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Ref S1

Reference briefing note No 20-30

North Bradley accepts the recommendations for the divisions within Trowbridge to remain the same.

Kind regards

Karin Elder

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Area Board Boundary Review 2020

Seend Parish Council Comments

Seend Parish Council would like to make the following comments regarding the Area Board Boundary Review currently being undertaken.

We understand that Wiltshire Council will be recommending that Seend Parish is moved into the Devizes Area Board.

Seend Parish has been part of the Melksham Area Board for 12 years since Area Boards were created. We have very much enjoyed our links with Melksham and feel that we have been well represented on both the Area Board and the CATG. We have built up good relations with the unitary councillors who preside over these committees. Over the years, we have been awarded a number of grants for local projects and many highway improvements achieved.

When the Boundary Commission undertook its electoral boundary review in 2018/19, Seend Parish Council responded saying that it wished to retain its close links to Melksham. Our arguments centred on the following facts

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- Geographically, Seend is closer to Melksham than Devizes. Our Civil Parish boundary is closer to Melksham and immediately abuts Bowerhill, Redstocks and Semington.
- Seend is within the catchment area of Melksham Oak School, and the majority of children from Seend go to this school after leaving primary school. Many children from Bowerhill attend Seend primary school.
- For Seend parishioners, Melksham is also the main destination for leisure/sports activities, doctors surgeries, dentists and grocery shopping. And, for many elderly residents, it is a more natural direction to take when deciding to move into retirement/sheltered housing in Melksham.
- With the potential new Melksham Campus offering new sports facilities and library, more Seend residents will be drawn towards Melksham to enjoy the new facilities.

Despite the Parish Council's viewpoint, it was the Boundary Commission's decision, based on recommendations by Wiltshire Council, to move Seend into the Devizes division and to be included in a new ward "Devizes Rural West".

The Parish Council would have some reservations about being moved into the larger Devizes Area Board with its much larger population and greater number of other parishes that we would have to work alongside.

There are ongoing issues affecting the Melksham area that do impact on Seend Parish, whether it be community policing, school and youth projects or support groups for the elderly.

The proposed Melksham bypass is another case in point. Whilst the route is not confirmed, this is very likely to have an impact on our parish in visual, noise and environmental terms. Discussions and consultations on this project will generally go before the Melksham Area Board. Seend Parish would not want to lose the right to have a say by virtue of being in a different Area Board or electoral division.

During the COVID19 lockdown and the creation of the Melksham Community support group, the Seend Clerk worked closely with the team to get prescription medicines to those self isolating in our Parish. By virtue of our distance from Devizes it was not possible to set up a similar arrangement.

Based on the arguments above, it would be Seend Parish Council's preference to stay in the Melksham Area Board.

Sue Bond, Clerk
Submitted on behalf of Seend Parish Council

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Ref S3

Dear Kieran

I can confirm that Amesbury Town Council discussed the issue at its October meeting and resolved to accept the details of the boundary review.

Best wishes

Wendy Bown
Town Clerk
Amesbury Town Council

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Ref S4

Dear Kieran,

Item 66 on the draft recommendations appears to be incomplete...!

Both Woodborough PC and Wilcot&Huish (with Oare) PC feel strongly that Pewsey should retain its own Area Board and that any moves to be amalgamated with either Marlborough or Tidworth (or Devizes) should be resisted at every step along the way.

Kind regards,

Ruth, Clerk to both the above

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Ref S5

Dear Kieran.

Chapmanslade Parish Council discussed this item at their meeting on 8th October 2020.

As there were no changes to the Warminster Area Board no concerns were raised.

Kind regards

Minnie House

Clerk Chapmanslade Parish Council

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Kieran, please accept this as the formal response of the Southern Area Board to the proposals for the Area Board arrangements to become effective in May 2010.

This response has been arrived at following consultation with Parish Councils.

We object to the proposed unilateral introduction of the name "South East Area Board". This change has not been consulted on and the parish councils involved have not had the opportunity of commenting on it.

The name "Southern Wiltshire Area Board" is well established and the proposed change will cause confusion and resentment.

Richard

Cllr Richard Britton
Chairman, Southern Wiltshire Area Board

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Dear Kieran

I can confirm that the Box Parish Council has no objections to the proposals in the Area Board Boundary Review relating to the Corsham Area Board

Yours sincerely

Margaret Carey

Clerk to Box Parish Council

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Ref S8

Dear Democratic Services,

Tilshead Parish Council considered the proposals at their Virtual Parish Council Meeting on the 13th October 2020 and had no objection to the proposals being part of the Till Valley Division.

Kind regards

Gillian Tatum
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Dear Democratic Services,

Easterton Parish Council considered the proposals at their Virtual Parish Council meeting on the 21st September 2020 and had no objections to remaining within the Devizes Area Board but now within the Lavingtons Division. They did remark on the resultant loss of the Local Councillor Philip Whitehead with this change and wanted to pass on their thanks for all the work he has carried out for Easterton in his local Councillor role.

Kind regards
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Ref S10

Hello Kieran,

Malmesbury Town Council considered the proposed Area Board structure and would like to confirm it supports the view to retain the existing structure.

Regards Richard

Richard Spencer-Williams

Town Clerk – Malmesbury Town Council

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At the Poulshot Parish Council Meeting on October 20th 2020 it was agreed that I should write to you to inform you that Poulshot PC are in favour of moving from the Melksham Area Board to Devizes Area Board and into Devizes Rural West.

Many thanks,

Richard Culverhouse

Richard Culverhouse
Clerk to Poulshot Parish Council

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The members of Winterslow Parish Council are content with the makeup of South East Wiltshire Area Board.

Best regards,

Ivan Moody, WPC . Chairman.

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Dear Sir/Madam - I am writing as the Parish Clerk to Winterbourne Parish Council on its behalf and request with the response for the Area Board Boundary Review Consultation - **please see below**. I would appreciate an email acknowledgement of receipt. With thanks. Kind regards Melanie Thomas, Parish Clerk

Winterbourne Parish Council supports the proposal by the Electoral Review Committee that the Parish of Winterbourne be moved from Amesbury Area Board to the South Eastern Area Board. This support is dependent upon the other Bourne Valley Parish Councils of Newton Toney, Boscombe with Allington and Idmiston plus the Cholderton Parish Meeting also moving to the South Eastern Area Board. Our main concern is the cohesion of the Bourne Valley parishes, who share a large number of interests and concerns.