for changes to the structure or area of parish councils, the Working Group has been mindful of proposed developments that are likely to take place in those areas. The Guidance provides that, when considering the electoral arrangements for an area, the Council must also consider any changes to the number or distribution of electors that is likely to occur within the next five years. Therefore, where planned development is known, this had been taken into account. (See Para 6 below).

3.9. Where, as a result of an alteration to parish boundaries, a property moves from one parish to another, this may well have an impact on the overall level of Council Tax payable by the occupants of that property, as the amount of precept levied by different parish councils will vary. However, as can be seen from the guidance summarised above, this is not a relevant factor when considering whether it is appropriate to change the community governance arrangements in a particular area.

4. Consultation

4.1. In carrying out the reviews the Council must consult and have regard to the views of local people.

4.2. The Council agreed the terms of reference for the Working Group that required it to identify relevant consultees and determine the most appropriate and effective methods of communication. The terms of reference also provided that any representations received as result of the consultation process would be considered by the Working Group and be taken into account in the formulation of recommendations to the Council.

4.3. Further the Council decided on 24 November that any properties which might be moved from one civil parish to another is written to individually alerting them to the consultation and advising how they can make their representations to the working group.

4.4. Schemes were consulted upon, by a number of methods including

4.4.1. By individual letters to the resident.

4.4.2. An online survey was provided and widely publicised to enable all interested parties, not just residents, to respond.

4.4.3. By arranging public meetings to discuss the proposals and meetings with parish and town councils.

4.5. The following actions were taken in publicising the consultation:

- Press release 26 April;
- Promoted extensively on social media – Twitter and Facebook;
- Elected Wire and Electric Wire;
- Parish Newsletter;
- Published on the WC News Portal – this allows it to also sit on the front page of the WC website.

4.6. Feedback was received from a number of sources including:

- Website, including the consultation portal;
- Consultation meetings;
- Hard copy surveys from meetings;
- Hard copy surveys for letters to individual households in some areas;
- e-mails;
- Hard copy letters.

5. Outcome of Consultation

5.1. The outcome of consultation for each of the Schemes is as follows.

5.2. A summary of public responses to both the online survey and hard copies of the survey for each Scheme is attached at **Appendix 2**. The survey also provided an open question so that respondents could add their views in relation to the proposals in addition to responding to specific questions. These responses are also set out at Appendix 2.

5.3. The detailed submissions from the relevant parish and town Councils for each of the schemes are attached as appendices as follows:-

A. Schemes 18 to 29 and 103 – Trowbridge Town Council – **Appendix 3**

Schemes 18, 19, 20, 22, 23. 25 and 103 – Hilperton Parish Council – **Appendix 4**

B. Schemes 100, 2 and 3 – Laverstock and Ford Parish Council – **Appendix 5**

Salisbury City Council – **Appendix 6**

5.4 The notes of public consultation meetings on various schemes and meetings with representatives of parish and town councils are set out in **Appendix 7**.

6. Wiltshire Core Strategy Implications

6.1. This review is concerned with community governance issues, as set out above. These are different from the issues that apply to the planning and development management processes. However, in considering whether to make any changes to the community governance arrangements for a particular area, it is appropriate for the Council to consider any changes to the locality that are likely to occur in the near future, including those arising from any residential or other development that is anticipated to take place. The Working Group has therefore taken into account any significant committed development including unimplemented planning permissions and any relevant allocations in the Wiltshire Core Strategy (adopted January 2016). The Core Strategy also defines settlements in the form of 'settlement boundaries' to illustrate their extent for the purpose of applying planning policies.

7. Timing of Future Reviews

7.1. Future Boundary Reviews

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 devolves the power to take decisions in relation to Community Governance Reviews to Principal Councils (eg district, county and unitary councils). The intention was to streamline and simplify the process by which the outcomes of such reviews are given effect. Local authorities are therefore required to keep under review the requirement to undertake such reviews and the statutory guidance is clear that it

may be helpful to undertake such a review in circumstances such as where there have been changes in population or in reaction to specific or local new issues.

In terms of the timing of such reviews a principal council is under a duty to carry out a review if it receives a valid community governance petition. This duty does not apply where the council has carried out such a review of the area within the last two years, although it can do so if it so wishes, or where it is currently conducting such a review of the whole or a significant part of the area concerned.

Otherwise the 2007 Act provides for a council to conduct a review at any time and one may be needed for example to reflect a major change in population or to re-draw anomalous boundaries.

The purpose of this paragraph is to reassure the Council and residents that now that local councils have the power to undertake community governance reviews, the frequency and timing of such reviews is devolved locally and can therefore be undertaken with more certainty and frequency.

7.2. Unitary Review

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) receives data from all councils annually to highlight significant levels of electoral inequality. This is defined as:

- more than 30% of its wards/divisions have an electoral imbalance (ratio of electors to members) of more than 10% from the average for the authority;
- and/or it has one ward/division with an electoral imbalance of more than 30%; and the imbalance is unlikely to be corrected by population change within a reasonable period.

The LGBCE have expressed interest in our figures for the last two years, but have now confirmed that Wiltshire will not feature in its work programme before 2017/18. This means that unitary divisions will not be affected by any parish alterations before that.

7.3. Parliamentary Review

Under current legislation the reference data for the review of Parliamentary boundaries will be the local authority boundaries (external, ward, and polling district) as they existed on 7 May 2015, and the Parliamentary electorate figures as they exist in the register that was statutorily published on 1 December 2015.

Whilst the alteration of parish boundaries and parish wards may cause some administrative difficulties, this need not derail the present CGR process.

7.4. Elections

It is a generally accepted rule that no major changes should be introduced within six months of any main election. The end date for any changes affecting parish elections should therefore be no later than the end of October 2016. The operative date to give effect to any changes can be shown in the Order(s), e.g. 1 April 2017, and that would be sufficient to produce registers on new

boundaries from 1 December 2016, albeit with many smaller polling districts to recognise the boundaries as they existed at 7 May 2015.

7.5. Precepts

Depending on how many changes are approved by Council, there will be considerable work involved in reconciling property records to their new parish, both in respect of council tax and in many other departments. Further, parish councils would need an indication of their tax base for precepting purposes, and an introduction date of 1 April 2017 would seem to offer the best compromise.

8. Working Group Recommendations and Reasoning

8.1 In deciding what recommendations to make, the Working Group has taken account of the representations received and the need to ensure that the community governance for the areas concerned reflect the statutory criteria ie the identities and interests of the community in that area and facilitates effective and convenient local government. In addition, the Working Group had regard to the Core Strategy implications for future development for the various sites as reported at para 6 above.

8.2 Set out below are the recommendations and reasoning for each Scheme considered by the Working Group:

A. SALISBURY/LAVERSTOCK AND FORD - SCHEMES 100, 2 AND 3

8.3 The Council at its meeting on 24 November decided as follows:-

"That Council instruct the Working Group to investigate and consult on the merger of Laverstock and Ford Parish into Salisbury City Parish; and bring the matter back to Full Council for a decision at the earliest opportunity."

8.4 The first issue addressed by the Working Group was the possible merger of Salisbury City Council and Laverstock and Ford Parish Council. It was clear from the representations received that opinion was divided with Laverstock and Ford residents and the Parish Council being firmly opposed to the merger, whilst the City Council was strongly supportive. Both Councils had undertaken their own surveys and these are referred to in paragraph 5.3B above.

8.5 The Working Group took into consideration the detailed submission from Salisbury City Council in which the Council stated that it was firmly of the view that the merger would lead to a better reflection of the identity and interests of the community of that area and would be more effective and convenient in terms of governance than the current arrangement. The merger would reflect the current physical realities of the area and strengthen democratic participation and accountability. The City Council have questioned the viability of the Parish Council and its capacity to deliver services in the future, highlighting frequent vacancies and uncontested elections.

8.6 Laverstock and Ford Parish Council in their submission argued that there was a strong sense of civic pride within their community with a particular focus on their rural heritage. There was a strong sense of place and distinctiveness with a strong

and inclusive community and voluntary sector. Engagement with the community was effective.

8.7 In discussing this proposal, the Working Group considered whether the merger would lead to more effective and convenient local government and/or increased community identity. In particular, the Working Group considered whether the proposal would lead to increased community cohesion and community engagement. The Working Group were of the view that the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council was a viable and active Council and there was no suggestion that it wasn't effective in delivering services. Judging by the responses received from Laverstock and Ford residents it was clear that there was effective democratic engagement at the community level.

8.8 The merger proposal as it stood would in effect lead to the abolition of the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council and its integration within Salisbury City. The Guidance was clear that the abolition of a parish council should not be undertaken unless clearly justified and any decision to do so should not be taken lightly. Evidence would be required to justify the abolition and the views of local electors and parish councillors would need to be considered. Whilst it is accepted that this Guidance is aimed primarily at areas where the proposal is to take away without replacement, which is not the case with the merger, the Working Group remained of the view that a merger of councils should only be undertaken where both councils and the community supported such a move. In this case both the residents of Laverstock and Ford and the Parish Council were clearly opposed to such a merger and therefore the Working Group felt that there was no justification locally to support the proposal.

8.9 The Working Group considered that the existing arrangements provided effective and convenient local government, with both of the parish councils working effectively to provide services to their respective parish communities and a strong sense of community identity and interest in respect of residents of Laverstock and Ford as evidenced by the consultation responses received. The Working Group therefore did not consider that there was sufficient justification for a merger of the two parishes.

RECOMMENDATION – That the proposal to merge the Laverstock and Ford Parish into Salisbury City Parish be not approved.

8.10 Following on from this decision the Working Group then considered two alternative proposals to re-align the boundary between the two councils by either moving properties at Bishopdown Farm, currently within Salisbury City Council, to Laverstock and Ford Parish Council or by moving properties at Hampton Park, currently within Laverstock and Ford Parish Council, to Salisbury City Council.

8.11 Originally the Council at its meeting on 24 November had decided as follows:-

"To defer consideration of proposals affecting the Properties within Hampton Park (ref 2 and 3), and that these be referred back to the Working Group."

8.12 When the Working Group had originally considered this proposal in 2015 it had come to the view that it would be logical for all of these properties to be located in one parish or the other, not as currently, split between the two parishes, and if

there was a preference for either option the Working Group had recommended that the properties should all be contained within Laverstock and Ford.

8.13 The Working Group has again confirmed the view that the areas in question were clearly one housing development and a re-alignment of the boundary was more logical, and on that basis the community identity for the area would be improved by agreeing to the inclusion of all properties within one parish.

8.14 The City Council felt that the three new housing developments, planned and functioning as a single neighbourhood, are closely connected to and reliant upon the City with the remainder of Laverstock and Ford separated from it by a river and/or railway line. For this reason, it would support the transfer of the Hampton Park area into the City Council.

8.15 In terms of the re-alignment of the boundary in the Hampton Park area, the Parish Council wholeheartedly supported the inclusion of the whole area set aside for the country park within Laverstock and Ford and would welcome the residents of Bishopdown Farm if that was their wish.

8.16 The outcome of the consultation was clearly in favour of including the properties within Laverstock and Ford and strengthened the previous views of the Working Group that the Bishopdown Farm area should be located within Laverstock and Ford. The Working Group did however recognise that a larger number of Laverstock residents had been consulted. Neither the Parish nor the City Council in its surveys had addressed the specific issue of the re-alignment of the boundary.

8.17 The Working Group were mindful that the Hampton Park area was designated as part of the urban extension of Salisbury within the Core Strategy but understood that there were no further allocations within the Parish of Laverstock and Ford Council.

8.18 The Working Group has concluded on balance that a re-alignment of the boundary between the two councils would lead to a more logical boundary and that the community identity of the area would be enhanced by the area's inclusion within Laverstock and Ford Parish Council.

RECOMMENDATION – That the proposal to move properties at Bishopdown Farm from Salisbury City Council to Laverstock and Ford Parish Council, as described in Scheme 2, is approved.

(NB. As Scheme 3 was a direct alternative to Scheme 2, the approval of the latter scheme means that Scheme 3 is not approved.)

B. CORSHAM AND BOX - SCHEME 102

8.19 At its meeting on 24 November the Council had decided as follows:-

1. **That the proposal for the area of land at Rudloe in the parish of Box, shown edged green on Map Scheme 40 and 41 - Area A8 - Corsham and Box Area Map 2 to become part of the parish of Corsham, be not supported;**

2. **That the area of land in the parish of Corsham shown hatched and edged in green on Scheme 40 and 41 - Area A8 - Corsham and Box Area Map 3 being land at Rudloe, becomes part of the parish of Box;**

3. **That the working group is asked to consider the proposal that the area of land in the parish of Box to the south-east of the B3109 Bradford Road shown hatched on Map Scheme 40-41 Area 8 Corsham and Box Map 2 should become part of Corsham Parish and report back to council; and**

4. **That the working group is asked to consider that in addition the use of the B3109 Bradford Road as the eastern boundary for the parish of Box puts in place a clear boundary tied to firm ground detail and removes an anomalous and outdated parish boundary and report back to council.**

8.20 The Working Group considered the outcome of consultation in respect of the proposal to transfer an area of land which contained 79 properties from Box Parish to Corsham Town. The majority of responses received disagreed with the proposal although the Working group noted that a significant proportion of responses were not from the area affected. The views of the respective Councils on Scheme 102 differed greatly, Corsham Town Council being in favour and Box Parish Council being opposed.

8.21 The Working Group expressed some concern that the existing boundary was anomalous and does not follow a clearly defined boundary. However, the proposed new boundary is not ideal either and had not attracted clear support.

8.22 Members of the Working Group met with representatives of both Box and Corsham Councils on 15 June 2016 to gain a better understanding of their respective views. This was a very helpful meeting in which it became clear that a compromise solution might be possible.

8.23 Councillor Whalley attended the meeting of the Working Group on 20 June and spoke in support of the proposed Scheme 102. The Scheme would replace the outdated anomalous boundary that dissected crucially important sites with a clear linear boundary and would place nationally important industrial sites within one council area, Corsham Town, which would be better placed to support and develop the economic vibrancy and cohesion of the area. It was clear, however, that Councillor Whalley would also support a compromise solution that achieved these aims and had the support of both Councils.

8.24 At a subsequent meeting the Chairman of the Working Group met with representatives of the two Councils who following discussions, were able to agree a new boundary line by way of a compromise. This is subject to confirmation by both Councils – Box Parish Council will meet on 30 June and Corsham Town Council on

6 July. Subject to ratification by the two Councils, the Working Group will recommend that the Council accepts the proposed compromise.

8.25 Council will be updated at the meeting.

C. TROWBRIDGE AREA

8.26 When the Council originally considered the proposals for Trowbridge and the surrounding area at its meeting on 24 November it decided as follows:-

"That decisions on the proposals numbered 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 26 for changes to the areas of Trowbridge and surrounding parishes be deferred for further consideration and consultation by the Working Group and that there also be consultation on proposal 24 (Lady Down Farm), proposal 25 (Hilperton Gap South), proposal 27 (West Ashton Road Employment Land) proposal 28 (Ashton Park Urban Extension) and proposal 29 (White Horse Business Park)."

8.27 The Working Group gave detailed consideration to the submission by Trowbridge Town Council which covered all of the schemes listed below. The Town Council were of the view that as it provided a range of services and facilities for a wide community, in order to continue to provide effective and efficient local government on behalf of the whole town they required one town council for all of the town and that this should include all areas of current and planned development where they are detached from neighbouring villages and, where development is contiguous with neighbouring villages, appropriate natural boundaries, such as main roads should be used.

8.28 In addition, the Working Group considered the representations submitted in relation to individual schemes.

SCHEMES 26 (OLD FARM), 27 (WEST ASHTON EMPLOYMENT LAND), 28 (ASHTON PARK URBAN EXTENSION) AND 29 (WHITE HORSE BUSINESS PARK) - TROWBRIDGE

8.29 The Working Group considered all four schemes together in a general discussion on the urban extension of Trowbridge into the surrounding parishes and in particular considered the detailed submission from Trowbridge Town Council.

8.30 The Working Group recognised that all four areas were a mixture of areas where development had already been built out, areas that had allocations in the Core Strategy for mixed housing and employment uses and areas currently utilised for local employment. Schemes 27 and 28 were natural progressions of the urban extension of Trowbridge from Scheme 26 where the housing had already been built. In that sense the Working Group recognised that if Scheme 26 was not agreed then it would follow that Schemes 27 and 28 could not be agreed as the parish boundaries would not be contiguous.

In relation to Scheme 29, Councillors noted that the site was split by the railway line, east of which formed part of the allocated site within the Core Strategy and west of which comprised the White Horse Business Park.

8.31 Councillors were of the view that there would be no logical improvement in the boundaries arising from the implementation of Schemes 26, 27, 28 and 29. Arising from the consultation there was no compelling evidence to suggest that the community identity would be improved by implementing any of the schemes nor was there any suggestion that the existing Parish Councils were unviable or inactive. On that basis the Working Group agreed that against the statutory criteria, there was insufficient reason to approve any of the Schemes and therefore community identity and efficient and effective local government was best served by maintaining the status quo at this time.

RECOMMENDED – That no action is taken in respect of Schemes 26, 27, 28 and 29.

D. SCHEME 21 – SHORE PLACE, TROWBRIDGE

8.32 The Working Group noted that the response to consultation showed the majority of respondents disagreed with the proposal to transfer the properties into Trowbridge Town Council from Wingfield Parish Council. However, Councillors noted that the only access to this area was from Trowbridge and that the existing boundary was out of date and anomalous. The houses were clearly part of the existing housing estate and were to all intents and purpose part of Trowbridge. On this basis the Working Group agreed that community identity would be enhanced by including this area within Trowbridge Town Council.

RECOMMENDED – That the proposal to move properties within Shore Place from Wingfield Parish Council to Trowbridge Town Council, as described within Scheme 21, is approved.

E. SCHEME 24 – LADY DOWN FARM, TROWBRIDGE

8.33 The Working Group noted that access to this area of land was only possible via Trowbridge and that the proposed revised boundary by using the canal would be an improvement. However, the response to consultation was mixed and no compelling case had been made for the change. No subsequent development was planned for the site.

8.34 On that basis the Working Group agreed that the proposal would not lead to enhanced community identity as the current residents associated themselves with Holt Parish Council and were satisfied with their engagement with that Council. Therefore, community identity and efficient and effective local government was best served by maintaining the status quo.

RECOMMENDED - That no action is taken in respect of Scheme 24.

F. SCHEMES 18 (HALFWAY CLOSE AND BROOK) AND 22 (PAXCROFT MEAD SOUTH OF HILPERTON DRIVE) – TROWBRIDGE

8.35 The Working Group considered the two alternative proposals from Trowbridge Town Council and Hilperton Parish Council to re-align the boundary between the two councils and to move properties between the councils. The proposal from Hilperton (Scheme 18) represented a tidying up of the boundary to reflect house building within the area so that the boundary would follow easily recognisable landmarks. The Trowbridge Town Council proposal (scheme 22) represented a

more fundamental movement of the boundary albeit to an even more recognisable boundary.

8.36 The outcome of the consultation indicated that there was little local support for Scheme 22 and a mixed response but with marginal support for Scheme 18.

8.37 The Parish Council pointed out the area in question contained several community facilities such as the main shopping area for houses in the parish, a public house, the Paxcroft Mead Community Centre and one of the two primary schools in the parish and the most recently constructed affordable housing development. It therefore supported Scheme18 and opposed Scheme 22.

8.38 The Working Group agreed that there would be benefit in revising the boundary to reflect building on the ground and that whilst Scheme 22 reflected a more easily identifiable boundary there was little local support for this. In addition, there was quite clear community engagement with an active and viable local parish council. On that basis the Working Group felt that Scheme 18 reflected a more equitable solution that had local support and that better reflected local community identity and cohesion.

RECOMMENDED – That the proposal to re-align the boundary between Hilperton Parish Council and Trowbridge Town Council, as described within Scheme 18, is approved.

(NB. As Scheme 22 was a direct alternative to Scheme 18, the approval of the latter scheme means that Scheme 22 is not approved.)

G. SCHEME 23 – HULBERT CLOSE, TROWBRIDGE

8.39 The Working Group considered the proposal to re-align the boundary between Trowbridge Town Council and Hilperton Parish Council to move the land and properties in Hulbert Close, Ferris Way and Oxford Gardens from Trowbridge Town Council to Hilperton Parish Council.

8.40 The outcome of the consultation was strongly in favour of the proposal. The Parish Council however appeared not to be convinced. The Working Group therefore felt that there was no compelling evidence for change and therefore felt that community identity and effective and efficient local government was best served by maintaining the status quo.

RECOMMENDED - That no action is taken in respect of Scheme 23.

H. SCHEME 25 - HILPERTON GAP SOUTH, TROWBRIDGE

8.41 The Working Group considered the proposal from Trowbridge Town Council to re-align the boundary with Hilperton Parish Council which would move the boundary out to the new Hilperton Relief Road.

8.42 The response to the consultation process was minimal but this reflected the fact that the majority of land in question is not built upon.

8.43 The Parish Council opposed the Scheme, not least because the land consists of open fields which are not allocated for housing in the 2026 Core Strategy

8.44 Again as there was no compelling evidence for change the Working Group agreed to maintain the status quo.

RECOMMENDED - That no action is taken in respect of Scheme 25.

I. SCHEMES 19 (WYKE ROAD) AND 20 (WYKE ROAD) – TROWBRIDGE

8.45 The Working Group considered the two alternative proposals from Trowbridge Town Council and Hilperton Parish Council to re-align the boundary between the two councils and to move properties between the councils.

8.46 The outcome of the consultation was considered although the origin of the majority of responses came from outside of the area and were therefore less influential.

8.47 The Parish Council supported Scheme 19 as it would assist the aim of better local governance for the residents by combining them with their near neighbours who were already in Hilperton Parish.

8.48 As there was no compelling evidence for change the Working Group felt that community identity and effective and efficient local government was best served by maintaining the status quo.

RECOMMENDED - That no action is taken in respect of either Scheme 19 or 20.

J. SCHEME 103 – ALBERT ROAD, OSBORNE ROAD, VICTORIA ROAD AND WYKE ROAD, TROWBRIDGE

8.49 The Working Group considered the proposal to re-align the boundary between Trowbridge Town Council and Hilperton Parish Council to move the land and properties in Albert Road, Osborne Road, Victoria Road and Wyke Road from Trowbridge Town Council to Hilperton Parish Council.

8.50 The outcome of the consultation was in favour of the proposal. However, the Working Group felt that there was no compelling evidence for change. The Working Group therefore concluded that community identity and effective and efficient local government was best served by maintaining the status quo.

RECOMMENDED - That no action is taken in respect of Scheme 103.

9. Next steps

Any changes to community governance arrangements that have been approved by the Council are brought into effect by means of a formal Order. However, before any order is made, it would also be necessary to consider whether there are any consequential changes that need to be made. For instance, where a boundary alteration results in a change in the number of electors in a parish, or the distribution of those electors within the parish, it may be appropriate to consider whether there needs to be changes to the warding arrangements within the parish, or to the number of councillors. If a parish is to be abolished, there would need to be consideration as to what is to happen to any assets held by

that council. This would be considered as a separate exercise, following the decisions made at this meeting.

10. Safeguarding Implications

There are no safeguarding impacts arising from this report.

11. Equalities Impact of the Proposal

There are no equalities impacts arising from this report.

12. Risk Assessment

There are no significant risks arising from this report, although the situation with regard to boundaries and seats must be in place by no later than the end of October 2016 to meet the required timescale for the Unitary and Parish elections in May 2017. It will be necessary to ensure that sufficient resources are available to complete this work within the required timescale.

13. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

14. Legal Implications

This Review is being carried out by the Council in accordance with Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the Guidance on Community Governance Reviews published by the DCLG as referred to earlier in this report.

15. Public Health Impact of the Proposals

There are no public health impacts arising from this report.

16. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

There are no environmental impacts arising from this report.

17. Recommendations

17.1. **That Council approves the Working Group recommendations set out in Paragraph 8 to this report.**

17.2 **That, where changes to parishes boundaries are approved, the Working Group gives consideration to any consequential changes that need to be made to the electoral arrangements for those parish councils, including any changes to warding and brings these back to Council for final approval.**

Ian Gibbons, Associate Director, Legal and Governance, and Monitoring Officer

Report Authors: Ian Gibbons , Associate Director Legal and Governance, John Watling, Head of Electoral Services and Paul Taylor, Senior Solicitor.

4 July 2016.

Background Papers

Letters and documents appended from councils, other organisations and individuals

Appendices

Frequently Asked Questions

Appendix 1 – Mapping for individual schemes

Appendix 2 – Summary of public response to the consultation

Appendix 3 – Trowbridge Town Council submission

Appendix 4 – Hilperton Parish Council submission

Appendix 5 – Laverstock and Ford Parish Council submission

Appendix 6 – Salisbury City Council submission

Appendix 7 – Notes of public consultation meetings and meetings with Town and Parish Councils

Appendix

Appendix – FAQ sheet

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a Community Governance Review (CGR)?

These reviews were previously called Parish Reviews and they are usually undertaken every 10-15 years to make sure that the boundaries and electoral arrangements of parishes within an area are working well.

A CGR must:

- Reflect the identities and interests of the communities in that area; and
- be effective and convenient.

Consequently, a CGR must take into account::

- the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and
- the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish.

Therefore any changes made by a CGR must improve communities and local democracy in the parish or parishes concerned.

Why is the Council doing this now?

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 transferred responsibility for these reviews to principal councils. A number of parishes and towns within the county have asked the council to review their boundaries.

Some information on this Review refers to parish or town wards – what are these?

Some large parishes are divided into smaller sections, called wards, and these can reflect the character of a parish. For instance, if a parish contains two villages, with quite separate identities, then the parish might be split into two separate wards, with separate parish councillors for each ward.

How many councillors can a Parish Council have?

There must not be fewer than five councillors on a parish council but there is no maximum number given. Ideally, the number of members on a parish council should reflect the size of the parish overall.

Will my post code change?

No, Royal Mail has a separate process for setting postcodes, which do not correlate with parish boundaries.

Does changing a parish boundary make any difference to the likelihood of development occurring on the edge of settlements?

No. The criteria, and the legislation that sits behind it, for determining whether or not parish boundaries should change bears no relation to the legislation that guides the determination of planning applications. In simple terms, if a proposal for development comes forward the parish within which that development sits has no direct relevance to the decision whether to grant planning permission or not.

Will this affect my council tax bill?

Possibly. Most parish councils levy what is known as a precept to cover their costs. Typically the contribution toward your parish council is around 5% of the council tax you pay. There are variations between parish precepts so it is likely that this element of your council could change if your property moves into a different parish.

The 2014/15 and 2015/16 Council Tax band D charge and precept for all parishes can be seen at:

http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/counciltaxhousingandbenefits/counciltax/ctaxhowmuch/counciltaxbanddandpreceptallparishes.htm

It is not possible to say what the 2016/17 charges will be, and nor is it possible to predict the effect of the Community Governance proposals on these parish precepts.

Will I have to get official documents like my driving licence changed if my property moves from one parish to another?

No. The key elements of your address for official purposes are your house name/number, street and postcode. There are many examples already of where a postal address records a property in a different town/parish than the one in which it is actually situated.

If my property moves from one parish to another, do I need to change my passport details?

No. Your passport does not contain your address, therefore there is no requirement to update the details.

What sort of factors might be taken into account when looking at community identity?

There is no set list of factors; the following offers a few suggestions:

- Where do you tell your friends you live?
- Where are your key services, e.g. shops, doctors, pub, sports club, social club?
- Where do you think the boundary with the next parish is?
- Do you know which parish you live in?
- Are there any natural physical boundaries such as a river, road, hill

nearby?
- Are there any Community groups or associations in the area which help to indicate where communities begin and end?

Where can I read more about Community Governance Reviews and how they operate?

The Department for Communities and Local Government and the Local Government Boundary Commission have produced guidance on how to conduct reviews and what they should cover.

This can be seen at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-governance-reviews-guidance

Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters

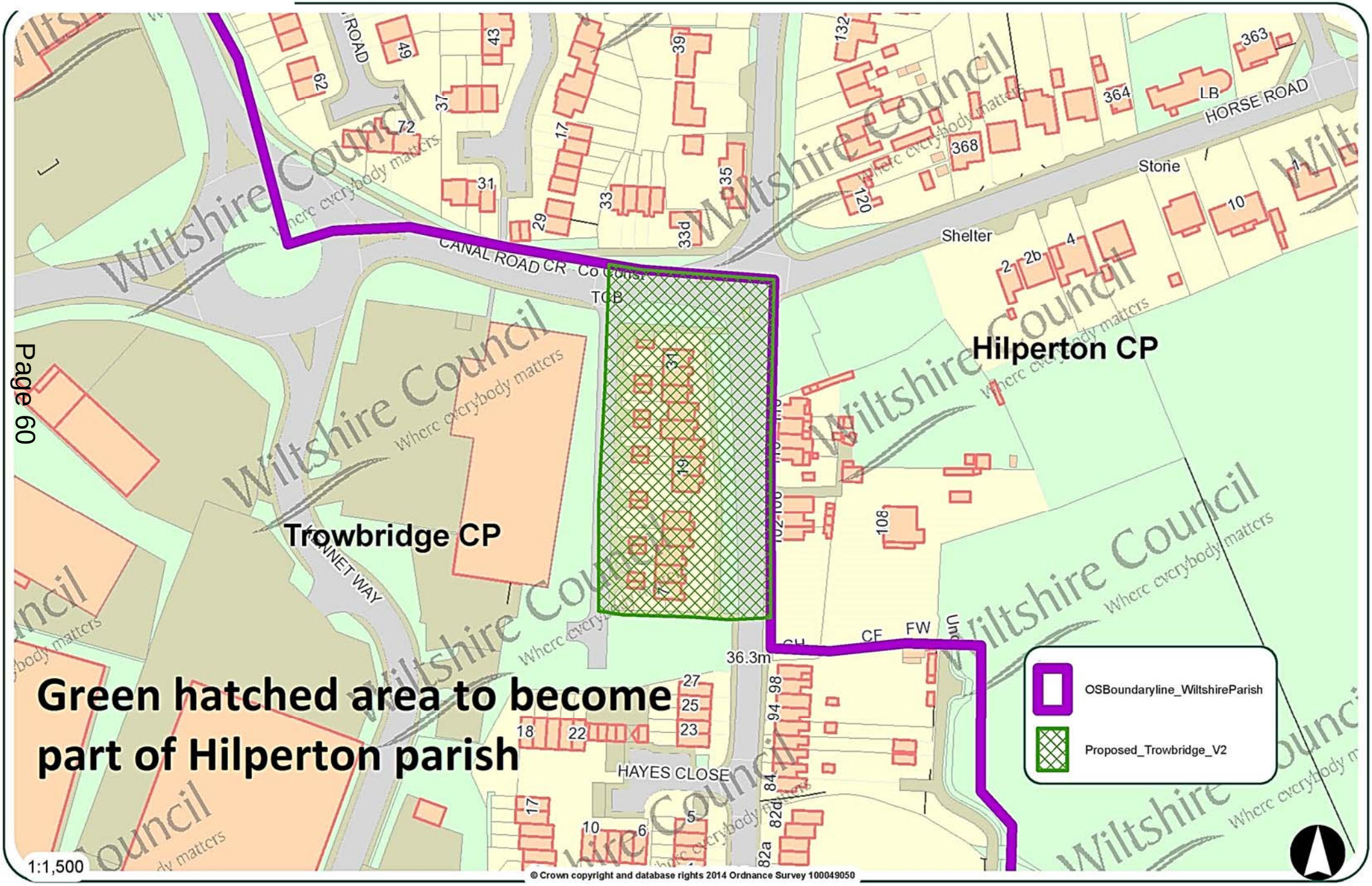
SCHEME 18

SCHEME 18 Hilperton and Trowbridge Area
Hilperton Parish Council Proposal
Halfway Close, Paxcroft Brook, Leapgate

Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters

SCHEME 19

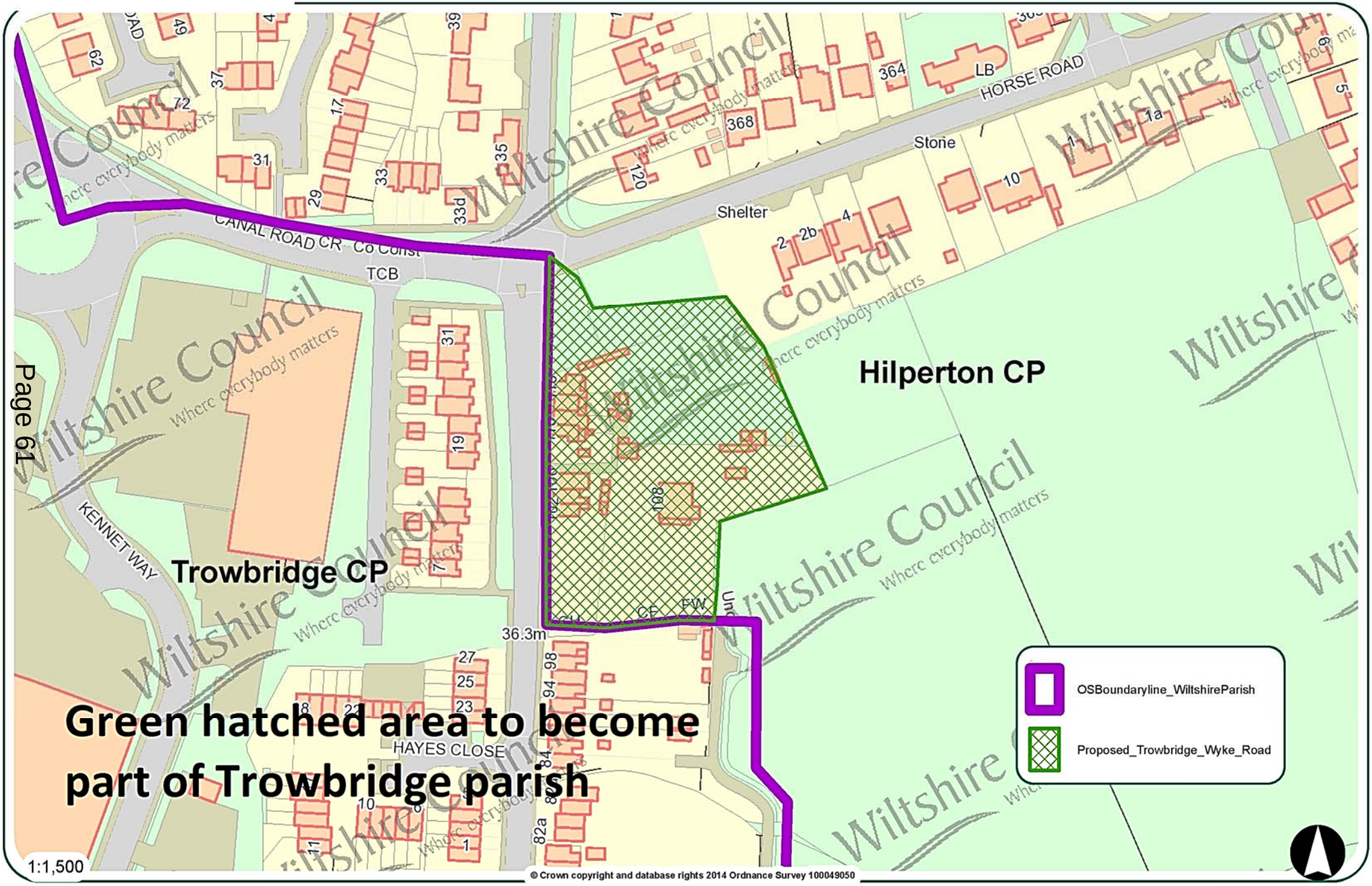
Area A3, A4 - Trowbridge and surrounding parishes Map 2a
Wyke Road (West) Area



Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters

SCHEME 20

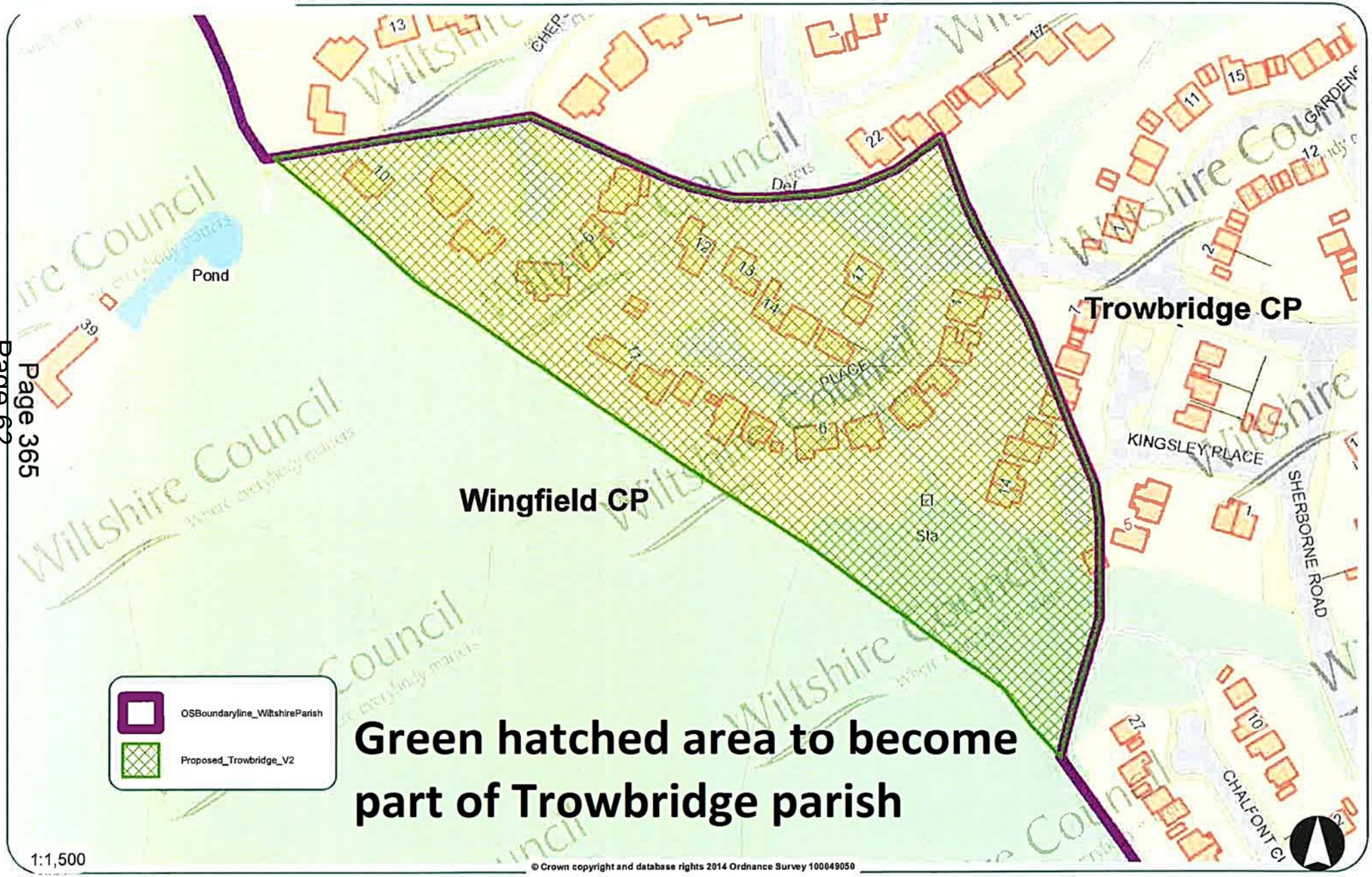
Area A3, A4 - Trowbridge and surrounding parishes Map 2b
Wyke Road (East) Area



Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters

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

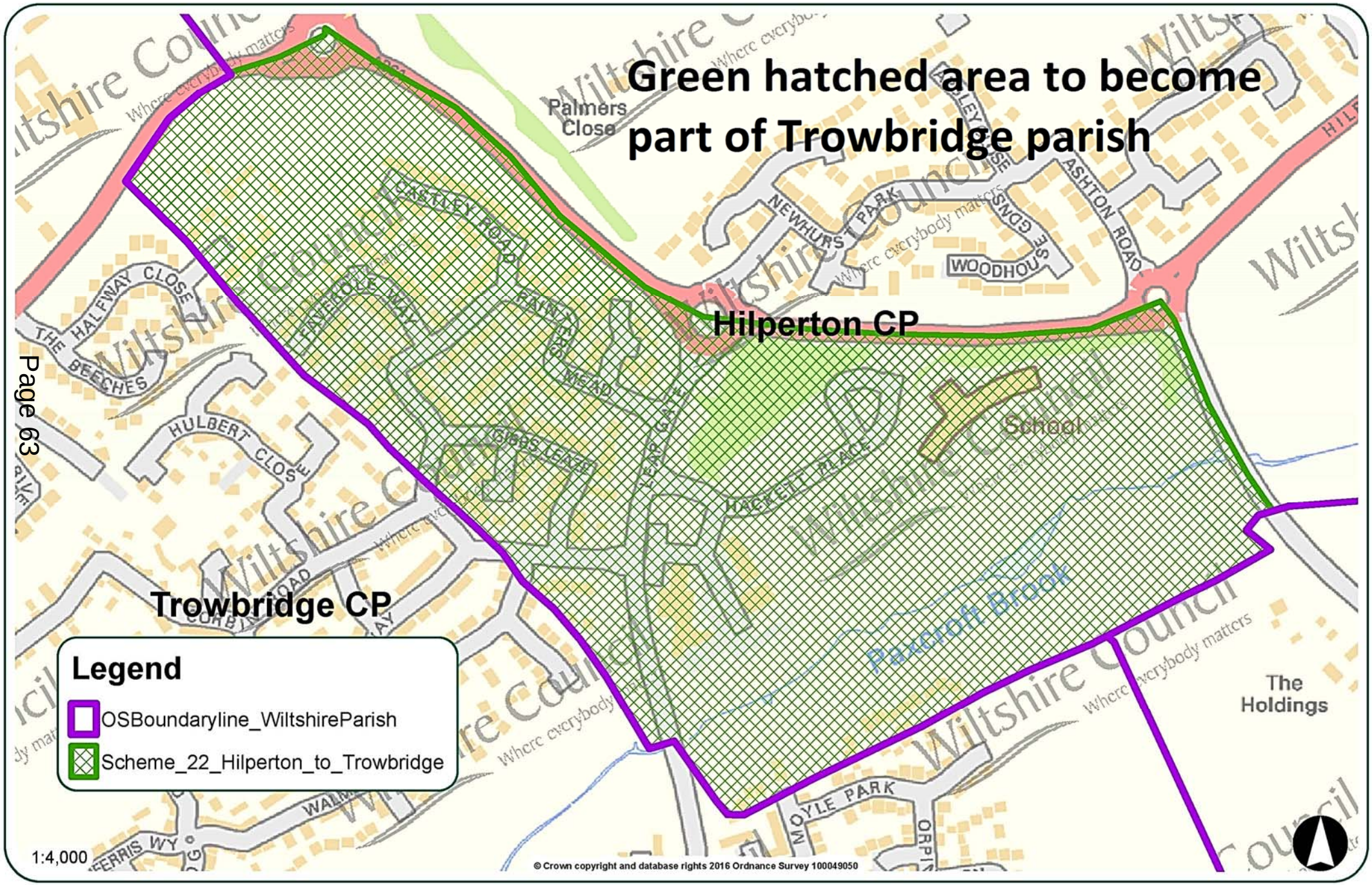
SCHEME 21



Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters

SCHEME 22

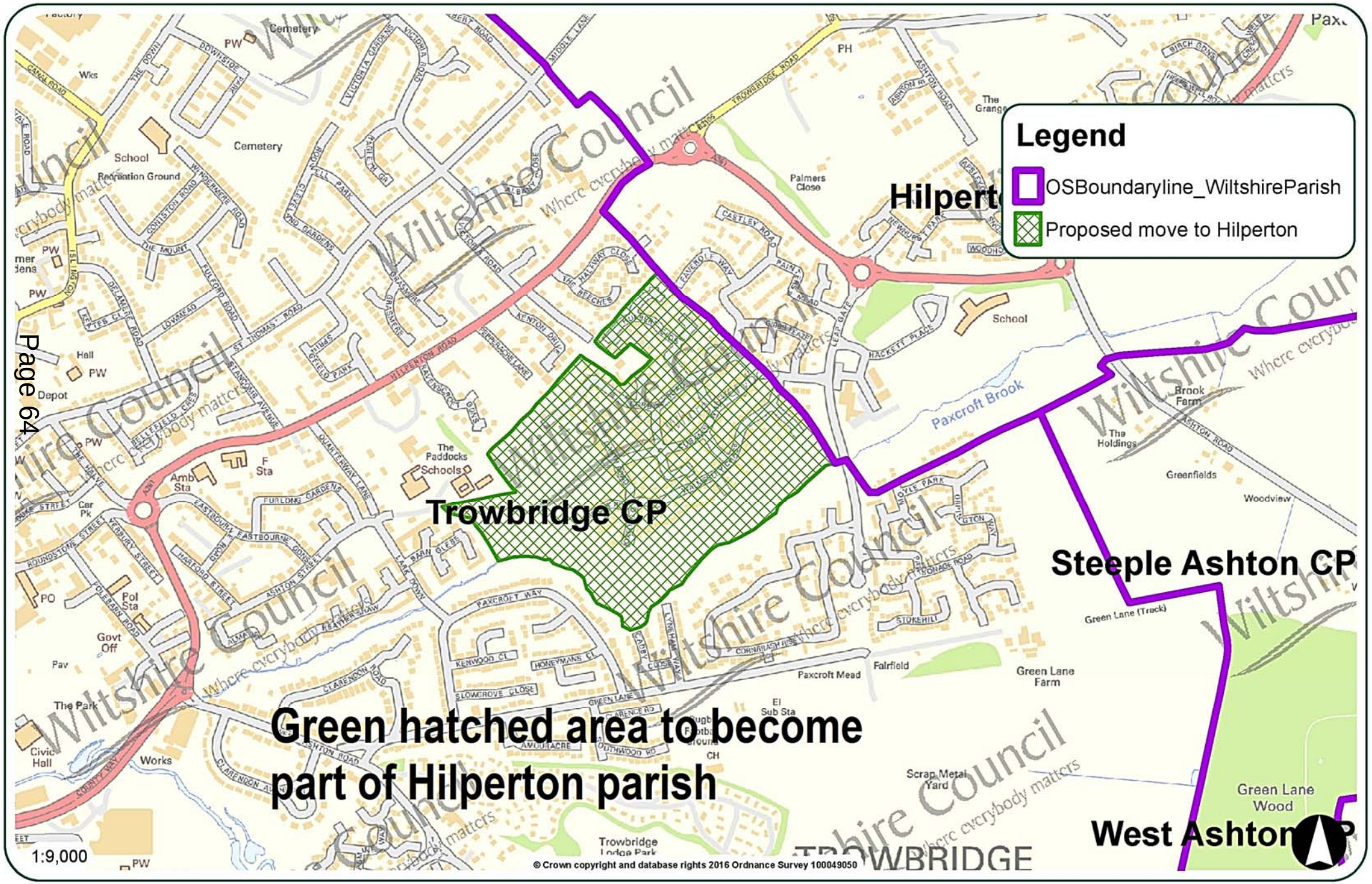
SCHEME 22 Hilperton and Trowbridge
Trowbridge Town Council Proposal (Area 3c)



Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters

SCHEME 23

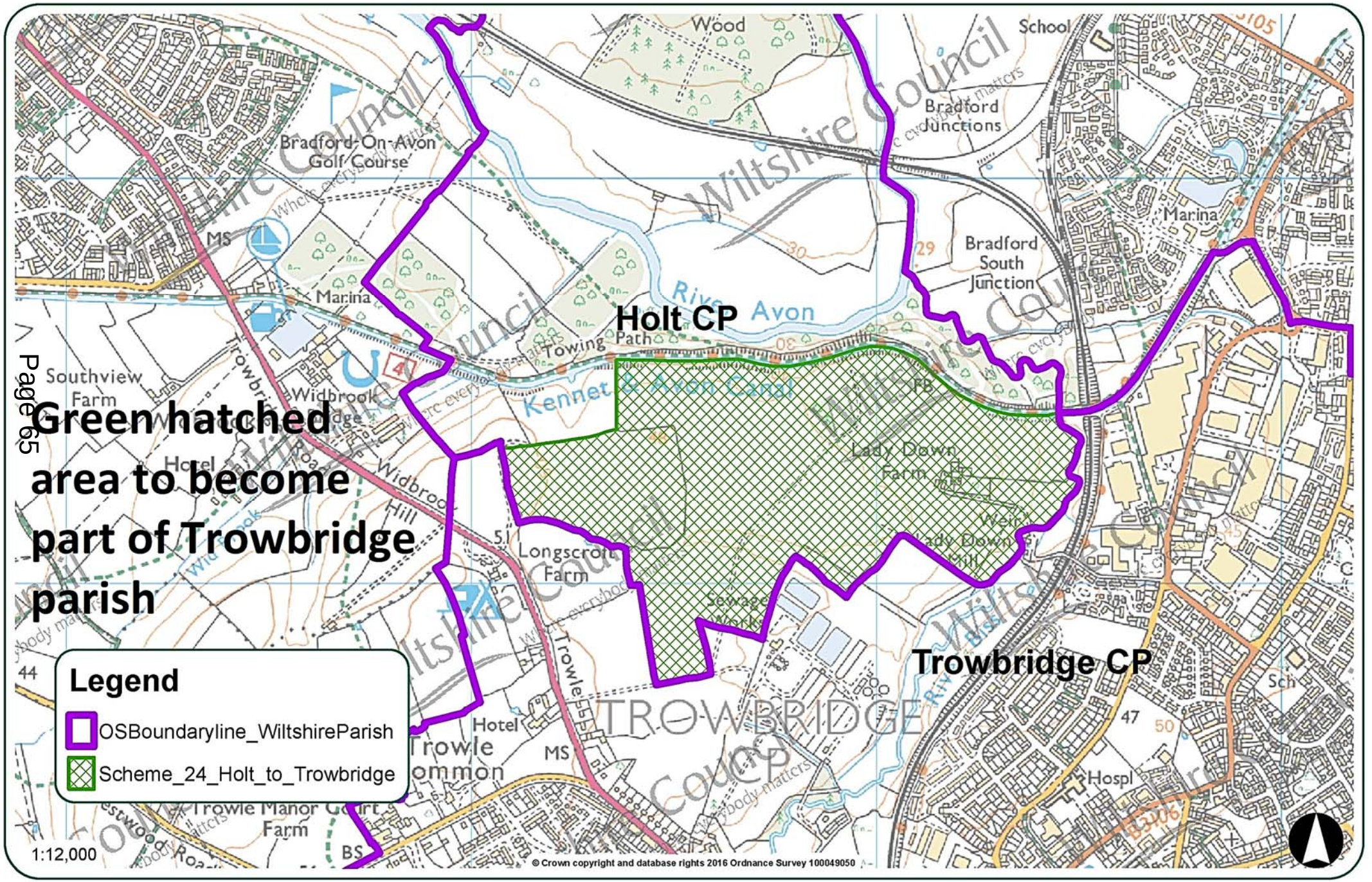
SCHEME 23 Trowbridge and Hilperton
Hulbert Close Area



Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters

SCHEME 24

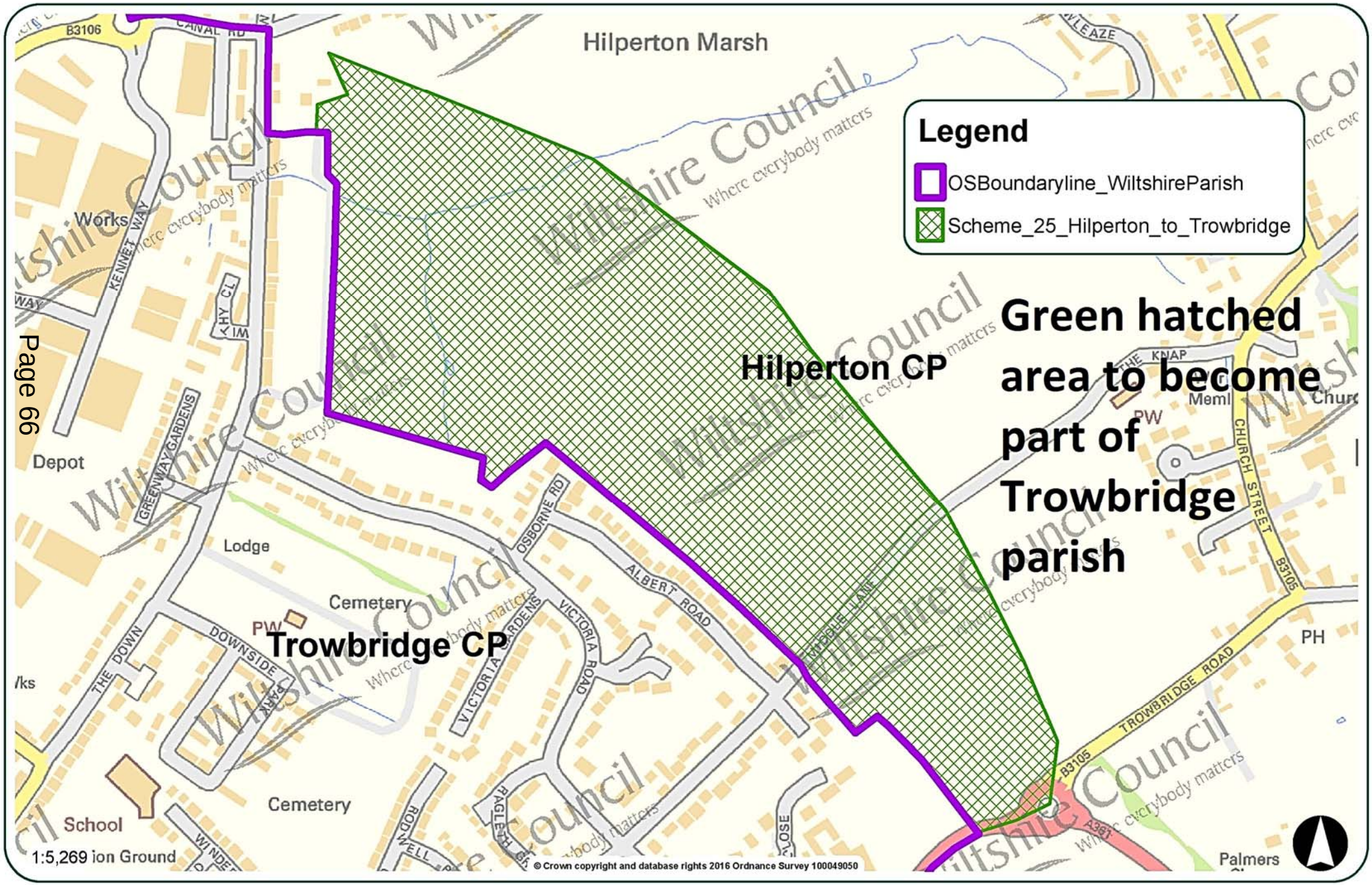
SCHEME 24 Trowbridge and Holt
Trowbridge Town Council Proposal (Area 2) Lady Down Farm



Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters

SCHEME 25

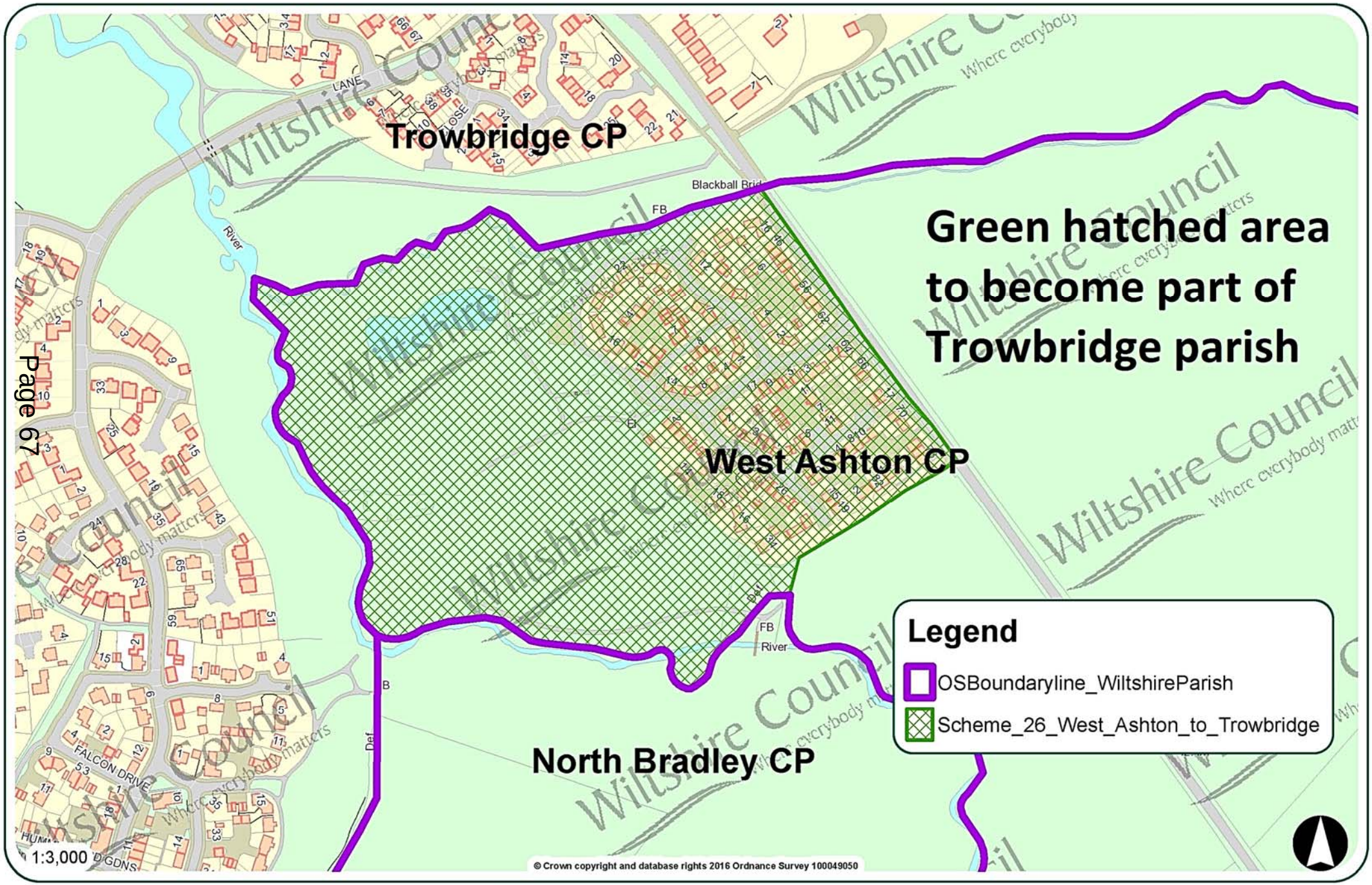
SCHEME 25 Trowbridge and Hilperton
Trowbridge Town Council Proposal (Area 3b)
Hilperton Gap South



Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters

SCHEME 26

SCHEME 26 Trowbridge and West Ashton
Trowbridge Town Council Proposal (Area 4a) Old Farm



Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters

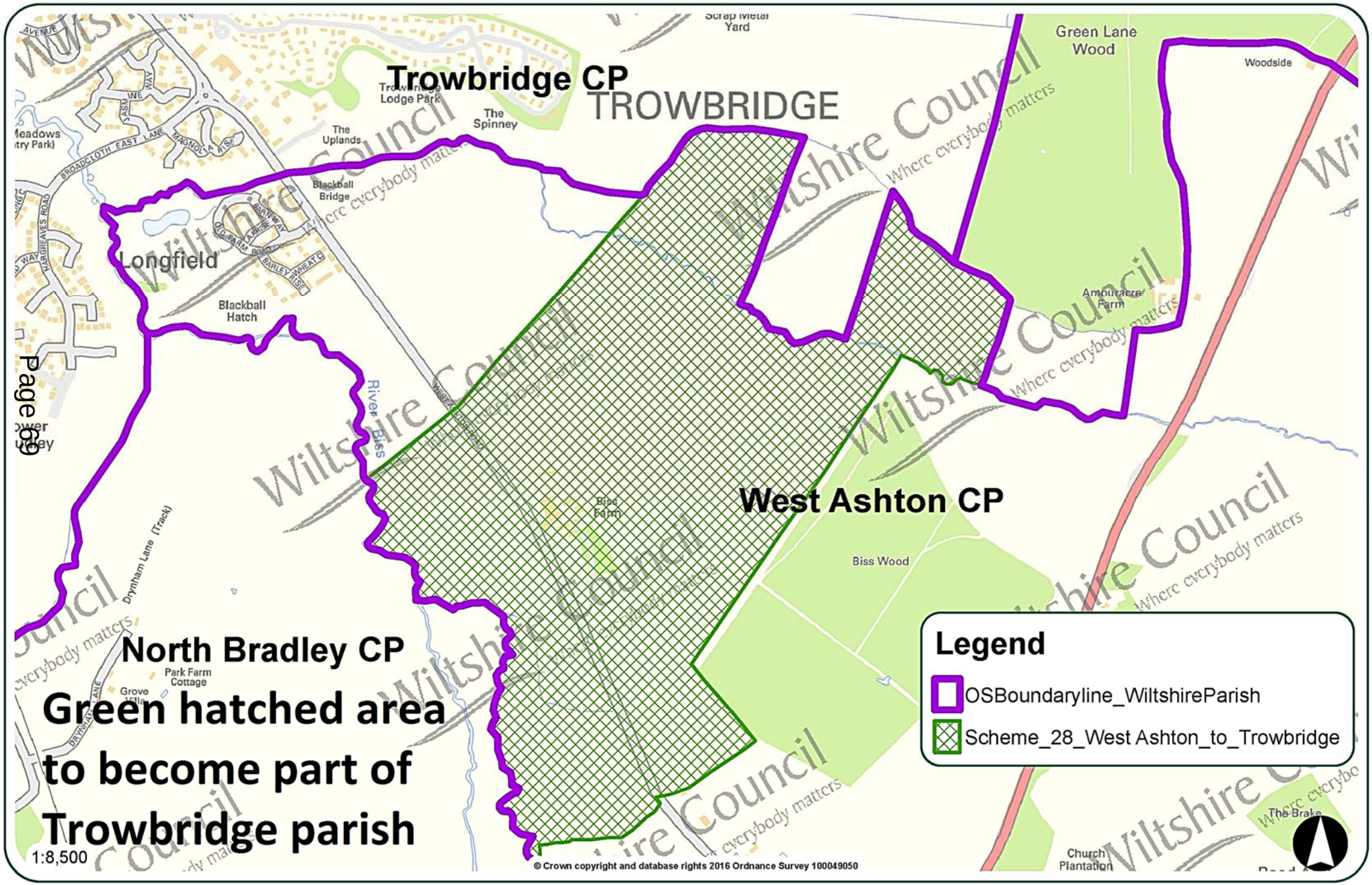
SCHEME 27

SCHEME 27 Trowbridge and West Ashton
Trowbridge Town Council Proposal (Area 4b)
West Ashton Road Employment Land

Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters

SCHEME 28

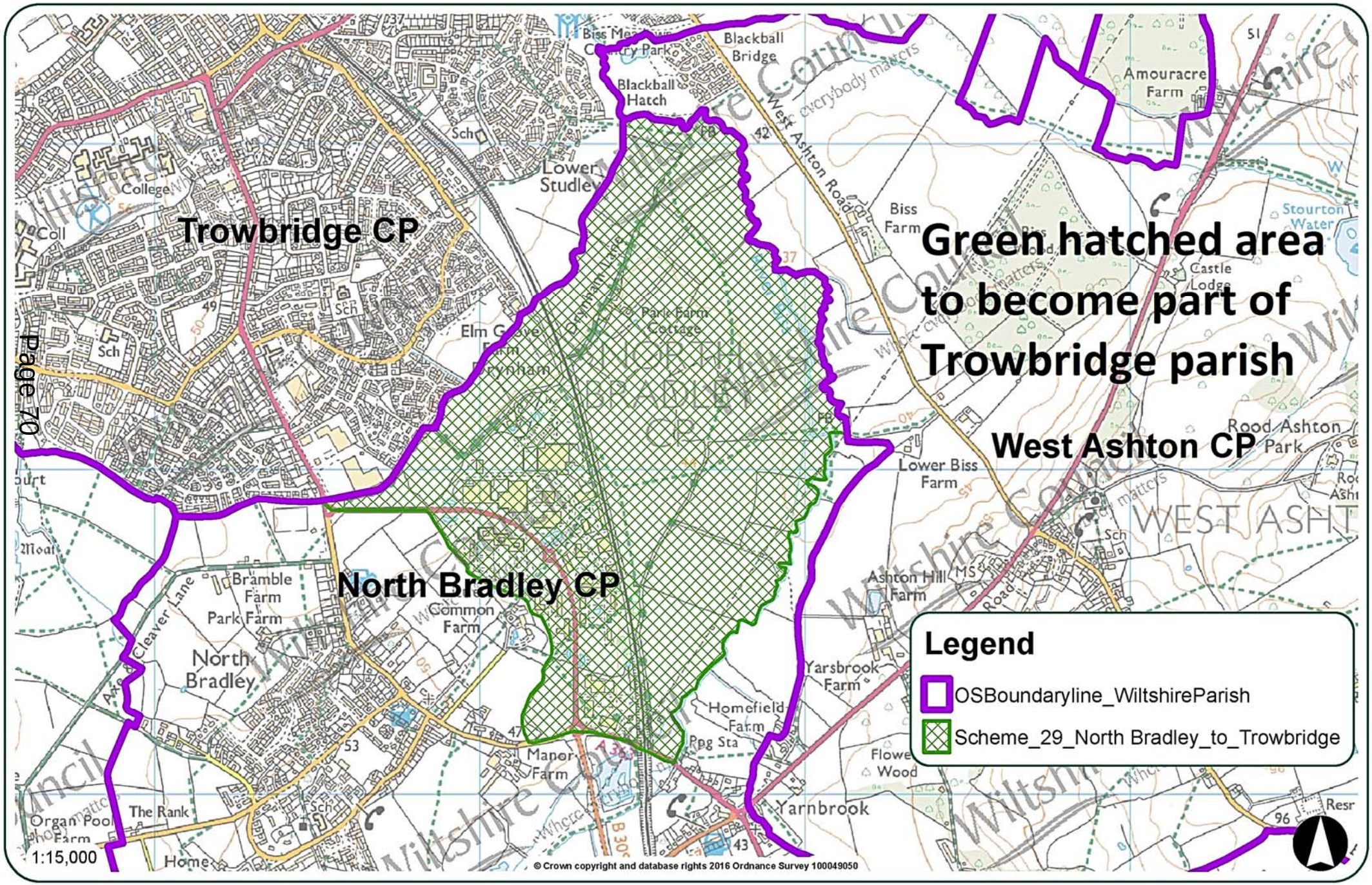
SCHEME 28 Trowbridge and West Ashton
Trowbridge Town Council Proposal (Area 4c)
Ashton Park Urban Extension



Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters

SCHEME 29

SCHEME 29 Trowbridge and North Bradley
Trowbridge Town Council Proposal (Area 4d)
White Horse Business Park



Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters

SCHEME 103

Hilperton Parish Council
Albert Road, Osborne Road, Wyke Road v2

This page is intentionally left blank

Community Governance Review Trowbridge Scheme 18 - Area 3c Halfway Close and Brook

April 2016

These reviews were previously called Parish Reviews and they are usually undertaken every 10-15 years to make sure that the boundaries and electoral arrangements of parishes within an area are working well.

In carrying out a review the council must ensure that community governance arrangements reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and are effective and convenient.

Consequently, a review must take into account factors including the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish. These are reflected in Section 6 below.

About you

1. Are you answering this survey as?

37 (80.4%) A resident of the area affected by the proposal
0 (0.0%) A business or commercial concern in the area affected by the proposal
2 (4.3%) A representative of a Parish or Town or City council affected by the proposal
7 (15.2%) An interested party not necessarily from the area affected

2. What is your name?

46 (100.0%)

3. What is your postcode? In capitals with a space please e.g. BA14 8JN

47 (100.0%)

4. If you represent an organisation, business, parish or group can you say which?

3 (100.0%)

The proposal - Scheme 18

Area 3c Halfway Close and Brook
See Map No 18

5. Having studied the proposal for your area do you agree or disagree that the properties within Area 3c Halfway Close and Brook moves from Hilperton Parish Council to Trowbridge Town Council?

20 (44.4%) Agree with the proposal
25 (55.6%) Disagree with the proposal

6. How far do you agree or disagree that the proposed changes to the parish boundaries outlined above will improve the following factors?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree not disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
A sense of civic pride and civic values	6 (13.6%)	3 (6.8%)	9 (20.5%)	2 (4.5%)	24 (54.5%)
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	7 (15.2%)	3 (6.5%)	8 (17.4%)	3 (6.5%)	25 (54.3%)
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	8 (17.4%)	4 (8.7%)	4 (8.7%)	5 (10.9%)	25 (54.3%)
Effective engagement with the local community	6 (13.3%)	5 (11.1%)	4 (8.9%)	7 (15.6%)	23 (51.1%)
Provide strong local leadership	5 (11.1%)	6 (13.3%)	6 (13.3%)	5 (11.1%)	23 (51.1%)
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	5 (11.1%)	5 (11.1%)	8 (17.8%)	3 (6.7%)	24 (53.3%)
Create a parish of the right size	7 (15.9%)	2 (4.5%)	8 (18.2%)	3 (6.8%)	24 (54.5%)

7. Finally do you have any views about this review that you feel should be taken into account especially around the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish and effective and convenient governance.

24 (100.0%)

If you wish to comment on other proposals for Trowbridge and its surrounding areas these can be found listed on the Wiltshire Council websites Council and Democracy web pages

Thank you for taking part in this survey. An overview of all responses received in connection with this consultation exercise will be considered by Wiltshire Council later in the year before the final decision is made.

If you need any further information about the survey you can contact the Electoral Services Team on Phone: 0300 456 0112

Email: cgr@wiltshire.gov.uk
It is our usual policy on Community Governance type surveys to treat all results as non confidential.

Community Governance Review Trowbridge
Scheme 19 - Area 3a Wyke Road
April 2016

These reviews were previously called Parish Reviews and they are usually undertaken every 10-15 years to make sure that the boundaries and electoral arrangements of parishes within an area are working well.

In carrying out a review the council must ensure that community governance arrangements reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and are effective and convenient.

Consequently, a review must take into account factors including the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish. These are reflected in Section 6 below.

About you

1. Are you answering this survey as?

0 (0.0%) A resident of the area affected by the proposal
0 (0.0%) A business or commercial concern in the area affected by the proposal
1 (25.0%) A representative of a Parish or Town or City council affected by the proposal
3 (75.0%) An interested party not necessarily from the area affected

2. What is your name?

4 (100.0%)

3. What is your postcode? In capitals with a space please e.g. BA14 8JN

4 (100.0%)

4. If you represent an organisation, business, parish or group can you say which?

1 (100.0%)

The proposal - Scheme 19

Area 3a Wyke Road
See Map No 19

5. Having studied the proposal for your area do you agree or disagree that the properties within Area 3a Wyke Road move from Trowbridge Town Council to Hilperton Parish Council?

1 (25.0%) Agree with the proposal
3 (75.0%) Disagree with the proposal

6. How far do you agree or disagree that the proposed changes to the parish boundaries outlined above will improve the following factors?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree not disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
A sense of civic pride and civic values	1 (25.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (50.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (25.0%)
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	1 (25.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (25.0%)	1 (25.0%)	1 (25.0%)
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	1 (25.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (25.0%)	1 (25.0%)	1 (25.0%)
Effective engagement with the local community	1 (25.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (25.0%)	1 (25.0%)	1 (25.0%)
Provide strong local leadership	1 (33.3%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (33.3%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (33.3%)
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	1 (25.0%)	1 (25.0%)	1 (25.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (25.0%)
Create a parish of the right size	0 (0.0%)	1 (25.0%)	1 (25.0%)	1 (25.0%)	1 (25.0%)

7. Finally do you have any views about this review that you feel should be taken into account especially around the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish and effective and convenient governance.

3 (100.0%)

If you wish to comment on other proposals for Trowbridge and its surrounding areas these can be found listed on the Wiltshire Council websites Council and Democracy web pages

Thank you for taking part in this survey. An overview of all responses received in connection with this consultation exercise will be considered by Wiltshire Council later in the year before the final decision is made.

If you need any further information about the survey you can contact the Electoral Services Team on Phone: 0300 456 0112

Email: cgr@wiltshire.gov.uk
It is our usual policy on Community Governance type surveys to treat all results as non-confidential.

Community Governance Review Trowbridge
Scheme 20 - Area 3a Wyke Road
April 2016

These reviews were previously called Parish Reviews and they are usually undertaken every 10-15 years to make sure that the boundaries and electoral arrangements of parishes within an area are working well.

In carrying out a review the council must ensure that community governance arrangements reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and are effective and convenient.

Consequently, a review must take into account factors including the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish. These are reflected in Section 6 below.

About you

1. Are you answering this survey as?

4 (44.4%) A resident of the area affected by the proposal
0 (0.0%) A business or commercial concern in the area affected by the proposal
1 (11.1%) A representative of a Parish or Town or City council affected by the proposal
4 (44.4%) An interested party not necessarily from the area affected

2. What is your name?

9 (100.0%)

3. What is your postcode? In capitals with a space please e.g. BA14 8JN

8 (100.0%)

4. If you represent an organisation, business, parish or group can you say which?

2 (100.0%)

The proposal - Scheme 20

Area 3a Wyke Road
See Map No 20

5. Having studied the proposal for your area do you agree or disagree that the properties within Area 3a Wyke Road moves from Hilperton Parish Council to Trowbridge Town Council?

5 (62.5%) Agree with the proposal
3 (37.5%) Disagree with the proposal

6. How far do you agree or disagree that the proposed changes to the parish boundaries outlined above will improve the following factors?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree not disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
A sense of civic pride and civic values	2 (25.0%)	1 (12.5%)	1 (12.5%)	2 (25.0%)	2 (25.0%)
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	2 (25.0%)	1 (12.5%)	1 (12.5%)	2 (25.0%)	2 (25.0%)
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	2 (25.0%)	2 (25.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (12.5%)	3 (37.5%)
Effective engagement with the local community	2 (25.0%)	1 (12.5%)	1 (12.5%)	1 (12.5%)	3 (37.5%)
Provide strong local leadership	2 (25.0%)	1 (12.5%)	1 (12.5%)	1 (12.5%)	3 (37.5%)
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	2 (25.0%)	1 (12.5%)	1 (12.5%)	1 (12.5%)	3 (37.5%)
Create a parish of the right size	2 (25.0%)	2 (25.0%)	1 (12.5%)	1 (12.5%)	2 (25.0%)

7. Finally do you have any views about this review that you feel should be taken into account especially around the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish and effective and convenient governance.

6 (100.0%)

If you wish to comment on other proposals for Trowbridge and its surrounding areas these can be found listed on the Wiltshire Council websites Council and Democracy web pages

Thank you for taking part in this survey. An overview of all responses received in connection with this consultation exercise will be considered by Wiltshire Council later in the year before the final decision is made.

If you need any further information about the survey you can contact the Electoral Services Team on Phone: 0300 456 0112

Email: cgr@wiltshire.gov.uk
It is our usual policy on Community Governance type surveys to treat all results as non confidential.

Community Governance Review Trowbridge Scheme 21 - Area 1 Shore Place

April 2016

These reviews were previously called Parish Reviews and they are usually undertaken every 10-15 years to make sure that the boundaries and electoral arrangements of parishes within an area are working well.

In carrying out a review the council must ensure that community governance arrangements reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and are effective and convenient.

Consequently, a review must take into account factors including the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish. These are reflected in Section 6 below.

About you

1. Are you answering this survey as?

10 (83.3%)	A resident of the area affected by the proposal
0 (0.0%)	A business or commercial concern in the area affected by the proposal
0 (0.0%)	A representative of a Parish or Town or City council affected by the proposal
2 (16.7%)	An interested party not necessarily from the area affected

2. What is your name?

12 (100.0%)

3. What is your postcode? In capitals with a space please e.g. BA14 8JN

12 (100.0%)

4. If you represent an organisation, business, parish or group can you say which?

0 (0.0%)

The proposal - Scheme 21

Area 1 Shore Place
See Map No 21

5. Having studied the proposal for your area do you agree or disagree that the properties within Area 1 Shore Place move from Wingfield Parish Council to Trowbridge Town Council?

3 (27.3%)	Agree with the proposal
8 (72.7%)	Disagree with the proposal

6. How far do you agree or disagree that the proposed changes to the parish boundaries outlined above will improve the following factors?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree not disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
A sense of civic pride and civic values	2 (16.7%)	2 (16.7%)	1 (8.3%)	2 (16.7%)	5 (41.7%)
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	2 (16.7%)	1 (8.3%)	2 (16.7%)	1 (8.3%)	6 (50.0%)
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	3 (25.0%)	2 (16.7%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (16.7%)	5 (41.7%)
Effective engagement with the local community	1 (8.3%)	4 (33.3%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (8.3%)	6 (50.0%)
Provide strong local leadership	2 (16.7%)	1 (8.3%)	2 (16.7%)	1 (8.3%)	6 (50.0%)
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	1 (8.3%)	2 (16.7%)	2 (16.7%)	2 (16.7%)	5 (41.7%)
Create a parish of the right size	2 (16.7%)	3 (25.0%)	2 (16.7%)	1 (8.3%)	4 (33.3%)

7. Finally do you have any views about this review that you feel should be taken into account especially around the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish and effective and convenient governance.

8 (100.0%)

If you wish to comment on other proposals for Trowbridge and its surrounding areas these can be found listed on the Wiltshire Council websites Council and Democracy web pages

Thank you for taking part in this survey. An overview of all responses received in connection with this consultation exercise will be considered by Wiltshire Council later in the year before the final decision is made.

If you need any further information about the survey you can contact the Electoral Services Team on Phone: 0300 456 0112

Email: cgr@wiltshire.gov.uk
It is our usual policy on Community Governance type surveys to treat all results as non confidential.

Community Governance Review Trowbridge Scheme 22 - Area 3c Paxcroft Mead south of Hilperton Drive

April 2016

These reviews were previously called Parish Reviews and they are usually undertaken every 10-15 years to make sure that the boundaries and electoral arrangements of parishes within an area are working well.

In carrying out a review the council must ensure that community governance arrangements reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and are effective and convenient.

Consequently, a review must take into account factors including the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish. These are reflected in Section 6 below.

About you

1. Are you answering this survey as?

89 (96.7%)	A resident of the area affected by the proposal
0 (0.0%)	A business or commercial concern in the area affected by the proposal
1 (1.1%)	A representative of a Parish or Town or City council affected by the proposal
2 (2.2%)	An interested party not necessarily from the area affected

2. What is your name?

90 (100.0%)

3. What is your postcode? In capitals with a space please e.g. BA14 8JN

89 (100.0%)

4. If you represent an organisation, business, parish or group can you say which?

3 (100.0%)

The proposal - Scheme 22

Area 3c Paxcroft Mead south of Hilperton Drive
See Map No 22

5. Having studied the proposal for your area do you agree or disagree that the properties within Area 3c Paxcroft Mead South of Hilperton Drive move from Hilperton Parish Council to Trowbridge Town Council?

3 (3.3%) Agree with the proposal
89 (96.7%) Disagree with the proposal

6. How far do you agree or disagree that the proposed changes to the parish boundaries outlined above will improve the following factors?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree not disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
A sense of civic pride and civic values	3 (3.4%)	2 (2.2%)	5 (5.6%)	16 (18.0%)	63 (70.8%)
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	4 (4.5%)	1 (1.1%)	4 (4.5%)	14 (15.7%)	66 (74.2%)
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	2 (2.3%)	4 (4.5%)	0 (0.0%)	11 (12.5%)	71 (80.7%)
Effective engagement with the local community	3 (3.4%)	2 (2.3%)	2 (2.3%)	17 (19.3%)	64 (72.7%)
Provide strong local leadership	2 (2.3%)	2 (2.3%)	4 (4.5%)	13 (14.8%)	67 (76.1%)
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	3 (3.4%)	3 (3.4%)	6 (6.9%)	17 (19.5%)	58 (66.7%)
Create a parish of the right size	4 (4.7%)	2 (2.4%)	6 (7.1%)	12 (14.1%)	61 (71.8%)

7. Finally do you have any views about this review that you feel should be taken into account especially around the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish and effective and convenient governance.

58 (100.0%)

If you wish to comment on other proposals for Trowbridge and its surrounding areas these can be found listed on the Wiltshire Council websites Council and Democracy web pages

Thank you for taking part in this survey. An overview of all responses received in connection with this consultation exercise will be considered by Wiltshire Council later in the year before the final decision is made.

If you need any further information about the survey you can contact the Electoral Services Team on Phone: 0300 456 0112

Email: cgr@wiltshire.gov.uk
It is our usual policy on Community Governance type surveys to treat all results as non confidential.

Community Governance Review Trowbridge Scheme 23 - Hulbert Close, Ferris Way and Oxford Gardens

April 2016

These reviews were previously called Parish Reviews and they are usually undertaken every 10-15 years to make sure that the boundaries and electoral arrangements of parishes within an area are working well.

In carrying out a review the council must ensure that community governance arrangements reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and are effective and convenient.

Consequently, a review must take into account factors including the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish. These are reflected in Section 6 below.

About you

1. Are you answering this survey as?

59 (95.2%)	A resident of the area affected by the proposal
0 (0.0%)	A business or commercial concern in the area affected by the proposal
1 (1.6%)	A representative of a Parish or Town or City council affected by the proposal
2 (3.2%)	An interested party not necessarily from the area affected

2. What is your name?

61 (100.0%)

3. What is your postcode? In capitals with a space please e.g. BA14 8JN

61 (100.0%)

4. If you represent an organisation, business, parish or group can you say which?

2 (100.0%)

The proposal - Scheme 23

Trowbridge Area - Hulbert Close, Ferris Way and Oxford Gardens
See Map No 23

5. Having studied the proposal for your area do you agree or disagree that the land and properties shown on the map at Hulbert Close, Ferris Way and Oxford Gardens move from Trowbridge Town Council to Hilperton Parish Council?

50 (84.7%)	Agree with the proposal
9 (15.3%)	Disagree with the proposal

6. How far do you agree or disagree that the proposed changes to the parish boundaries outlined above will improve the following factors?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree not disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
A sense of civic pride and civic values	16 (25.8%)	19 (30.6%)	14 (22.6%)	3 (4.8%)	10 (16.1%)
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	17 (27.4%)	20 (32.3%)	13 (21.0%)	4 (6.5%)	8 (12.9%)
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	21 (33.9%)	21 (33.9%)	7 (11.3%)	3 (4.8%)	10 (16.1%)
Effective engagement with the local community	19 (31.1%)	22 (36.1%)	8 (13.1%)	3 (4.9%)	9 (14.8%)
Provide strong local leadership	16 (25.8%)	23 (37.1%)	11 (17.7%)	4 (6.5%)	8 (12.9%)
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	17 (27.9%)	17 (27.9%)	13 (21.3%)	6 (9.8%)	8 (13.1%)
Create a parish of the right size	19 (30.6%)	22 (35.5%)	11 (17.7%)	2 (3.2%)	8 (12.9%)

7. Finally do you have any views about this review that you feel should be taken into account especially around the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish and effective and convenient governance.

23 (100.0%)

If you wish to comment on other proposals for Trowbridge and its surrounding areas these can be found listed on the Wiltshire Council websites Council and Democracy web pages

Thank you for taking part in this survey. An overview of all responses received in connection with this consultation exercise will be considered by Wiltshire Council later in the year before the final decision is made.

If you need any further information about the survey you can contact the Electoral Services Team on Phone: 0300 456 0112

Email: cgr@wiltshire.gov.uk
It is our usual policy on Community Governance type surveys to treat all results as non-confidential.

Community Governance Review Trowbridge Scheme 24 - Area 2 Lady Down Farm

April 2016

These reviews were previously called Parish Reviews and they are usually undertaken every 10-15 years to make sure that the boundaries and electoral arrangements of parishes within an area are working well.

A Community Governance Review must:-

Reflect the identities and interests of the communities in that area; and be effective and convenient.

Consequently, a review must take into account factors including the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish. These are reflected in Section 6 below.

About you

1. Are you answering this survey as?

3 (50.0%) A resident of the area affected by the proposal
0 (0.0%) A business or commercial concern in the area affected by the proposal
1 (16.7%) A representative of a Parish or Town or City council affected by the proposal
2 (33.3%) An interested party not necessarily from the area affected

2. What is your name?

6 (100.0%)

3. What is your postcode? In capitals with a space please e.g. BA14 8JN

6 (100.0%)

4. If you represent an organisation, business, parish or group can you say which?

1 (100.0%)

The proposal - Scheme 24

Area 2 Lady Down Farm
See Map No 24

5. Having studied the proposal for your area do you agree or disagree that the properties within Area 2 Lady Down Farm moves from Holt Parish Council to Trowbridge Town Council?

2 (40.0%) Agree with the proposal
3 (60.0%) Disagree with the proposal

6. How far do you agree or disagree that the proposed changes to the parish boundaries outlined above will improve the following factors?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree not disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
A sense of civic pride and civic values	1 (16.7%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (33.3%)	2 (33.3%)	1 (16.7%)
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	1 (16.7%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (16.7%)	2 (33.3%)	2 (33.3%)
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	1 (16.7%)	1 (16.7%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	4 (66.7%)
Effective engagement with the local community	1 (16.7%)	1 (16.7%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (16.7%)	3 (50.0%)
Provide strong local leadership	1 (16.7%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (16.7%)	0 (0.0%)	4 (66.7%)
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	1 (16.7%)	1 (16.7%)	1 (16.7%)	2 (33.3%)	1 (16.7%)
Create a parish of the right size	1 (16.7%)	1 (16.7%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	4 (66.7%)

7. Finally do you have any views about this review that you feel should be taken into account especially around the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish and effective and convenient governance.

6 (100.0%)

If you wish to comment on other proposals for Trowbridge and its surrounding areas these can be found listed on the Wiltshire Council websites Council and Democracy web pages

Thank you for taking part in this survey. An overview of all responses received in connection with this consultation exercise will be considered by Wiltshire Council later in the year before the final decision is made.

If you need any further information about the survey you can contact the Electoral Services Team on Phone: 0300 456 0112

Email: cgr@wiltshire.gov.uk
It is our usual policy on Community Governance type surveys to treat all results as non confidential.

Community Governance Review Trowbridge Scheme 25 - Area 3b Hilperton Gap South

April 2016

These reviews were previously called Parish Reviews and they are usually undertaken every 10-15 years to make sure that the boundaries and electoral arrangements of parishes within an area are working well.

In carrying out a review the council must ensure that community governance arrangements reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and are effective and convenient.

Consequently, a review must take into account factors including the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish. These are reflected in Section 6 below.

About you

1. Are you answering this survey as?

1 (25.0%) A resident of the area affected by the proposal
0 (0.0%) A business or commercial concern in the area affected by the proposal
1 (25.0%) A representative of a Parish or Town or City council affected by the proposal
2 (50.0%) An interested party not necessarily from the area affected

2. What is your name?

4 (100.0%)

3. What is your postcode? In capitals with a space please e.g. BA14 8JN

4 (100.0%)

4. If you represent an organisation, business, parish or group can you say which?

1 (100.0%)

The proposal - Scheme 25

Area 3b Hiperton Gap South
See Map No 25

5. Having studied the proposal for your area do you agree or disagree that the properties within Area 3b Hiperton Gap South moves from Hilperton Parish Council to Trowbridge Town Council?

1 (25.0%) Agree with the proposal
3 (75.0%) Disagree with the proposal

6. How far do you agree or disagree that the proposed changes to the parish boundaries outlined above will improve the following factors?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree not disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
A sense of civic pride and civic values	0 (0.0%)	1 (25.0%)	1 (25.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (50.0%)
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	0 (0.0%)	1 (25.0%)	1 (25.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (50.0%)
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	0 (0.0%)	1 (25.0%)	1 (25.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (50.0%)
Effective engagement with the local community	0 (0.0%)	1 (25.0%)	2 (50.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (25.0%)
Provide strong local leadership	0 (0.0%)	1 (25.0%)	1 (25.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (50.0%)
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	0 (0.0%)	1 (25.0%)	2 (50.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (25.0%)
Create a parish of the right size	0 (0.0%)	2 (50.0%)	1 (25.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (25.0%)

7. Finally do you have any views about this review that you feel should be taken into account especially around the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish and effective and convenient governance.

4 (100.0%)

If you wish to comment on other proposals for Trowbridge and its surrounding areas these can be found listed on the Wiltshire Council websites Council and Democracy web pages

Thank you for taking part in this survey. An overview of all responses received in connection with this consultation exercise will be considered by Wiltshire Council later in the year before the final decision is made.

If you need any further information about the survey you can contact the Electoral Services Team on Phone: 0300 456 0112

Email: cgr@wiltshire.gov.uk
It is our usual policy on Community Governance type surveys to treat all results as non confidential

Community Governance Review Trowbridge
Scheme 26 - Area 4a Old Farm
April 2016

These reviews were previously called Parish Reviews and they are usually undertaken every 10-15 years to make sure that the boundaries and electoral arrangements of parishes within an area are working well.

In carrying out a review the council must ensure that community governance arrangements reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and are effective and convenient.

Consequently, a review must take into account factors including the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish. These are reflected in Section 6 below.

About you

1. Are you answering this survey as?

12 (75.0%) A resident of the area affected by the proposal
0 (0.0%) A business or commercial concern in the area affected by the proposal
0 (0.0%) A representative of a Parish or Town or City council affected by the proposal
4 (25.0%) An interested party not necessarily from the area affected

2. What is your name?

16 (100.0%)

3. What is your postcode? In capitals with a space please e.g. BA14 8JN

16 (100.0%)

4. If you represent an organisation, business, parish or group can you say which?

0 (0.0%)

The proposal - Scheme 26

Area 4a Old Farm
See Map No 26

5. Having studied the proposal for your area do you agree or disagree that the properties within Area 4a Old Farm moves from West Ashton Parish Council to Trowbridge Town Council?

2 (12.5%) Agree with the proposal
14 (87.5%) Disagree with the proposal

6. How far do you agree or disagree that the proposed changes to the parish boundaries outlined above will improve the following factors?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree not disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
A sense of civic pride and civic values	1 (7.1%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (14.3%)	11 (78.6%)
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	1 (6.3%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (6.3%)	3 (18.8%)	11 (68.8%)
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	2 (12.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (12.5%)	12 (75.0%)
Effective engagement with the local community	2 (12.5%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (6.3%)	2 (12.5%)	11 (68.8%)
Provide strong local leadership	1 (6.3%)	1 (6.3%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (12.5%)	12 (75.0%)
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	1 (6.3%)	2 (12.5%)	1 (6.3%)	1 (6.3%)	11 (68.8%)
Create a parish of the right size	2 (12.5%)	1 (6.3%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (12.5%)	11 (68.8%)

7. Finally do you have any views about this review that you feel should be taken into account especially around the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish and effective and convenient governance.

12 (100.0%)

If you wish to comment on other proposals for Trowbridge and its surrounding areas these can be found listed on the Wiltshire Council websites Council and Democracy web pages

Thank you for taking part in this survey. An overview of all responses received in connection with this consultation exercise will be considered by Wiltshire Council later in the year before the final decision is made. If you need any further information about the survey you can contact the Electoral Services Team on Phone: 0300 456 0112 Email: cgr@wiltshire.gov.uk It is our usual policy on Community Governance type surveys to treat all results as non confidential.

Community Governance Review Trowbridge Scheme 27 - Area 4b West Ashton Road employment land

April 2016

These reviews were previously called Parish Reviews and they are usually undertaken every 10-15 years to make sure that the boundaries and electoral arrangements of parishes within an area are working well.

In carrying out a review the council must ensure that community governance arrangements reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and are effective and convenient.

Consequently, a review must take into account factors including the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish. These are reflected in Section 6 below.

About you

1. Are you answering this survey as?

12 (75.0%)	A resident of the area affected by the proposal
0 (0.0%)	A business or commercial concern in the area affected by the proposal
0 (0.0%)	A representative of a Parish or Town or City council affected by the proposal
4 (25.0%)	An interested party not necessarily from the area affected

2. What is your name?

16 (100.0%)

3. What is your postcode? In capitals with a space please e.g. BA14 8JN

16 (100.0%)

4. If you represent an organisation, business, parish or group can you say which?

0 (0.0%)

The proposal - Scheme 27

Area 4b West Ashton Road employment land
See Map No 27

5. Having studied the proposal for your area do you agree or disagree that the properties within Area 4b West Ashton Road employment land moves from West Ashton Parish Council to Trowbridge Town Council?

2 (13.3%) Agree with the proposal

13 (86.7%) Disagree with the proposal

6. How far do you agree or disagree that the proposed changes to the parish boundaries outlined above will improve the following factors?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree not disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
A sense of civic pride and civic values	1 (6.3%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (6.3%)	2 (12.5%)	12 (75.0%)
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	1 (6.7%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (6.7%)	1 (6.7%)	12 (80.0%)
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	1 (6.3%)	1 (6.3%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (12.5%)	12 (75.0%)
Effective engagement with the local community	1 (6.3%)	1 (6.3%)	1 (6.3%)	1 (6.3%)	12 (75.0%)
Provide strong local leadership	1 (6.3%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (6.3%)	2 (12.5%)	12 (75.0%)
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	1 (6.3%)	2 (12.5%)	1 (6.3%)	1 (6.3%)	11 (68.8%)
Create a parish of the right size	1 (6.3%)	2 (12.5%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (12.5%)	11 (68.8%)

7. Finally do you have any views about this review that you feel should be taken into account especially around the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish and effective and convenient governance.

11 (100.0%)

If you wish to comment on other proposals for Trowbridge and its surrounding areas these can be found listed on the Wiltshire Council websites Council and Democracy web pages

Thank you for taking part in this survey. An overview of all responses received in connection with this consultation exercise will be considered by Wiltshire Council later in the year before the final decision is made. If you need any further information about the survey you can contact the Electoral Services Team on Phone: 0300 456 0112 Email: cgr@wiltshire.gov.uk It is our usual policy on Community Governance type surveys to treat all results as non confidential.

Community Governance Review Trowbridge
Scheme 28 - Area 4c Ashton Park urban expansion
April 2016

These reviews were previously called Parish Reviews and they are usually undertaken every 10-15 years to make sure that the boundaries and electoral arrangements of parishes within an area are working well.

In carrying out a review the council must ensure that community governance arrangements reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and are effective and convenient.

Consequently, a review must take into account factors including the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish. These are reflected in Section 6 below.

About you

1. Are you answering this survey as?

10 (66.7%) A resident of the area affected by the proposal
0 (0.0%) A business or commercial concern in the area affected by the proposal
0 (0.0%) A representative of a Parish or Town or City council affected by the proposal
5 (33.3%) An interested party not necessarily from the area affected

2. What is your name?

15 (100.0%)

3. What is your postcode? In capitals with a space please e.g. BA14 8JN

15 (100.0%)

4. If you represent an organisation, business, parish or group can you say which?

0 (0.0%)

The proposal - Scheme 28

Area 4c Ashton Park urban expansion
See Map No 28

5. Having studied the proposal for your area do you agree or disagree that the properties within Area 4c Ashton Park urban expansion moves from Southwick Parish Council to Trowbridge Town Council?

3 (20.0%) Agree with the proposal
12 (80.0%) Disagree with the proposal

6. How far do you agree or disagree that the proposed changes to the parish boundaries outlined above will improve the following factors?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree not disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
A sense of civic pride and civic values	1 (6.7%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (6.7%)	2 (13.3%)	11 (73.3%)
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	1 (6.7%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (6.7%)	2 (13.3%)	11 (73.3%)
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	1 (6.7%)	1 (6.7%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (13.3%)	11 (73.3%)
Effective engagement with the local community	1 (6.7%)	1 (6.7%)	1 (6.7%)	1 (6.7%)	11 (73.3%)
Provide strong local leadership	1 (6.7%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (6.7%)	2 (13.3%)	11 (73.3%)
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	1 (6.7%)	2 (13.3%)	1 (6.7%)	1 (6.7%)	10 (66.7%)
Create a parish of the right size	1 (6.7%)	2 (13.3%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (13.3%)	10 (66.7%)

7. Finally do you have any views about this review that you feel should be taken into account especially around the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish and effective and convenient governance.

9 (100.0%)

If you wish to comment on other proposals for Trowbridge and its surrounding areas these can be found listed on the Wiltshire Council websites Council and Democracy web pages

Thank you for taking part in this survey. An overview of all responses received in connection with this consultation exercise will be considered by Wiltshire Council later in the year before the final decision is made.

If you need any further information about the survey you can contact the Electoral Services Team on Phone: 0300 456 0112

Email: cgr@wiltshire.gov.uk
It is our usual policy on Community Governance type surveys to treat all results as non confidential.

Community Governance Review Trowbridge
Scheme 29 - Area 4d White Horse Business Park
April 2016
These reviews were previously called Parish Reviews and they are usually undertaken every 10-15 years to make sure that the boundaries and electoral arrangements of parishes within an area are working well.

In carrying out a review the council must ensure that community governance arrangements reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and are effective and convenient.

Consequently, a review must take into account factors including the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish. These are reflected in Section 6 below.

About you

1. Are you answering this survey as?

11 (73.3%)	A resident of the area affected by the proposal
0 (0.0%)	A business or commercial concern in the area affected by the proposal
1 (6.7%)	A representative of a Parish or Town or City council affected by the proposal
3 (20.0%)	An interested party not necessarily from the area affected

2. What is your name?

16 (100.0%)

3. What is your postcode? In capitals with a space please e.g. BA14 8JN

16 (100.0%)

4. If you represent an organisation, business, parish or group can you say which?

2 (100.0%)

The proposal - Scheme 29

Area 4d - White Horse Business Park (TTC Area 1) North Bradley to Trowbridge
See Map No 29

5. Having studied the proposal for your area do you agree or disagree that the properties within Area 4d White Horse Business Park moves from North Bradley Parish Council to Trowbridge Town Council?

3 (20.0%) Agree with the proposal
12 (80.0%) Disagree with the proposal

6. How far do you agree or disagree that the proposed changes to the parish boundaries outlined above will improve the following factors?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree not disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
A sense of civic pride and civic values	1 (6.3%)	1 (6.3%)	1 (6.3%)	0 (0.0%)	13 (81.3%)
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	1 (6.3%)	1 (6.3%)	1 (6.3%)	1 (6.3%)	12 (75.0%)
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	1 (6.3%)	2 (12.5%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (6.3%)	12 (75.0%)
Effective engagement with the local community	1 (6.3%)	2 (12.5%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (6.3%)	12 (75.0%)
Provide strong local leadership	1 (6.3%)	1 (6.3%)	1 (6.3%)	0 (0.0%)	13 (81.3%)
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	2 (12.5%)	1 (6.3%)	0 (0.0%)	4 (25.0%)	9 (56.3%)
Create a parish of the right size	1 (6.3%)	2 (12.5%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (6.3%)	12 (75.0%)

7. Finally do you have any views about this review that you feel should be taken into account especially around the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish and effective and convenient governance.

15 (100.0%)

If you wish to comment on other proposals for Trowbridge and its surrounding areas these can be found listed on the Wiltshire Council websites Council and Democracy web pages

Thank you for taking part in this survey. An overview of all responses received in connection with this consultation exercise will be considered by Wiltshire Council later in the year before the final decision is made.

If you need any further information about the survey you can contact the Electoral Services Team on
Phone: 0300 456 0112

Email: cgr@wiltshire.gov.uk
It is our usual policy on Community Governance type surveys to treat all results as non confidential.

Community Governance Review Trowbridge Scheme 103 - Albert Road, Osborne Road, Victoria Road and Wyke Road

April 2016

These reviews were previously called Parish Reviews and they are usually undertaken every 10-15 years to make sure that the boundaries and electoral arrangements of parishes within an area are working well.

In carrying out a review the council must ensure that community governance arrangements reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and are effective and convenient.

Consequently, a review must take into account factors including the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish. These are reflected in Section 6 below.

About you

1. Are you answering this survey as?

27 (87.1%)	A resident of the area affected by the proposal
1 (3.2%)	A business or commercial concern in the area affected by the proposal
1 (3.2%)	A representative of a Parish or Town or City council affected by the proposal
2 (6.5%)	An interested party not necessarily from the area affected

2. What is your name?

31 (100.0%)

3. What is your postcode? In capitals with a space please e.g. BA14 8JN

31 (100.0%)

4. If you represent an organisation, business, parish or group can you say which?

1 (100.0%)

The proposal - Scheme 103

Albert Road, Osborne Road, Victoria Road and Wyke Road
See Map No 103

5. Having studied the proposal for your area do you agree or disagree that the land and properties shown on the map at Albert Road, Osborne Road, Victoria Road and Wyke Road move from Trowbridge Town Council to Hilperton Parish Council?

24 (77.4%)	Agree with the proposal
7 (22.6%)	Disagree with the proposal

6. How far do you agree or disagree that the proposed changes to the parish boundaries outlined above will improve the following factors?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree not disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
A sense of civic pride and civic values	8 (27.6%)	12 (41.4%)	2 (6.9%)	1 (3.4%)	6 (20.7%)
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	8 (27.6%)	12 (41.4%)	2 (6.9%)	2 (6.9%)	5 (17.2%)
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	13 (43.3%)	11 (36.7%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (3.3%)	5 (16.7%)
Effective engagement with the local community	10 (35.7%)	9 (32.1%)	3 (10.7%)	1 (3.6%)	5 (17.9%)
Provide strong local leadership	11 (40.7%)	8 (29.6%)	2 (7.4%)	1 (3.7%)	5 (18.5%)
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	11 (37.9%)	9 (31.0%)	3 (10.3%)	1 (3.4%)	5 (17.2%)
Create a parish of the right size	11 (37.9%)	9 (31.0%)	2 (6.9%)	1 (3.4%)	6 (20.7%)

7. Finally do you have any views about this review that you feel should be taken into account especially around the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish and effective and convenient governance.

16 (100.0%)

If you wish to comment on other proposals for Trowbridge and its surrounding areas these can be found listed on the Wiltshire Council websites Council and Democracy web pages

Thank you for taking part in this survey. An overview of all responses received in connection with this consultation exercise will be considered by Wiltshire Council later in the year before the final decision is made.

If you need any further information about the survey you can contact the Electoral Services Team on Phone: 0300 456 0112

Email: cgr@wiltshire.gov.uk
It is our usual policy on Community Governance type surveys to treat all results as non-confidential.

This page is intentionally left blank

1	**SCHEME 18 COMMENTS PAGE - Halfway Close and Brook (Trowbridge to Huilperton)**
2	
3	Community Cohesion is key - if Hilperton is to be considered, as it wishes, as a distinct community from Trowbridge, there needs to be a clear boundary line between the two. The Hilperton Road, A361, is more logical than this highly piecemeal proposal.
4	I attended the so-called public consultation held at County Hall in November 2015, a meeting which as residents affected by Schemes 18 and 22 discovered by accident. The meeting frankly appalled me as a retired civil servant: the residents' concerns were practically shouted down by council officials seemingly giving vent to their own vested interests. There was a very thinly veiled attempt to disguise their interest in making a grab for the precept represented by the properties that would be transferred. I have absolutely no confidence that were the Schemes to be adopted, we would gain nothing from Wiltshire Council. I am therefore totally against the proposals which in my view do not satisfy the first requirement of a CGR, namely to "reflect the identities and interests of the community".
5	
6	
7	
8	This will help deliver more effective and coherent local government reflecting the local geography. In due course the boundary should extend up to the A361, reflecting the contiguity with Trowbridge.
9	
10	The Parish Council supports this scheme and is happy to respond to the comments submitted by Trowbridge Town Council by agreeing to the following 'tidying amendments'. Firstly, the boundary to the green hatched area in the south east of the scheme being moved south east from the stream to follow the fence line of the houses in Moyle Park. REASON - To allow the whole of the open area of grassland to be under the control of the same first tier authority allowing easier maintenance of the whole area when the parish council assumes responsibility for it. Secondly, the boundary to the green hatched area in the north west of the scheme being moved north west from the cycle/footpath to follow the fence line of the housing development. REASON – as above. The parish council can see no improvement to governance by moving any of these houses into Trowbridge and again asks the CGR working group (CGR wg) to assist local democracy by leaving the houses and open spaces in Hilperton parish. It would again remind the CGR wg that this area contains the main shopping area for houses in the parish, the well used Red Admiral public house and the Paxcroft Mead Community Centre (of which the parish council is the custodial trustee and appoints a member to the governing committee of the centre).
11	The parish boundary is clearly defined by a ditch running from the main road across the far end of Halfway Close. Our property is one of a group of four an extension of Halfway Close, within the Parish of Hilperton. We consider ourselves to be Hilperton residents and not Trowbridge. Hilperton is regarded as our social centre for the following reasons: Our friends and family live in Hilperton We attend clubs and societies in Hilperton We support many social activities within Hilperton Our children went to school in Hilperton and christened in the Church Under the Community Governance Review any changes made must improve the communities and local democracy. This would not be the case if the boundary was moved and our property becomes part of Trowbridge.
12	
13	
14	

15	No beneficial outcome from these changes. We have a community that works very well as it is. Why change?
16	
17	
18	
19	I think this proposal keeps Trowbridge Town Council area the right size in terms of households
20	I cannot see and real benefit in making any changes to the parish boundaries however this proposal is the better option if a change must be made
21	
22	Wish to remain as the Hilperton parish
23	
24	Confusing questionnaire. I agree to properties to remain in Hilperton parish. I agree that green hatched areas to become part of Trowbridge parish if absolutely necessary.
25	Hilperton has good community centre and village hall, also good businesses that offer what is needed.
26	Leave as Hilperton
27	By this application it will not have an effect on our secondary school application With this application it will not effect our council rates.
28	
29	The highlighted areas are part of our area of Hilperton. It would be a shame to reduce the size of Hilperton unless there would substantial benefits in facilities. Community cohesion is very important to us and carving up parts of our community goes against this.
30	What the community wants is irrelevant. Wiltshire Council will do as it wishes regardless of what the community feels
31	It seems unfair for these very few houses to be "moved" into Trowbridge if they do not want to be. Other than that the hatched green areas can be put into Trowbridge in my opinion.
32	We have always lived in the parish of Hilperton and see no reason whatsoever to become part of the Trowbridge wide parish. Why change?
33	
34	I have lived at 29 Painters Meadd for 10 years. I moved from Oriel Close in Hilperton with the firm belief that I was remaining in Hilperton. I have worked at the St Michaels pre-school for 9 years and currently walk to, daily, and work at Hilperton primary school. I have worked at the school for 8 years and as such, I feel very much part of Hilperton life and the community. I use St Michael church with school and often engage in the many events at the village hall. I want to remain in the village of Hilperton
35	If it works don't fix it
36	No identified benefits. Does not reflect identities and interest of residents. Proposal should be rejected. Precept charges are less than 5% mentioned as typical in your note. Charges should not be significantly increased and the error of 5% should be amended and notified to all. Recommend reject proposal. I live in Hilperton and wish to stay as we are.
37	
38	Strongly want to remain in Hilperton. We moved to Hilperton to be a part of the Hilperton parish, not Trowbridge.
39	

40	Hilperton I total should remain a village without being controlled by the town council. My other comments can be found on my scheme 22 reply sheet and apply totally.
41	I firmly believe in Hilperton parish council views on this matter are highly relevant including the fact that they are trustees of Paxcroft Mead community centre and most of these residents display a strong inclusive community and voluntary effort
42	
43	
44	
45	This proposal affects less people / households than Scheme 22 and follows roads to give a clear boundary. It also keeps the local school in the Hilperton parish.
46	
47	
48	
49	

1	**SCHEME 19 COMMENTS PAGE - Wyke Road (Trowbridge to Hilperton)**
2	
3	Community cohesion - most of the road below Canal Road is currently in Trowbridge Parish, and it makes more sense to make that all of the road, not further divide the community.
4	There is no logical basis for this proposal, the road forms a natural boundary and crossing it makes for less cohesive, less effective and less convenient local government.
5	The Parish Council supports this scheme suggested by the CGR working group which would assist the aim of better local governance for the residents by combining them with their near neighbours who are already in Hilperton Parish.
6	

1	**SCHEME 20 COMMENTS PAGE - Wyke Road (Hilperton to Trowbridge)**
2	
3	See comment for No.19
4	
5	This is a logical proposal, with the boundary stopping at a natural gap between housing of different areas.
6	There is no logical case on the grounds of the statutory tests for excluding this area from Trowbridge parish - hence I support its inclusion.
7	The Parish Council OBJECTS to this scheme as it would not assist the stated aims of the CGR.
8	Moving to Trowbridge parish would cause me a number of significant difficulties as a disabled member of the community - I do not feel that any of the proposed benefits would be true.
9	None
10	
11	

1	**SCHEME 21 COMMENTS PAGE - Shore Place (Wingfield to Trowbridge)**
2	
3	
4	We have been part of Wingfield parish for more than 20 years and are happy to stay that way. The only difference if we change to Trowbridge is that we will pay more council tax, we won't gain any improvement in our services so I don't believe its in our interest to change.
5	
6	Your proposal will increase my annual "rates". No thank you
7	Have formed relationship with Wingfield parish which I am very happy with.
8	
9	We've always been with Wingfield Parish and they've treated residents fine. We see no reason for any change to the boundaries and wish to remain within Wingfield parish
10	The present arrangement seems to work OK and has done for 30 years, so why change it
11	Shore Place has already been transferred to Trowbridge in 2003, This was overturned in 2007 and returned to Wingfield. We would like it to stay this way. The filed behind is very important and we feel more connected to it (which is part of Wingfield) than we do Trowbridge. Our children go to school in Westwood and we shop in Bradford on Avon. As such, we feel more connected to this area than to Trowbridge
12	1 - I don't think it will have very much affect on very much at all 2 - This assumes I have understood the above very lengthy sentence in non plain English
13	Since moving in to Shore Place we have been out-in-out of Trowbridge and have not noticed any improvement in service whilst being within Trowbridge and I am content with being within the parish of Wingfield, also whilst being within the parliamentary constituency of Bradford on Avon, why change!!
14	

1	**SCHEME 22 COMMENTS PAGE Paxcroft Mead, south of Hilperton Drive (Hilperton to Trowbridge)**
2	
3	Hilperton wishes to remain a distinct entity, a cohesive community. The existing boundary is anomalous in that regard, and a boundary of the Hilperton Road, A361, marks a clear dividing line for cohesion and effective governance.
4	
5	
6	Since moving into this area in 2000 my family and myself have been involved in the Hilperton community. We feel there is a strong identity with Hilperton as both my children attended the pre-school at the Hilperton village hall and we have attended regular events held in the village over the years.
7	
8	I attended the so-called public consultation held at County Hall in November 2015, a meeting which as residents affected by Schemes 18 and 22 discovered by accident. The meeting frankly appalled me as a retired civil servant: the residents' concerns were practically shouted down by council officials seemingly giving vent to their own vested interests. There was a very thinly veiled attempt to disguise their interest in making a grab for the precept represented by the properties that would be transferred. I have absolutely no confidence that were the Schemes to be adopted, we would gain nothing from Wiltshire Council. I am therefore totally against the proposals which in my view do not satisfy the first requirement of a CGR, namely to "reflect the identities and interests of the community".
9	
10	
11	I feel that there is no real reason behind this proposed change.
12	As Trowbridge expands it can be quite easy to lose the sense of community. Remaining part of Hilperton parish provides the sense of community we look for that an ever growing Trowbridge might not offer. I consider my family to be part of Hilperton and wish to remain as such.
13	I wish my property to stay in the Hilperton Parish. I do not wish to move into Trowbridge Town Council. I feel I am very well represented and served by my local Hilperton councillor and that Hilperton Parish Council support the area I live in very well. Hilperton Parish Council would like my property to remain within the Hilperton Parish and I do also.
14	By proximity, we are closer to Hilperton Village and feel more a part of that. We receive regular updates from our local councillor on local issues in our Hilperton parish and feel informed about what is happening in our area. It is also important to us that we have a say in what happens to/within the Hilperton Parish.
15	
16	This is a coherent and sustainable proposal, establishing the main road as the dividing barrier between the parishes and recognising the existing contiguity with Trowbridge. It will make for more effective and convenient governance of the area.
17	We bought our house in the Hilperton boundary back in 2003, a big part of moving to the area was being part of a village community and not part of Trowbridge town. We have previously lived in Trowbridge and chose not to continue to live there a long time ago due to various factors. We are happy living in the confines of Hilperton village and feel the whole character of the road we live on would change if swallowed up amongst Trowbridge town as this proposal states.

18	The Parish Council objects to this scheme in its entirety as it cannot see how it would achieve the required aims of the CGR. If the CGR working group sees any merit in the scheme, the Parish Council would suggest that the new Leapgate road would form a far more logical eastern boundary to Trowbridge rather than the town council proposal which runs all the way east to Ashton Road.
19	A strong desire to stay within Hilperton because: - There is a strong sense of community i.e. people know each other - Community groups and associations - Regular updates about events - Proud to live in Hilperton - Hackett Place is a distinct part of Paxcroft mead - Local involvement - A proud community - Own services e.g. pub and shop - Away from town centre
20	I have lived in the Hilperton parish for over 16 years and have integrated with the village community. I have a strong sense of place and belonging to Hilperton and am horrified this could potentially be taken away. These houses have always been part of the Hilperton Parish and should remain so as the decision taken by Wiltshire Council for this area to be apart of Hilperton Parish when these houses were built.
21	Have lived as part of the Hilperton Parish for over 16 years and feel a strong sense of community with Hilperton village. The decision made by Wiltshire Council back when the building of the estate started to include this area in the Hilperton Parish should remain.
22	I do not wish to be part of Trowbridge Parish, as they can not provide football pitches for the Children's Town Football Team, nor a decent swimming pool, bowling alley etc. There are also too many undeveloped areas i.e. Bowyers and the old library
23	I do not wish to be part of Trowbridge Parish, as they can not provide football pitches for the Children's Town Football Team, nor a decent swimming pool, bowling alley etc. There are also too many undeveloped areas i.e. Bowyers and the old library
24	The parish boundary is clearly defined by a ditch running from the main road across the far end of Halfway Close. Our property is one of a group of four an extension of Halfway Close, within the Parish of Hilperton. We consider ourselves to be Hilperton residents and not Trowbridge. Hilperton is regarded as our social centre for the following reasons: Our friends and family live in Hilperton We attend clubs and societies in Hilperton We support many social activities within Hilperton Our children went to school in Hilperton and christened in the Church Under the Community Governance Review any changes made must improve the communities and local democracy. This would not be the case if the boundary was moved and our property becomes part of Trowbridge.
25	
26	
27	In Hilperton we have a councillor who tells us of any changes that are happening unlike others who only want your vote and you don't hear from them till the next election
28	
29	My wife and I have lived in our house in Hilperton for 17 years and we are very content with matters the way they are. If we had wanted to be a part of Trowbridge we would have purchased a house there. The seven examples of civic pride on page 6 seem to be a desperate attempt to convince us that it will be in our best interest to be ruled by Trowbridge parish, whereas in effect it is simple way to extract an even higher community charge. Please leave us as we are, we have managed quite well and happy with the way things are.
30	
31	I have lived in Hilperton since 2007 and I am content with the whole way of life and do not see any beneficial changes within this proposal. You say there is no change to postcodes or address details but you do not commit to telling people there will be no additional cost to them. I do not want to see any changes made as I like the way things are, so leave things the way they area!

32	I do not want to move from the Hilperton parish. Ernie Clark is very approachable and has answered some of my questions when I have needed help. Also being part of a village we get regular news letters and it is great to be included in the loop. Village life is totally different to town life. I want the boundary to stay the same. It is working so why change it. Do not be greedy Trowbridge, we are Hilperton.
33	I have lived in Hilperton for nearly five years and enjoy the fact that there is a local community feeling here. I feel if we become Trowbridge we are just a small part of a bigger parish and we will lose our sense of being a local community. I strongly feel that I live in Hilperton and not Trowbridge and that is part of what drew me to the area as I like the fact that there is local distinctiveness. I like that our local councillor lives in the village and engages regularly with the community and feel that would be lost if we were to come under Trowbridge.
34	
35	We feel a part of the Hilperton parish council and enjoy being a part of the community. We feel privileged to be included and kept informed within the local community which we feel is of an adequate size and does not warrant changing
36	Being part of the Hilperton community is part of a sense of belonging. We have a local church, community centre, WI, weekly whist drives and many other activities. All very well supported. Re the final question - how is a parish of the right size defined? Also our local councillor Mr Clark is one of the most enthusiastic supportive and knowledgeable people and has rightly been returned to office for many years
37	We are part of the Hilperton village and should remain in Hilperton parish and should not be transferred to Trowbridge. Our identity and interests are better served by Hilperton parish, not Trowbridge
38	
39	The area is local to residents of Hilperton not Trowbridge with local councillors who represent us in the best interests
40	This will effect our secondary school application in a negative way. This will make our council rates higher when we are in fact closer to Hilperton than Trowbridge
41	We have been part of Hilperton parish council since we moved here in 1998. We have found that they look after our interest very well and we are completely satisfied with their services. Therefore we do not want change.
42	The changes are unnecessary and if changes are made community cohesion will be eroded and many community tensions will mount, along with sectarian divides.
43	We moved to this area to be part of a village community on the outskirts of a town. We therefore don't want to be part of Trowbridge itself. We have a number of neighbours who feel the same way. Smaller communities and a sense of belonging to a community is very important and this proposal goes against this.
44	I live in Hilperton. I bought a house in Hilperton. Moving the boundary line is of no benefit other than to Wiltshire Council who only make changes to suit themselves. As we all know Wiltshire Council is renowned for doing what suits them and taking no notice whatsoever of the residents. The "consultation" of the green wheelie comes to mind.
45	
46	We feel we belong to Hilperton. We rent an allotment and belong to Allotment Association. We use village hall as an extended family and the play area next to it. We visit the village pub regularly. We have had superb service from Ernie Clark and feel as our councillor he helps us feel part of Hilperton. We always refer to ourselves as living in Hilperton and would be most upset to be "moved"
47	I live in Hilperton. I use the village hall / pub / play area. I share an allotment.

48	
49	Why would we wish to change to Trowbridge. We are very happy living in Hilperton
50	
51	I can see no benefit to this proposal but can identify a number of detriments. Council tax will be higher, currently Trowbridge Town council is £126 more than Hilperton with no discernible improvement in services. The strength of the individuals voice will be weaker in Trowbridge with a larger population resulting in a change in local distinctiveness. My view is this is a political land grab by a bigger parish to obtain more tax revenue. There is no benefit to the people affected.
52	Removing the area from Hilperton parish will reduce the parish substantially and make the overheads of running the parish more expensive per person. Also the parish is currently cohesive and well governed.
53	I do not want my boundary to move from Hilperton to Trowbridge as I use facilities in Hilperton and have a strong sense of belonging to Hilperton not Trowbridge. I have added a factor which you have failed to outline (raise in council tax in following year). The above factors are complete jargon and have no relevance in a boundary move. Furthermore in elections I voted for a councillor in Hilperton. I wont be able to do that with this change.
54	
55	
56	Firstly no benefits accrue to residents and this should be the No1 priority. The precept charges are unclear as this is the council tax. We currently pay less than 5% precept mentioned as typical, 1st para, page 2 of Frequently asked questions. Our current precept % should remain unaltered. The proposal is just a cash cow for Trowbridge. There is no enhancement for residents and little to be seen as engagement with the community. We moved to Hilperton by design. The thought of being in Trowbridge was a no-go. No change is recommended to the proposed changes i.e. stick with the status quo. We wish to remain within Hilperton. As pensioners our income is fixed so why push a scheme which has no identified benefits to the residents. We say reject. The proposal does not reflect identities and interests of the community and in no way changes the convenient factor for residents. I fell I live in Hilperton and wish to retain this view.
57	
58	
59	I want to be in Hilperton parish not Trowbridge. That's why we moved here.
60	
61	I have lived on the Hilperton part of the Paxcroft Mead estate for over 15 years and I have always considered my house to be in Hilperton. I have always quoted Hilperton in my address. Although I like Trowbridge I have always considered it to be the nearest large town, rather than the place where I live. I do not wish to be moved in to Trowbridge, or consumed by its expansionist cravings. Please leave my house where it is, in Hilperton.
62	
63	
64	
65	
66	We do not see any benefit in this proposal. It seems to us that this proposal creates change for changes sake and no other reason. It creates unnecessary expense for the residents to advise their contacts of a change of address and moves those residents into a town from a village.

67	I think Paxcroft Mead should stay as one unit of community governance
68	Keep Painters Mead in Hilperton
69	We wish to remain part of a small parish which is one of the reasons we bought the property some 9 years ago. The sense of community is very strong and despite location proximity to the main Hilperton village, we feel very much a part of it. Likewise we do not want to be grouped in with the larger town becoming smaller fish in a large seemingly struggling pond, which will increase our council tax bill with a reduction in services.
70	
71	17 years ago I bought a house in Hilperton and don't see that moving the boundary improves or changes anything for the better.
72	We believe that changing the parish boundaries as outlined will not improve the factors listed under item 6. We identify with Hilperton and its community and leadership and enjoy being pat of a smaller parish, our daughter was married in the Hilperton church. Whilst appreciating there may be advantages to the council in creating a wider Trowbridge boundary we believe this will have an adverse effect on our sense of community and distinctiveness. We would therefore urge the Council not to change the boundaries as proposed under Scheme 22.
73	
74	Its going to raise costs for me, so I don't agree with the proposal
75	When we first moved to Paxcroft Mead in 1999 we did so because we wanted to be part of village type community and specifically wanted to live in Hilperton as part of a community of 1100 homes. This has been massively overdeveloped putting a huge strain on the infrastructure.
76	The proposed boundary change merely enlarges the revenue stream for Trowbridge Town Council. As housing exists between Trowbridge and Hilperton the boundary is arbitrary and could be re-drawn along any convenient line, whether topographical or man made. When I bought my house many years ago, I was quite happy to be located within the parish of Hilperton and like all resident bounding Trowbridge have the choice to use services as and where provided.
77	
78	
79	When I bought my house it was because it was in Hilperton which is where I wanted to live. I do not want to have Trowbridge as my place of residence. If I wanted to live in Trowbridge I would have bought a house there. I like being art of a village community and so do my children, we all benefit from being part of the Hilperton community.
80	
81	
82	I do not feel that transferring these properties to Trowbridge Town Council will improve community and local democracy. I believe it will lead to a reversal of these. Residents will also be separated from the Paxcroft Mead community centre which has been instrumental in developing a strong inclusive community and voluntary sector
83	
84	We moved to Hilperton six years ago. We chose this location because we did not want to become attached to Trowbridge. We prefer the rural situation. We do not want to be controlled by a large town council because of the loss of village status. The Town Council should not have a say or have control of our village, which we are very happy with.
85	

86	We live here and find being in Hilperton, its a great community and would prefer it/us to stay as Hilperton
87	I prefer to be part of Hilperton village which has a much better sense of community than Trowbridge. In my opinion Trowbridge has gone down very much in the last 30 years. Its nowhere as good as before.
88	We are too far out of Trowbridge ever to feel part of it. We have been involved in various community events and class ourselves as Hilperton residents. We say we are in Hilperton, we use the local Paxcroft Mead shops- as well do many people in Hilperton village. We use the pubs in Hilperton. We have been involved with Hilperton councillors - I do not feel I live in Trowbridge in any way. I can not see how issues in Trowbridge would relate to us, and therefore think we would become uninvolved.
89	When I moved to Hilperton from North London in 2000 it was beautiful - now it has become the "Building Fields" aka the "Killing Fields" However I still wish my address to remain as Hilperton my now identity.
90	As long term residents of Hilperton parish we enjoy the inclusion we have been afforded by our local councillor, so much that we have felt the need to vote for him in more recent elections. He keeps us well informed on issues which affect us and answers questions put to him promptly. We feel that this proposal will detrimentally affect this parishioner/ councillor relationship. Keep us in Hilperton. Scheme 18 is less disruptive.
91	Came to the meeting on 11th May
92	
93	Came to the meeting on 11 May
94	
95	

1	**SCHEME 23 COMMENTS PAGE - Hulbert Close**
2	
3	The proposal does not positively impact upon any of the assessment criteria - the entire estate should be in one parish, but this proposal does not meet with the wishes of Hilperton, Trowbridge, or make any sense logically.
4	I walk to work & back on two days per week using the riverside path. There is no community feeling otherwise the area would not be strewn with rubbish and the tress recently planted would not have been vandalised. I would like to know WHY you allowed the developers of this estate to get away with roads which are too narrow and have inadequate parking because they have over-developed the land. People currently park on the pavements and on roundabouts because there is nowhere else to park.
5	I live in Hilperton, it is in my address, we have our own schools, community centre, play groups, nursery shops and businesses. I firmly believe that this should be represented by our parish council and not someone who lives in Trowbridge. People in this area identity themselves as living in Hilperton. I truly hope that the council has the good sense to support this change.
6	
7	Whilst it is appropriate to consider that these areas of the Paxcroft Mead development should not be split by a parish boundary and should therefore fall wholly within either Hilperton Parish or Trowbridge Town it surely cannot be that the Panel themselves have put forward this proposal, the same Panel which has consistently and repeatedly claimed that it is acting neutrally with regard to the proposals made by different parish and town councils to the review process? At its nearest point this area is only 700m from Trowbridge Town Centre, yet is over 1400m from Hilperton village. The government guidance quite clearly says that good natural boundaries should be utilised and that public open space is often the focal point for a community and therefore not a good natural boundary. In this instance the vast majority of the area containing the proposed new boundary is within or on the edge of public open space, to the south, west and north of the proposed new boundary are areas of public open space which act as the focal point for the Paxcroft Mead development and surrounding areas of suburban development. The only good natural boundary within the Paxcroft Mead development which is not within an area of public
8	
9	
10	I live on the Trowbridge edge of the proposed area. The proximity of Trowbridge town makes it easy for me (a non car user) to use the shops; transport links; leisure facilities such as cinema; cafes/restaurants; U3a groups in the town. Although my address is Hilperton, I don't go in that direction and don't consider that I have any association with that area. Therefore I feel that the objectives that you have outlined in this review would not be met by the proposed boundary changes. For me it would not be a positive step.
11	
12	This is a meaningless and nonsensical proposal which would begin the disembodiment of Trowbridge parish as an effective and coherent area.
13	The parish council can see the logic of this proposal which came from the CGR working group (CGR wg). However, it would hope that the CGR wg will not insist that the housing north west of Leapgate all has to be in the same parish. As there are far more houses in this area than in the existing 'Hilperton housing' (see scheme 18) a flawed result to the consultation could be reached if the town council has been lobbying the houses within its boundary as the numbers are heavily skewed in its favour.
14	As always moving boundaries is a political action. It is only in the interests of giving local government reasons to stay employed. What a waste of money, again.

15	
16	
17	
18	
19	I believe that all of Paxcroft Mead should be classed as Hilperton and under Hilperton parish council
20	
21	
22	I do not consider our area to be part of Hilperton, with the exception of having it in my address. I do not engage with Hilperton as a community and all the services I access are within Trowbridge. Geographically I am close to Trowbridge centre than Hilperton. I do not feel extending Hilperton parish council will mean my views are better represented, or the pc will be effective and convenient in meeting my needs.
23	
24	
25	
26	It's just another way to push up council tax bills and receive no benefits in return. There is a massive parking problem in this area and double yellow lines are needed.
27	
28	
29	
30	
31	
32	The community were not happy with the relief road and I certainly cannot see happiness with an extension of the parish. For me personally I wouldn't want to see an increase in council tax
33	
34	
35	I see no reason for the transfer of the notified area to Hilperton parish. All our shops and services are in Trowbridge The notified area does not follow and physical boundaries. How much money has been spent / wasted by Wiltshire Council on this unnecessary review?
36	
37	
38	
39	
40	
41	
42	We feel the proposal would create a parish of he correct size and enable local authorities to deliver a quality and equal service, and deliver a strong sense of place and distinctiveness.

43	
44	
45	
46	I want to keep my doctors at Lovemead Practice. How will the change affect refuse collection / recycling?
47	23 - This is a needless boundary change. There are no elements which would bring true benefits to residents. 23 should not go ahead. No real benefits.
48	Not sure how we ended up in Trowbridge as I believed we was always in Hilperton anyway.
49	We were originally part of the Hilperton parish about 15 years ago. Then the boundary was moved so that we (as an address) were transferred to Trowbridge - which is not correct, fair or right. We are closer in distance to Hilperton and have always listed our address as Hilperton. Due to the original placement of the boundary we in this area are much more aligned with the Hilperton parish in relation to attitudes and aspirations.
50	
51	
52	
53	Maintain a green space between Hilperton and Trowbridge to create a strong sense of and local distinctiveness. Especially around St Michaels church and between the church and Trowbridge Road. (Consider an archaeological review of this area)
54	
55	
56	
57	This addition will increase the size of Hilperton parish which will allow increased representation of local opinions and values in Trowbridge Town Council. A positive move.
58	
59	This makes total sense in making the true urban area of Trowbridge more "on the map".
60	
61	Provide a better quality map as this one was very poor quality and difficult to ascertain the changes.
62	
63	
64	The area in question has a sub focus around the school and "village centre" around Budgens with all roads leading out to the rest of Hilperton. There is a sense of community and this proposal will help to consolidate this.
65	

1	**SCHEME 24 COMMENTS PAGE - Lady Down Farm (Holt to Trowbridge)**
2	
3	You cannot access the area without passing through Trowbridge parish, so makes sense in terms of cohesion and governance, and the canal forms an effective natural boundary for the local community.
4	It establishes the canal as a natural and sustainable boundary between the parishes and makes for a coherent and contiguous Trowbridge parish.
5	the boundary for Area 2, currently within the parish of Holt, should be put to consultation and that the boundary should be changed so that area 2 forms part of Trowbridge. This area was transferred from the old "Bradford Without" to Holt Parish Council under the Wiltshire County Review Order of 1934. The historical association with Bradford on Avon continues, with Holt Parish forming part of the Bradford Community Area and the Bradford Area Board. The residents of the only 3 properties within area 2 have expressed their wish to remain within the parish of Holt. They feel very much part of the Holt community and use the amenities within the parish on a regular basis. Their sense of belonging to the Holt community is strong and they feel that, due to the size of Trowbridge, the sense of community will be lost if the boundary is changed. The town council's argument that amending the boundary line would improve both community identity and efficient and effective community governance has no foundation. The argument that the properties are separated from Holt by a railway line and canal has little merit. If the change were agreed, then the three properties would equally be separated from Trowbridge by the River Biss and a railway line. We would also point out that parishes defined by field boundaries are the norm and not the exception. The town council also state that
6	See enclosed letter. Holt has better leadership and the only interest you have taken in us is now that you want to move the boundaries.
7	Trowbridge councillors have never shown any interest in us before but with these proposed changes they have been all over us like a rash. Quite happy to remain part of strong community in Holt rather than be part of Trowbridge and then add insult to injury and pay more council tax.
8	I have expressed my views in the enclosed letter.

1	**SCHEME 25 COMMENTS PAGE - (Hilperton Gap)**
2	
3	While the new road may make a natural dividing line, lacking any properties in the area, I cannot see how the proposal meets any other criteria.
4	Hilperton Gap forms an important buffer of undeveloped land between the town of Trowbridge and the village of Hilperton. This land protects Hilperton village from being subsumed into Trowbridge. Therefore it is important that all this land remains part of Hilperton parish so that Trowbridge does not encroach upon it.
5	This is consistent with the recent changes in the area and future proofs the boundary.
6	Inspector made his report) consists of open fields which are not allocated for housing in the 2026 Core Strategy. The parish council would draw the attention of the CGR working group to the comments of the WWDC Local Plan (1st alteration) Inspector when he commented as follows. Please note that, as expected by the Inspector in 2.2.48, there were no substantial earthworks required to construct the Hilperton Relief Road. For your information, the Inspector abolished 'Rural Buffer' areas as his opinion was that they were not needed where settlements had their own development boundaries. 'Trowbridge 2.2.46 The western border of the proposed rural buffer here is drawn tight against the backs of properties mostly in Wyke Road, Victoria Road and Albert Road .... (to which there is no objection). 2.2.47 This area so contained comprises a series of small fields, separated by hedges, and crossed by a number of public and other footpaths. From my visits to this locality I consider that at present this area appears as a reasonably homogenous tract of open land, although there are subtle differences in landscape character within it. It is partly in agricultural use and partly consists of unused grassland, but there are views of Hilperton and

1	**SCHEME 26 COMMENTS PAGE - Old Farm (West Ashton to Trowbridge)**
2	
3	The community is entirely separated from the rest of the parish, fully subsumed within Trowbridge and new development to surround it with thousands more properties - so now and in future it fits more properly within Trowbridge
4	This seems to be an attempt to include a rural area within an urban parish. This will undermine any attempt to maintain a green belt around Trowbridge.
5	I object to a rural area being taken over by an urban parish.
6	The area in the map is separate from the rest of West Ashton and clearly has more in common and is closer to Trowbridge. This would make for more effective and convenient local government for existing residents and begins to consider the impact of the urban extension to Trowbridge which clearly needs to be treated as an extension of the town.
7	There will be little (if any) day to day change on local community, sense of pride etc. I understand the need to re-align parish boundaries for those impacted by the parish, but for most little will change. I disagree with this proposal as it will impact on my child's ability to attend West Ashton village school- one reason why I moved here.
8	This is just a way for Trowbridge Council to gain more money from the Council Tax. I do not want to be a part of Trowbridge. The town park is full of drunks urinating in the bushes and all the council spend the money on is County Hall. If asked, I never say I live in Trowbridge but always West Ashton.
9	I purchased my home in the West Ashton parish and I wish to stay in the West Ashton parish.
10	
11	
12	I feel a strong sense of engagement with West Ashton parish and see no benefit to myself in moving to that of Trowbridge. The only reason I can see that this is being proposed is to gain extra money from the area for Trowbridge without any extra supply of services
13	This seems to be a money grabbing exercise by Trowbridge Town council If this goes ahead West Ashton Village parish would lose a lot of income. This could result in the villagers losing a lot of entertainment and identity. We use our village hall for a lot of our social activities. We chose to live in a village, not a town. Keep it as a village.
14	The parish council is working well at present - moving to be included in the Town Council would put added responsibility on the Town Council and I feel this would not be I the overall interest of the West Ashton parish. the sense of "community spirit£ would be lost and I feel this is only being suggested as a financial gain to the Trowbridge Town Council. I as a resident bought my property on the understanding that it was in the West Ashton parish and as such enjoy the community spirit. To quote an adage "If it's not broken don't mend it". Leave West Ashton as it is. Another factor is devaluating the property worth
15	This is an act of grubby land grabbing. Why not take in London while you're at it?
16	
17	I would prefer to stay in West Ashton and I see no benefit in moving the boundaries. You are not doing it to benefit residents - only due to the vast building site to propose to cover our lovely greens fields with
18	

1	**SCHEME 27 COMMENTS PAGE - West Ashton Employment Land (West Ashton to Trowbridge)**
2	
3	Along with 28, the area is to be an urban expansion of the town. In addition to the community looking more to Trowbridge, West Ashton wishes to remain a rural parish - which will not be the case if this land is retained in their parish. Do they want to change their character to that of an urban parish or not?
4	This will include another rural area within an urban parish. This will undermine any attempts at maintaining a green belt around Trowbridge.
5	As a resident in North Bradley parish, I want to keep our rural identity. I do not want to be part of the urban Trowbridge parish. North Bradley needs to remain distinct from Trowbridge. Only by remaining separate can we maintain a green belt between the two parishes.
6	This reflects recent changes and proposals for the area and urban extensions so needs to take place to ensure Trowbridge is a cohesive and coherent town with effective, convenient governance.
7	
8	I was not aware the industrial land was on the east side of the West Ashton Road. How stupid is that, putting it next to a housing development. I thought Persimmons was granted a extension to planning if they got on with it. No sign of any work going on.
9	
10	
11	This seems to be a money grabbing exercise by Trowbridge Town Council. If this goes ahead West Ashton Village Parish will lose a lot of income. This could result in the villagers losing a lot of entertainment and their identity as a village. We use our village hall a lot for our social activities. This would be a great loss to us as a couple. We like living in a village not a town.
12	I wish to stay in the West Ashton parish.
13	
14	Same comment as for 4a (26) - see my response
15	Moving the boundary would not preserve the rural aspect. It will reduce the value of the properties beyond this hatched proposed area and increases the responsibility of Trowbridge Town council which at present has enough commitment with the amount of redevelopment currently ongoing within the boundaries.
16	You have done nothing for your existing community but take!
17	Same comment as 4a (26). See my response
18	

1	**SCHEME 28 COMMENTS PAGE - Ashton Park Urban extension (West Ashton to Trowbridge)**
2	
3	As with 27, the area is to be an urban expansion, in order to be cohesive it needs to be in Trowbridge.
4	This seems to be an attempt to include a rural area within an urban parish. This will ruin any attempt at maintaining a green belt between the town and the surrounding villages.
5	I object to a rural area being absorbed into an urban parish. The are in question is an important green belt break between Trowbridge and surrounding villages.
6	This is an excellent proposal and needs to take place to secure the future of Trowbridge as a coherent and contiguous area.
7	
8	Again this is just an excuse for Trowbridge Council to make more money. You moved the West Ashton border signs years ago so you have made your mind up. I have no intention of staying here much longer. I'm embarrassed to say I live in Trowbridge
9	
10	
11	This seems to be a money grabbing exercise by Trowbridge Town Council If this goes ahead West Ashton Village Parish will lose a lot of income. This could result in the villagers losing a lot of their entertainment and their identity as a village. We use our village hall a lot for our social activities. This would be a great lose to us as a couple. Keep West Ashton as a village. We like living in a village, not a town.
12	
13	
14	Same comment as 4a (26) - see my response
15	Having attended the public meeting in County Hall on the 11 May 2016, I feel there was not sufficient reasons for the boundaries to be moved and assume this is potentially just a financial gain to the town. West Ashton will lose their community spirit.
16	Why not just sell off the other half of the park you haven't sold already
17	

1	**SCHEME 29 COMMENTS PAGE**
2	
3	The urban expansion extends to this area, creating a single urban entity stretching up to the west ashton parish. The inclusion of the business park is irrelevant, but the loss would not negatively impact the community governance of north bradley, so no objection.
4	We were always promised a green barrier with Trowbridge , not an extension of the Trowbridge development area . North Bradley is a desirable place to live , Trowbridge is rapidly becoming the opposite .
5	The North Bradley parish has its own distinctive identity. To include it within Trowbridge will lose this distinctive feel and put more countryside at risk of urban sprawl.
6	The North Bradley parish has its own distinctive identity. To include it within Trowbridge will lose this distinctive feel and put more countryside at risk of urban sprawl.
7	I object to a rural area being absorbed into an urban parish. This are forms part of the important green break between Trowbridge and the surrounding villages.
8	I would like to know which parish or town council has requested the review and when a review was last carried out. The timing of this review is coincidentally at the same time as development is being proposed in our parish. Being part of the parish of North Bradley is important to us. We are within the catchment area for the local school and would be responsible for paying for repairs to North Bradley church if required - something we took out an indemnity against when we bought the property. Changing the boundaries of Trowbridge to incorporate Drynham Lane would be very detrimental to our community. We are a small lane with no street lights and a rural feel. There is a clear demarcation of fields between us and Trowbridge and a stream that has been the boundary between Trowbridge and North Bradley for centuries. There is no benefit to Trowbridge that I can see.
9	
10	It is clear why Trowbridge would want to annex this area - largely relating to revenue! It can only harm North Bradley to bring Trowbridge's boundary to the edge of North Bradley and Yarnbrook's built areas in this way. To retain the character of North Bradley Parish, it is vitally important to have control of both an area important for employment and open areas characteristic of the parish, with clear separation from Trowbridge. The attempt to take this area from the Parish is seen as a step towards swallowing up North Bradley into Trowbridge, urban interests taking priority through force of numbers. This can only harm all the factors listed in Q.6 above, deliberately damaging the community's belief they can have some say in the governance of the Parish in which they live.
11	The future of the highlighted area is not a rural one. It is closer to Trowbridge than North Bradley village and its inclusion in the town boundaries would recognise this and future growth prospects and place the boundary on a more settled footing. It would also secure North Bradley's focus as a village.
12	This is a cover up so that Trowbridge Council can get planning for houses without going through the parish council. Leave North Bradley alone My family have lived here for 25 years, happy years. We do not need Trowbridge council
13	I will email my written response to cgr@wiltshire.gov.uk shortly
14	I am more than happy with North Bradley Parish Council and the facilities they offer as well as the size of my parish.
15	I've no interest in joining the Parish of Trowbridge. I am happy with the way North Bradley governs me and it's close proximity to me.
16	Please see attached letter for my views. (Filed on Consultation folder - J Robinson)

17	See attached letter. Filed on Consultation file - A Robinson
18	See separate sheet - filed on consultation file - T Jones

1	**SCHEME 103 COMMENTS PAGE - Victoria Road area (Trowbridge to Hilperton)**
2	
3	The proposal meets no criteria, follows no natural boundary and affords no advantage to anyone. I object.
4	We, in Wyke Road, are directly affected by decisions relating to Hilperton Parish and the Hilperton Marsh/Gap which is part of Hilperton Parish. Since we are directly impacted we should have the opportunity to be involved in the decisions relating to this area therefore being integrated into the Hilperton Parish would allow our direct involvement and mean that we continue to be apprised of any development issues/proposals
5	
6	Why would part of Victoria road want to be in Hilperton ? Equally as in scheme 25 would the residents of this area have a sense of civic pride and civic values, being mainly wildlife. It would appear to me that there is more to this than is being published.
7	Like many of Hilperton PC's proposals this seems almost entirely nonsensical - it would not further effective governance, undermines contiguity and community cohesion and splits houses on one side of the road from another.
8	The Parish Council proposed this scheme as it would use a natural feature (the existing roads) and thus tie-in with the town council idea of using roads in various schemes which the town council has suggested. The Parish Council is aware that many residents whose houses back onto the Hilperton Gap use it as an ad hoc recreation space and also worship at the local Hilperton Church and avail themselves of the facilities at Hilperton Village Hall and the adjacent playing field.
9	
10	It is OK as it is so why change
11	
12	This proposal aligns well with our experience of living in the area. We have been part of the civil and ecclesiastical parish of Hilperton whilst technically in Trowbridge. As we identify more with the parish this will enable us to feel closer to civic life.
13	
14	
15	
16	
17	More affinity with Hilperton, as border Hilperton Gap Always "Hilperton" side of town, makes sense to move
18	I disagree. We have lived here since 1968. We are happy to remain Trowbridge after all if we became Hilperton there would be Hilperon Gap any more. I think there should be a gap for recreation and not housing.
19	1 The proposed area is already in the parochial parish boundary of Hilperton's St Michael and All Saints church 2Accept that the council tax might rise as the precept for the Hilperton parish council is an "extra"
20	
21	
22	
23	As part of Wyke Road is already included it will make the rest of us feel more of a community
24	On my deeds when the house was built my address was Hilperton Marsh

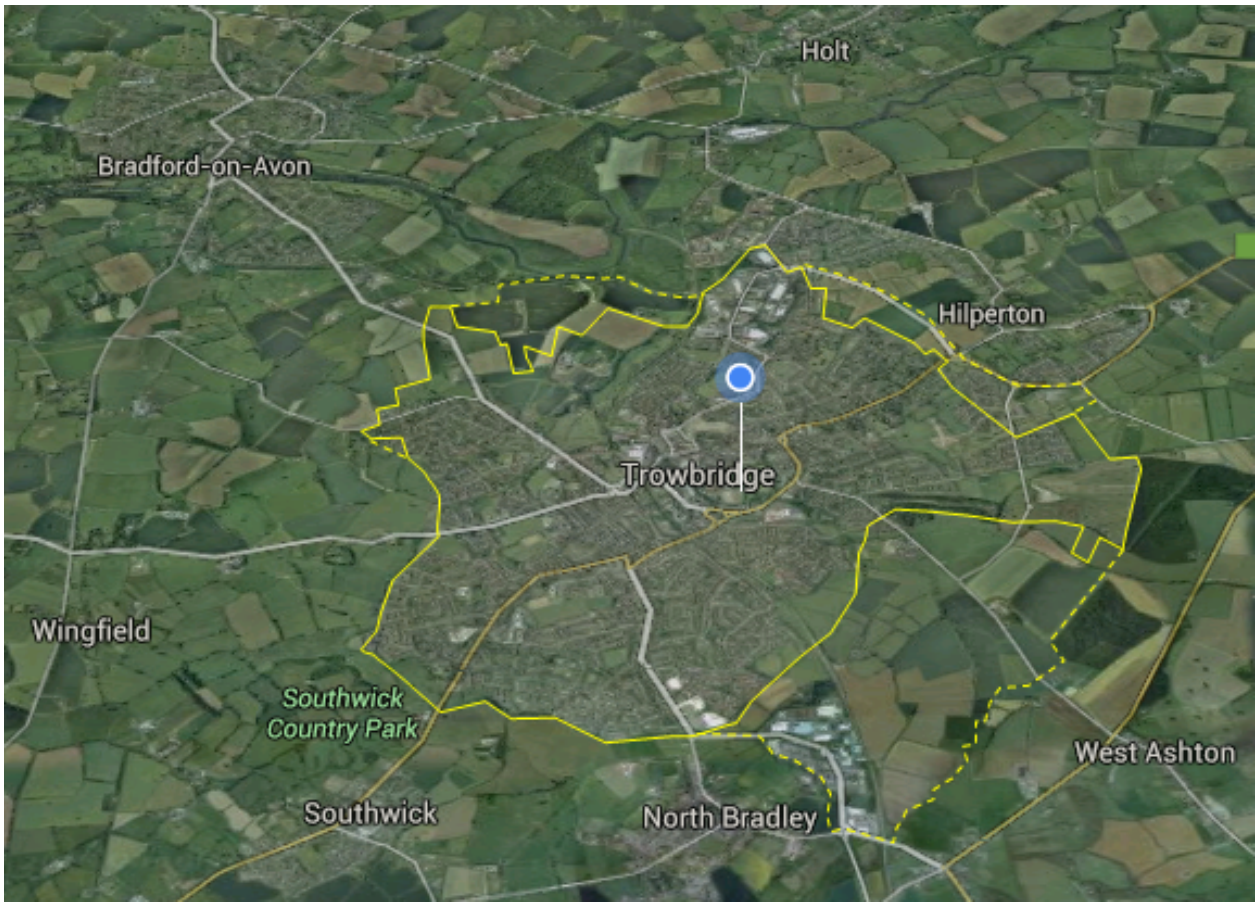
25	
26	
27	
28	
29	The lane and land at the back of our house belongs to Hilperton and the flooding of this land is a big issue for us but we belong to Hilperton. Having the road at the back and front of our house and the fields would be beneficial.
30	
31	Very happy to become part of Hilperton Parish. This is a rural area and we hope the parish boundary review takes into account the desire of local residents not to have further development in their area, and to retain the village eel of the community and surrounding area.
32	We already use the church, and often go to local events in the village. We also have many friends who live in Hilperton.
33	The lack of jobs for the number of people that will be in the new parish. I assume it will be social housing in the main which will not help the image of Trowbridge in any positive sense.

Submission to the Community Governance Review - May 2016

Introduction

Trowbridge Town Council submitted evidence to Wiltshire Council prior to the Review commencing and during the Review, this evidence was presented to Wiltshire Council at the November 2015 meeting. This submission summarises the town council's position and updates the evidence, based upon the latest information and in response to submissions made by others.

Trowbridge provides a range of facilities and services for a wide community and in order to continue to provide efficient and effective local government on behalf of the whole town, Trowbridge requires; one town council for all of the town. The town should include; areas of current and planned development where they are detached from neighbouring villages, and, where development is contiguous with neighbouring villages, appropriate natural boundaries, such as main roads should be used, in accordance with the government guidance.



Aerial photographs showing Trowbridge and neighbouring towns and villages with current and proposed boundary. © Google

Area 1 (Scheme 21) Wingfield to Trowbridge.

The current boundary runs through the middle of residential properties and divides streets. Shore Place, Kingsley Place and Chepston Place are part of the 'Broadmead' Estate, built over 40 years ago and only accessible via other parts of Broadmead, all in Trowbridge. 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. This proposal would also improve efficient and effective community governance, utilising a good natural boundary.

Current boundary runs through the middle of the semi-detached homes in the centre of the picture. © Google

Area 2 (Scheme 24) Holt to Trowbridge.

The current boundary is poorly defined, the three residential properties are within a few metres of properties in Trowbridge and can only be accessed via Trowbridge, across a bridge over the river Biss to Canal Road adjacent to residential and industrial areas and next to a supermarket. The government guidance states,

"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."

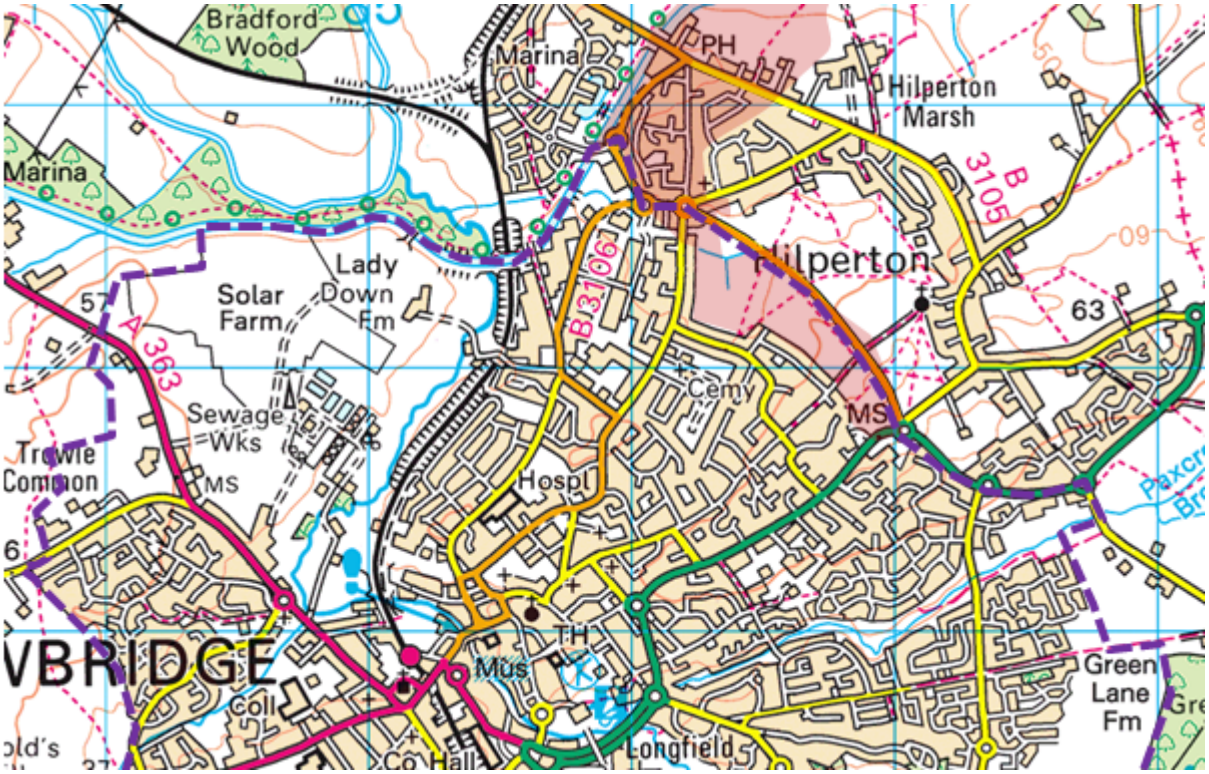
The Kennet & Avon Canal, river Avon and railway line are all barriers without bridges between this area and Holt village, making this area and the residences within it remote from Holt. Holt and all of the facilities in Holt are 3 miles away. Facilities in Trowbridge, Hilperton and Staverton are significantly closer.

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

Area 3 (Schemes 20, 22 & 25) Hilperton to Trowbridge.

Now that Elizabeth Way is open to traffic, there is no better natural boundary between Hilperton and Trowbridge than the main roads; B3105/Elizabeth Way and A361/Hilperton Drive. This proposal resolves the anomaly that properties in Paxcroft Mead have been built on the boundary. Development is contiguous between Trowbridge and Hilperton, both along Wyke Road and through Paxcroft Mead. Without areas of "no-man's land", the only good natural boundary, in line with the government guidance are the main roads, which are clearly defined and unlikely to change over time.

This proposal would improve community identity and efficient and effective community governance, utilising a good natural boundary in accordance with the government guidance.



Map of Trowbridge (north) showing areas transferred from Trowbridge to Hilperton in 1991 (red) and the proposed town boundary. © Ordnance Survey

Area 3a (Scheme 20) lies to the south of Elizabeth Way/B3105 and until 1991 was within the Trowbridge boundary.

Area 3b (Scheme 25) lies to the south of Elizabeth Way/B3105 and until 1991 almost all of it was within the Trowbridge boundary.

Area 3c (Scheme 22) lies to the south of Hilperton Drive/A361.

Alternative proposals fail to use good natural boundaries. At its worst, properties in Painter's Mead would still be split between two parishes, with #38 & #40 remaining in Trowbridge. Under Trowbridge Town Council's proposal more than 400 homes in Paxcroft Mead will still be in Hilperton, north of the A361/Hilperton Drive.

Trowbridge Town Council's proposed boundary, A361/Hilperton Drive. © Google

Hilperton Parish Council's proposed boundary, leaving homes on the right in Trowbridge and those on the left in Hilperton. © Google

Paxcroft Brook forms the boundary in the alternative proposals, 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. 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 open-space from Leap Gate shows buildings both sides, bridges & cycle-paths. © Google

If the whole of the open space is to be well managed and maintained, and the 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 in accordance with the government guidance. Trowbridge Town Council can do this. Alternative proposals fail to place the Paxcroft Brook open space in a single parish.

Area 4 (Schemes 26, 27, 28 & 29) West Ashton and North Bradley to Trowbridge.

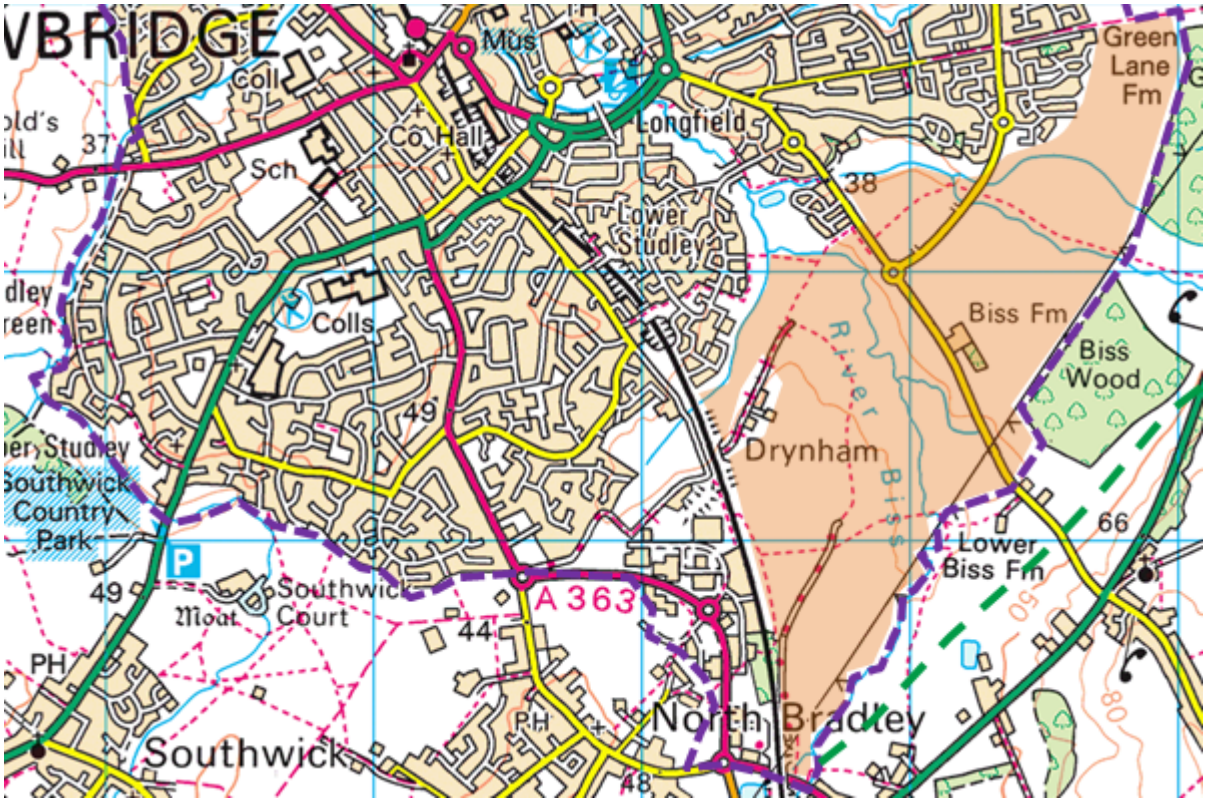
The whole area is included within the revised Trowbridge Settlement Boundary and is either already developed, or allocated as a Strategic Site and Urban Extension (Ashton Park) in the adopted Wiltshire Core Strategy. West Ashton Parish Council has accepted that it is appropriate to transfer the areas from their parish to the town once the development has been completed. Wiltshire Council has the opportunity to make that decision now, following the adoption of the Core Strategy, whilst planning applications are being considered, knowing that development will happen and without reconsidering the whole process again in five or ten years' time.

From West Ashton cross roads (A350) with West Ashton village behind, Ashton Park in the middle ground (orange) and Trowbridge in the background view. © Greenhalgh Landscape Architecture.

At the public consultation meeting held on 13th October 2015 Richard Covington of West Ashton Parish Council said;

"The whole Ashton Park area needs to be considered as one."

Ashton Park is currently split between two parish councils, only under Trowbridge Town Council's proposal is the whole of Ashton Park contained in a single parish.



Map of Trowbridge (south) showing areas of allocated and consented development (orange), the planned A350 West Ashton by-pass and the proposed town boundary. © Ordnance Survey

At the same consultation meeting Roger Evans of North Bradley Parish Council said;

"People live in parishes to be in a village setting and they do not want to be part of a town."

This is why large business parks and urban extensions should be within the town boundary, so that they do not swamp the existing villages with urban-centric demands. If North Bradley does not want to be part of a new-town which is bigger than Malmesbury or Durrington then they can remain a separate and distinct village with green space between it and the growing suburbs of their neighbouring town. This would be one of three Trowbridge new-towns neighbouring a large town of over 10,000 homes;

- Ashton Park West with North Bradley
- Ashton Park East with West Ashton
- Paxcroft Mead with Hilperton

Trowbridge Town Council's proposal delivers the needs of our differing communities whilst ensuring efficient and effective local government in accordance with the government guidance.

HILPERTON PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Scheme 18: The Parish Council supports this scheme and is happy to respond to the comments submitted by Trowbridge Town Council by agreeing to the following 'tidying amendments'. Firstly, the boundary to the green hatched area in the south-east of the scheme being moved south east from the stream to follow the fence line of the houses in Moyle Park. REASON: To allow the whole of the open area of grassland to be under the control of the same first tier authority, allowing easier maintenance of the whole area when the Parish Council assumes responsibility for it. Secondly, the boundary to the green hatched area in the north west of the scheme being moved north-west from the cycle/footpath to follow the fence line of the housing development. Reason: As above. The Parish Council can see no improvement to governance by moving any of these houses into Trowbridge and again asks the CGR working group (CGRwg) to assist local democracy by leaving the houses and open spaces in Hilperton parish. It would again remind the CGRwg that this area contains the main shopping area for houses in the parish, the well-used Red Admiral public house and the Paxcroft Mead Community Centre (of which the Parish Council is the custodian trustee and appoints a member to the governing committee of the centre). It also contains one of the two primary schools in the parish and the most recently constructed affordable housing development. The town council is happy for 'fence lines' to be regarded as 'natural boundaries' in other schemes it has promoted and so, presumably, would be consistent in its approach to this scheme too.

Scheme 19: The Parish Council supports this scheme suggested by the CGRwg which would assist the aim of better local governance for the residents by combining them with their near neighbours who are already in Hilperton Parish.

Scheme 20: The Parish Council objects to this scheme as it would not assist the stated aims of the CGR.

Scheme 22: The Parish Council objects to this scheme in its entirety, as it cannot see how it would achieve the required aims of the CGR. If the CGRwg sees any merit in the scheme, the Parish Council would suggest that the new Leapgate road would form a far more logical eastern boundary to Trowbridge rather than the Town Council proposed, which runs all the way east to Ashton Road.

Scheme 23: The Parish Council can see the logic of this proposal which came from the CGRwg. However, it would hope that the working group will not insist that the housing north-west of Leapgate all has to be in the same parish. As there are far more houses in this area than in the existing 'Hilperton housing' (see scheme 18), a flawed result to the consultation could be reached if the Town Council has been lobbying the houses within its boundary, as the numbers are heavily skewed in its favour.

Scheme 25: The Parish Council objects to this scheme as it would not assist the stated aims of the CGR, not least due to the fact that the land still (as when the Planning Inspector made his report) consists of open fields which are not allocated for housing in the 2026 Core Strategy. The Parish Council would draw the attention of the CGRwg to the comments of the West Wiltshire District Council Local Plan (1st alteration) Inspector when he commented as follows (Parish Council emphasis). Please note that, as expected by the Inspector in 2.2.48, there were no substantial earthworks required to construct the Hilperton Relief Road. For your information, the Inspector abolished 'Rural Buffer' areas, as his opinion was that they were not needed where settlements had their own development boundaries.

Trowbridge

2.2.46: The western border of the proposed rural buffer here is drawn tight against the backs of properties mostly in Wyke Road, Victoria Road and Albert Road … (to which there is no objection).

2.2.47: This area so contained comprises a series of small fields, separated by hedges, and crossed by a number of public and other footpaths. From my visits to this locality, I consider that at present this area appears as a reasonably homogenous tract of open land, although there are subtle differences in landscape character within it. It is partly in agricultural use and partly consists of unused grassland, but there are views of Hilperton and the edge of Trowbridge from within and across it. **I consider that the properties in Wyke Road, Victoria Road and Albert Road form an obvious definition to the eastern edge of Trowbridge** hereabouts and that there is currently no obvious alternative feature within the land forming the proposed rural buffer which would better mark the edge of the town.

2.2.48: I appreciate that the proposed Hilperton Relief Road is intended to cross this land broadly from north-west to south-east. Although the precise alignment of the road is not formally before me, a draft scheme has been drawn up and was presented to the Inquiry. From this and my own observations, I cannot imagine that substantial earthworks would be needed to accommodate the road, wherever its precise route lay, so that its impact in the landscape might not be great. **In these circumstances I do not believe that it would, if built here, appear as a more convincing boundary to the town than the existing development.** *(My conclusions and recommendations on Policy T5A will be relevant to this matter*). I therefore believe that the town policy limit hereabouts should be drawn along what would have been the western edge of the rural buffer.

2.2.49: An alternative boundary to the town policy limit further to the east would enable the development to take place on the land so enclosed. This would extend Trowbridge into open land having a reasonably pleasant appearance and would in my opinion harm the semi-rural character and appearance of the area as open fields were replaced by built development of one form or another. It would also erode the gap between Trowbridge and Hilperton. There is no remaining objection seeing the allocation of all or any part of this land for housing, and no need for it to be so allocated in order to meet WSP housing land requirements.

Scheme 103: The Parish Council proposed this scheme as it would use a natural feature (the existing roads) and thus tie-in with the Town Council idea of using roads in various schemes which the Town Council has suggested. The Parish Council is aware that many residents whose houses back onto the Hilperton Gap use it as an ad hoc recreation space and also worship at the local Hilperton Church and avail themselves of the facilities at Hilperton Village Hall and the adjacent playing field.

..ooOoo..

Notes of the CGR meeting with Parish Representatives, Council Chamber, County Hall, 26 April 2016 1800-1900

Present
Cllr Stuart Wheeler (Chairman of the CGR Working Group), Cllr Glenis Ansell (CGR Working Group), Cllr Ernie Clark (CGR Working Group and HPC)

Also Present
Mr Ian Gibbons, Mr John Watling, Mr Kieran Elliott, Cllr Bob Brice (TTC), Cllr Roger Andrews (TTC), Mr Lance Allan (TTC), Cllr Francis Morland (SPC), Cllr Richard Covington (WAPC), Cllr Tim le Mare (WAPC)

TTC - Trowbridge Town Council

WAPC - West Ashton Parish Council

SPC - Southwick Parish Council

NBPC - North Bradley Parish Council

HPC - Hilperton Parish Council

HoltPC - Holt Parish Council

WingfieldPC - Wingfield Parish Council

The Chairman opened the meeting, explaining that all parishes of the community area had been invited to send along representatives to discuss the proposals that would be considered by Wiltshire Council in July 2016. This was in addition to the public consultation date on 11 May which the parishes could still attend and make representation, as well as the ongoing written and electronic consultation. Therefore, lack of attendance from a particular parish would not mean they had received multiple opportunities to make representations to the CGR working group.

It was noted that Cllr Clark would remove himself from the working group for consideration of all Hilperton proposals, and speak in his capacity as Chairman of HPC. Following the meeting he would not be present for any discussions of the working group when formulating a recommendation on those Hilperton proposals,

Scheme 21 - Shore Place

Representatives of TTC - The last review took place in 1991 and draft border included these properties, lack of inclusion was anomalous and possibly even a mistake.

No representatives from WingfieldPC were in attendance

Scheme 24 - Lady Down Farm

Representatives of TTC - Land in green belt and protected by policy, HoltPC did not mention this area in green belt in original draft of their proposed neighbourhood plan. People in area use facilities in Trowbridge, Holt almost 3 miles away, all HPC and Staverton Cllrs closer than any Holt Cllrs.

No representatives from HoltPC were in attendance.

Scheme 26 - Area 4a Old Farm Estate, Scheme 27 - Area 4b, Scheme 28 - Area 4c

Representatives of TTC - Should be considered with Schemes 27,28,29, all of 'Area 4' is logical extension of town when considering the Ashton Park urban expansion which will cover area with 2500 properties. Scheme 26 area not well represented for WAPC despite being a large proportion of residents. 5 Primary schools in town closer than village school, 2 churches closer, county hall closer than village hall, nearest polling station in town.

Objections of WAPC are financial, but Old farm constructed in 2005 was parish unviable before. It and rest of schemes within what used to be settlement boundary and clear extension of urban area of the town as recognised in core strategy. Unlike Hilperton where no no-man's land between built up areas, there is here, needs to be clear space between town and village, would not be the case if boundary remains where it is. Where residents want to be is only relevant in respect of criteria for governance reviews.

Representatives of WAPC - Houses proposed but currently no governance issues for schemes 27-29 as no houses as of yet. Scheme 26, people in area determined they want to remain in parish, many use facilities at village hall and school serves pupils all over parish. Premature to change boundary now. WAPC not happy about changing nature of parish once 2500 homes are built, but would not be right to change boundary before they are built and already behind schedule - won't be built until middle 2020s, and another review could be done then. Old Farm significant part of parish, needed for viability. Old settlement boundary irrelevant.

Scheme 29 - Area 4d, White Horse Business Park

Representatives of TTC - 10 residential properties, but misdescribed as just business park. Part of urban extension for schemes 27-28, WAPC admit whole area needs to be considered as one, currently covering 2 parishes, we suggest under TTC. NBPC objected to every app in area, big or small, didn't want park there.

Representatives of WAPC - Point was if Old farm is in west ashton, which it is, then the rest should remain in west ashton as well, or in this case north Bradley. Quarter of area is business park, not criteria met to transfer to TTC

Representative of SPC - CGR were correct not to consult upon schemes 27-29 previously, do not meet criteria. If approved would also leave a slither of NB land separating WAPC and TTC, anomalous outcome.

No representatives of NBPC were present.

Scheme 18 and Scheme 22 - HPC and TTC proposals for paxcroft mead

Representatives of TTC - Road is a logical division between parishes, current boundary and HPC proposal cuts through an estate. Unlike scheme 26-29 no clear space to divide parishes, one built up area, need to draw a clear line that makes sense on the ground

Representative of HPC - parish custodian of parish centre and school, part of heart of village, need to keep all open spaces together

Representatives of WAPC - TTC arguments inconsistent with other proposals.

Scheme 19 and Scheme 20 - Wyke Road

Representatives of TTC - Up to 1991 area was trowbridge

Representative of HPC - Proposal came from working group, let's listen to consultation

Scheme 25 and Scheme 103 - Hilperton Gap

Representative of HPC - Scheme 25 affects no properties, makes no sense, TTC said it runs along backgardens so we proposed 103 to include some properties .

Representative of TTC - would be contrary to guidance.

Scheme 23 - Hulbert Close etc

Representative of HPC - not a parish council scheme, came from working group on basis should consider estate as one whole.

Representatives of TTC - agree estate should be one whole, but ridiculous to suggest HPC area extends this far. Post address may say Hilperton but that is a royal mail designation for their convenience (clerk note, ludgershall in wiltshire shows on postal addresses as being in Hampshire for the same reason).

Updated with comments from North Bradley Parish Council after the meeting.

Scheme 29

80% of residents who attended a parish meeting said don't want to be a part of town, wish to remain a rural areas. Only a few houses in area at present, no justification for town absorbing such a big area including business park. One field separate from the main part of village, part of it.

Notes of the CGR Public Consultation, Council Chamber, County Hall, 11 May 2016

Present
Cllr Stuart Wheeler (Chairman of the CGR Working Group), Cllr Glenis Ansell (CGR Working Group), Cllr Ernie Clark (CGR Working Group and HPC), Cllr Ian McLennan (CGR Working Group)

Also Present
32 Public and Parish Representatives

The Chairman opened the meeting and provided details of the CGR process and the criteria that needed to be taken into account by the working group in making their recommendations and Council in making any determinations.

It was noted that Cllr Clark would remove himself from the working group for consideration of all Hilperton proposals, and speak in his capacity as Chairman of HPC. Following the meeting he would not be present for any discussions of the working group when formulating a recommendation on those Hilperton proposals,

Scheme 21 - Shore Place

None of those present expressed a view on the proposal.

Scheme 24 - Lady Down Farm

Representatives of TTC - Land in green belt and protected by policy, HoltPC did not mention this area in green belt in original draft of their proposed neighbourhood plan. People in area use facilities in Trowbridge, Holt almost 3 miles away, all HPC and Staverton Cllrs closer than any Holt Cllrs.

No representatives from HoltPC were in attendance.

Scheme 26 - Area 4a Old Farm Estate, Scheme 27 - Area 4b, Scheme 28 - Area 4c, Area 4d, White Horse Business Park

For
Old Farm is geographically isolated from the rest of the parish, being fully integrated into the built up area of the town, a situation which will intensify as areas 4b, 4c and 4d are built upon in the coming years, a relevant consideration for the working group to consider, and which forms a logical urban extension of the town. To maintain the rural nature of the parish, as it wishes, these areas should be transferred to the town, in addition to the facts on the ground supporting this and supporting improved cohesion of governance. Wider community area benefits from acknowledgement of present and soon to be realities of building and urban growth. Business park area never wanted by parish previously, and area to north of it assigned for significant housing.

Against
Old Farm estate is an integral part of the existing parish and identity and governance would not be improved by transferring it, the parish can become a bigger entity in its own right and will be more efficient than town. Housing in areas 4b, 4c and 4d not for many years, transferring land now would be premature. Transferring areas would be detrimental to parish

amenity and change character of area, as well as including industrial or commercial land with no criteria met for transferral. People of the area overwhelmingly against transferring, town just after financial gain not community improvement.

Scheme 24 - Lady Down Farm

For
Is about tidying up anomalous boundary, canal is a natural boundary and only access for residents is through the town. Holt village may look to other settlements more than trowbridge, but this area and properties are accessible only through town and its on the ground connection is to trowbridge. Governance would be improved through recognising that, particular given separation from rest of Holt parish.

Against
Only a few properties affected, no governance improvements and those residents want to remain in parish, feel more connection with Bradford on avon anyway. Separated from Trowbridge by railway and river so just as separated from Holt Village, and leaving boundary on field lines is normal practice. Parish able to provide efficient local government, neighbourhood plan does include this area, being subsumed within trowbridge undermines identity of area.

Scheme 18 and Scheme 22 - HPC and TTC proposals for paxcroft mead

For TTC/Against HPC
Almost separate from town and village, estate its own identity almost, so key is improving governance by making under one parish rather than two, and Hilperton road is a good natural boundary between them, simpler than current boundary. Line goes across streets, difficult to serve people best if area split between what will be a large town surrounded contiguously with several smaller towns. Road opening means there is direct connection to town even if Hilperton road not made the boundary.

For HPC/Against TTC
Area has feel of a village and would like to remain so. Might be its own parish one day, but until then best served remaining part of Hilperton, which is custodian of several assets in area. Suggested natural boundary of stream, but happy for all green areas to be under one parish, and include with the current parish holder, Hilperton. TTC argued scheme 24 people have to go through Trow so should be Trow, these places have to go through what is currently Hilperton.

Scheme 19 and Scheme 20 - Wyke Road

For 19/Against 20
Governance improved by not splitting street between parishes, area used to be in trowbridge and makes more sense given the gap to Hilperton village. County town identity should mean promoting its expansion, or recognising that which has already taken place as a part of it.

For 20/Against 19
Listen to what the people in the area want, just because close to town does not mean are a part of it.

Scheme 25 - Hilperton Gap

For
Boundary better defined by road. May be developed in future despite wishes of all.

Against
No houses, not assigned for housing even if speculative applications come in, No community benefits, no governance improvement.

Scheme 103 – Wyke Road extended

For
No specific comments were noted.

Against
Creates same problem 19a nd 20 are trying to resolve, only magnified by 10 by splitting streets between parishes illogically for an even bigger area.

Scheme 23 - Hulbert Close

For
No specific comments were noted.

Against
Suggested as estate should be in one parish – that is agreed, but this would in fact extend current problem and makes no sense given built up area.

General comments:

There were general comments in favour of supporting town expansion to improve economic potential of town, and reflecting the reality of existing and planned town expansion with the boundaries.

There were general comments about the town boundary expanding being unnecessary and damaging to parish identity.

There were general comments to the effect that there was no need to make any changes to some or all of the proposed areas.