

# AGENDA

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**Meeting:** Electoral Review Committee

**Place:** Council Chamber - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

**Date:** Tuesday 9 January 2024

**Time:** 10.00 am

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## Membership:

Cllr Ashley O'Neill (Chairman)  
Cllr Gavin Grant (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling  
Cllr Allison Bucknell  
Cllr Ernie Clark

Cllr Jacqui Lay  
Cllr Ian McLennan  
Cllr Paul Oatway QPM  
Cllr Ian Thorn  
Cllr Stuart Wheeler

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## Substitutes:

Cllr Adrian Foster  
Cllr Peter Hutton  
Cllr Nic Puntis

Cllr Ricky Rogers  
Cllr Derek Walters

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# AGENDA

## Part I

*Items to be considered when the meeting is open to the public*

1 **Apologies**

To receive any apologies or substitutions for the meeting.

2 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (Pages 5 - 8)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2023.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee or Monitoring Officer.

4 **Chairman's Announcements**

To receive any announcements through the Chair.

5 **Public Participation**

Statements

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Details of any questions received will be circulated to Committee members prior to the meeting and made available at the meeting and on the Council's website.

6 **Community Governance Review 2023/24** (Pages 9 - 142)

To agree draft recommendations for the Community Governance Review 2023/24.

7 **Parish Name Change Request** (*Pages 143 - 146*)

To consider a request from Luckington Parish Council.

8 **Date of the Next Meeting**

To confirm the date of the next meeting as 27 March 2024.

9 **Urgent Items**

Any other items of business which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.

**Part II**

*Items during consideration of which it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed.*



## **Electoral Review Committee**

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**MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22 NOVEMBER 2023 AT KENNET ROOM - COUNTY HALL, BYTHESEA ROAD, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 8JN.**

**Present:**

Cllr Ashley O'Neill (Chairman), Cllr Gavin Grant (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM and Cllr Stuart Wheeler

**Also Present:**

Cllr Bill Parks

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46 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from:

Cllr Ian Thorn

The Committee noted that Cllr Jacqui Lay was in attendance virtually (non-voting) and that Cllr Paul Oatway was in another meeting and would arrive late. He arrived at approximately 1.45pm.

47 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2023 were presented for consideration, and it was,

**Resolved:**

**To approve and sign the minutes as a correct record.**

48 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations.

49 **Chairman's Announcements**

There were no announcements.

50 **Public Participation**

No questions or statements were submitted.

Councillor Bill Parks was present to speak in relation to proposed changes to the Warminster area during the next item.

## 51 **Polling District and Polling Place Review**

Caroline Rudland, Electoral Services Specialist Manager, presented a report on the Polling District and Polling Place Review, which commenced on 2 October 2023.

The Committee was asked to approve a final polling district and polling place scheme which would come into force from 1 December 2023, when the electoral register was revised.

The Committee considered the comments received during the consultation period which ran from 2 October to 31 October 2023, during which, a total of 53 representations were received. All of the comments from the review were included within Appendix A.

Of the 98 Unitary Divisions in Wiltshire, 61 changes had been recommended.

The Committee was presented with 3 categories to consider for approval, these were:

- a. Unitary Divisions where no changes were proposed to polling districts and there are no relevant comments to be considered from the public consultation. Any proposed changes in this category relate to polling stations only.
- b. Unitary Divisions where changes were proposed to the polling districts.
- c. Particular consideration and discussion to be given to the two Unitary Divisions of Sherston and Warminster North & Rural.

During discussion the Committee received clarification on why one larger ward area was divided into two separate polling districts. The Committee also discussed and noted that any Community Boundary Review (CGR) changes approved since 2021 were not included as part of this this Polling District and Polling Place Review which was based on current electoral boundaries. The CGR boundary changes approved since will not take effect until the 2025 elections and will be reviewed at a later date.

The Officers were asked to take into consideration additional areas for possible change, such as in Calne South, MT2 where the polling station was quite a significant distance from the electors.

The Committee noted the comments in relation to MT1 and MT2, Marden House community space and queried what happened when a venue no longer wished to host an election. The Elections Team in these instances sought alternative suitable locations in the area.

It was suggested that in areas where there was difficulty in finding a suitable replacement location, the community involved could be approached as they often had the best local knowledge.

Other polling districts to be looked at by the Elections Team were noted as XB1 (Hillcott Village Hall no longer existed), and OB3 and OB4 (Activity Zone/Riverside Centre). Committee Members were asked to email details of each request to the Officer for consideration.

#### Merging Polling Districts

The Committee discussed the proposal to merge two polling districts in Luckington, noting a comment received had indicated an elector's preference not to merge.

The Committee noted the two distinct villages involved, the proximity between them and the cost implications of having two separate polling districts for such few electors and supported the recommendation to merge the two polling districts.

#### Warminster Rural

The areas of Warminster North and Warminster Rural, were described as two distinct areas (IC1 and IC2), which currently both used the Warminster Garrison as a polling venue.

Councillor Bill Parks, Division member for Warminster North and Rural suggested the arrangements would be better suited if the electors in IC2 were able to use the Civic Centre, noting that it was nearer and more accessible for most electors in IC2, due to its location in the town and not within the camp. He recognised that implementing these changes may move it out of the division and asked whether this was possible.

It was confirmed that there were no issues with having a polling venue out of division, however such a change would require the approval of the Committee.

The Committee agreed to support the proposal to move the polling venue of IC2 to Warminster Civic Centre.

At the conclusion of discussion, Councillor Ashley O'Neill moved the motion in line with the above discussion. This was seconded by Councillor Stuart Wheeler.

It was;

#### **Resolved**

**To approve:**

- **The Unitary Divisions where no changes were proposed to polling districts and there are no relevant comments to be considered from**

the public consultation. Any proposed changes in this category relate to polling stations only, as set out in the report.

- The Unitary Divisions where changes were proposed to the polling districts as set out in the report
- To merge the 2 polling districts of Luckington parish, within the Sherston Division.
- a separate polling place for electors in polling district IC2 outside of Warminster North and Rural Division

## 52 **Parish Name Change Review**

The Committee considered the proposals to change the name of the parish of Lea & Cleverton, as requested by the parish of Lea & Cleverton, which was located east of Malmesbury, within the Electoral Division of Brinkworth. The reason for the request was:

To properly represent the three habited areas that make up our parish

The Committee agreed to the proposal, noting the suitability, given there were three communities involved.

At the conclusion of discussion, it was;

### **Resolved**

**To recommend Full Council, to approve the following name changes:**

**The Parish of Lea & Cleverton be changed to the Parish of Lea, Garsdon, & Cleverton.**

## 53 **Date of the Next Meeting**

The Committee note the date of the next meeting which was scheduled for 13 December 2023 at 10:00am.

## 54 **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

(Duration of meeting: 1.30 - 2.07 pm)

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## Wiltshire Council

### Electoral Review Committee

9 January 2024

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#### Community Governance Review 2023/24

##### Purpose

1. To agree provisional draft recommendations for the areas included in the Community Governance Review.

##### Background

2. A Community Governance Review is a process whereby a principal authority can adjust the governance arrangements of parishes within its council area. This can include amending the number of councillors or wards, the external boundaries, or even the creation/merger/abolition/grouping of entire parishes.
3. The Electoral Review Committee (“the Committee”) has delegated authority from Full Council to oversee any review process in accordance with paragraphs 2.9.6-2.9.8 of Part 3B of the Wiltshire Council Constitution. This includes setting the scope for any review, its methodology, consultation details, and timescales, as well as preparing recommendations for consideration by Full Council.
4. At its meeting on 26 June 2023, the Committee approved areas for a review to take and delegated approval of terms of reference. This was published in September 2023.
5. Following withdrawal of some requests for review, the parishes specifically included within the Review were: Winterbourne, Laverstock & Ford, Firsdown, Idmiston, Durnford, Mere, Zeals, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Chippenham, Salisbury, Lacock, or any parishes surrounding those listed, and any issues involving those parishes. There was also provision to consider minor alterations to other parishes not listed if considered appropriate.
6. During the first phase of the review additional proposals for the areas set out in Paragraph 5 were received from parishes or other parties. Where these were received before the pre-consultation phase began, they were included within the pre-consultation information gathering. The information gathering also included:
  - Sessions between representatives of the Committee and affected unitary members and parishes;
  - An online survey of received proposals, with over 125 responses received;
  - Details of emailed representations.
7. An information pack compiling the relevant materials, including session notes, proposal details, parish council responses and public representations by email, post or online survey, has been included at **Appendix A**. Except where providing the formal response of a body or group, responses have been anonymised.

## **Main Considerations**

8. The Committee is asked to prepare draft recommendations for each area of the Review for appropriate public consultation where needed. If no changes are recommended to be made, then the review will conclude for that area.
9. A consultation is proposed to take place between 24 January 2024 to 1 March 2024. The Director will have the authority to amend the consultation dates if appropriate following consultation with the Chairman of the Committee.
10. In line with the Committee's previous discussions it is recommended that, where this is appropriate, any public meetings, if held, be held in areas where significant changes are recommended. Further that those living in areas subject to proposals of being transferred from one parish to another be contacted in writing. Any other proposals would be consulted online.
11. Following any consultation, the Committee will consider any responses and determine whether it wishes to amend its recommendations and/or undertake further consultation. It will then prepare final recommendations for consideration by Full Council. Full Council is currently scheduled to meet on 21 May and 23 July 2024.

## Statutory Criteria

12. In preparing draft recommendations the Committee must take account of the statutory criteria for reviews and the need to ensure that community governance within the areas under review:
  - Reflects the identities and interests of the community in that area; and
  - Is effective and convenient.
13. Council tax precept levels would not be valid criteria to approve or disapprove of a proposal.

## Electorate Forecasting

14. The guidance on Community Governance Reviews has been included as a background paper. That guidance makes clear that the principal council '*must also consider any change in the number or distribution of electors which is likely to occur in the period of five years beginning with the day when the review starts*'. Therefore, the Committee is required to consider the likely position of these factors as they would exist by 2028, but not beyond that period.
15. The guidance further states that '*planning assumptions and likely growth within the area, based on planning permissions granted, local plans or, where they are in place, local development frameworks, should be used to project an accurate five-year electorate forecast. This ensures that the review does not simply reflect a single moment, but takes account of expected population movements in the short to medium term*'.

### Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE)

16. Where the Local Government Boundary Commission for England made consequential changes to parish arrangements when implementing the changes to Wiltshire Council divisions for the May 2021 elections, they would need to consent to any further proposed change to that parish's arrangements within the next five years. Therefore, consideration would need to be given to the likelihood of consent being granted.
17. In particular, if a parish is proposed to be split between electoral divisions, a ward would need to be established. In line with previous LGBCE advice, a minimum of 75 electors would need to be projected to be in any such ward by the May 2025 local elections.
18. Where a ward could not be created, consideration would need to be given to whether the LGBCE would consent to amend the division boundary itself, and this would also need to be consulted upon.

### Next Steps

19. Considering the guidance and all the information provided, the Committee will need to make provisional draft recommendations and reasoning for that recommendations for the areas included within the Review.
20. The Committee should include details of any necessary or recommended consequential matters, such as warding and councillor numbers, to accompany that recommendation.
21. The Committee should also consider any further minor areas covered by the scope of the review where it may be appropriate to recommend changes, including those not previously subject to pre-consultation surveying.

### **Safeguarding Implications**

22. There are no safeguarding implications.

### **Public Health Implications**

23. There are no public health implications.

### **Procurement Implications**

24. There are no procurement implications.

### **Equalities Implications**

25. There are no equalities implications.

### **Environmental Implications**

26. There are no environmental implications.

### **Workforce Implications**

27. There are no workforce implications.

### **Financial Implications**

28. Consulting on the draft recommendations will incur resources, in particular in relation to the cost of physically mailing those affected in certain areas if appropriate.

## **Legal Implications**

29. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 gives the Council the power to undertake CGRs and sets out the criteria for such reviews. There is also statutory guidance on the conduct of such reviews with which the Council would have to comply.

## **Risks**

30. A failure to consult appropriately or provide appropriate reasoning for any decision to change governance arrangements would be potentially vulnerable to challenge. Online consultation has been undertaken appropriately in the past.

## **Options**

31. The Committee may recommend changes to any aspect of the governance arrangements of a parish or area subject to review.

32. This includes recommending changes which have not been suggested by any parish, group or individual at this stage, if the Committee considers it appropriate based on the evidence it has gathered.

33. The Committee may also recommend that no changes are made.

34. Where recommending the transfer of an area from one parish to another, or merger of parishes, any recommendation consulted upon would need to include details of consequential matters such as the warding arrangements of the parish(es) in question.

35. If recommending a change which would split a parish between unitary divisions, the Committee may also recommend requesting that the LGBCE amend those divisions to be coterminous with the parishes, if appropriate. It would need to consult upon such a request as well as the parish level change.

## **Proposal**

36. That the Committee make provisional draft recommendations for each area of the Review, and delegate to the Director of Legal and Governance in consultation with the Chairman, the preparation of a detailed draft recommendations document, including reasons for any proposed changes to be consulted upon.

## **Perry Holmes - Director, Legal and Governance**

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## **Appendices**

Appendix A – CGR Information Pack (including electorate forecasts, initial proposals and pre-consultation responses)

## **Background Papers**

[Guidance on Community Governance Reviews](#)



# Information Pack

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1 **Overview**

2 **Terms of Reference**

3 **Information Gathering - Submissions and Notes**

Note: The Pre-Consultation Survey Responses are included under each separate area below.

A total of 123 responses were received, 114 of those were in relation to Area 02 - Mere/Zeals.

No comments were received for areas 03 (North Braley/Trowbridge), 05 (Salisbury) or 08 (Trowbridge Internal).

3a **01 - Winterbourne**

- Information Sheet
- Notes from Informal Sessions, emails and comments
- Survey responses

3b **02 - Mere & Zeals**

- Information Sheet
- Notes from Informal Sessions, emails and comments
- Survey responses

3c **03 - North Bradley and Trowbridge**

- Information Sheet
- Notes from Informal Sessions, emails and comments
- Survey response

3d **04 - Lacock**

- Information Sheet
- Notes from Informal Sessions, emails and comments
- Survey responses

3e **05 - Salisbury**

- Information Sheet

No informal sessions, emails, comments or survey responses have been received.

3f **06 - Wootton Bassett**

- Information Sheet
- Notes from Informal Sessions, emails and comments
- Survey responses

3g      **07 - Chippenham)**

- Information Sheet
- Notes from Informal Sessions, emails and comments
- Survey responses

3h      **08 - Trowbridge**

- Information Sheet
- Notes from Informal Sessions, emails and comments

No Survey responses received.

3i      **09 - Bowerhill**

- Information Sheet
- Notes from Informal Sessions, emails and comments
- Survey responses

3j      **10 - Calne**

- Information Sheet
- Notes from Informal Sessions, emails and comments
- Survey responses

4      **Additional CGR Requests**

To consider a list of additional scheme anomaly requests to be provided at the meeting.



## Community Governance Review 2023-2024

### Terms of Reference

#### Introduction

On behalf of Wiltshire Council (“The Council”) and under authority as set out at Paragraphs 2.9.6 – 2.9.8 of Part 3B of the Constitution, the Electoral Review Committee (“The Committee”) at its meeting on 26 June 2023 resolved to undertake a Community Governance Review (“The Review”), in respect of the areas and within the scope listed below.

Description	Review parameters
Winterbourne, Laverstock & Ford, Firsdown, Idmiston, Durnford	Internal and external boundaries of the parishes of Winterbourne, Laverstock & Ford, Firsdown, Idmiston, and Durnford, or any parishes surrounding those listed, including associated warding, councillor numbers and any other arrangements.
Mere, Zeals	Internal and external boundaries of the parishes of Mere and Zeals, or any parishes surrounding those listed, including associated warding, councillor numbers and any other arrangements.
North Bradley and Trowbridge (Drynam)	<p>As part of the 2019/2020 Review involving Trowbridge and North Bradley parishes, the Electoral Review Committee had identified a small number of properties along Woodmarsh which had been included for transfer into Trowbridge following the drawing of the Divisional boundary by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE).</p> <p>At Paragraph 149 of the Final Recommendations of the Review it was stated: <i>“However, whilst it considered that the situation and criteria on balance supported a transfer of the identified area [Woodmarsh] at this time, the Committee did consider that the precise line of the boundary could possibly be reviewed again in future, particularly when the lines of development would be clearer, and to correct any minor anomalies arising from the lines drawn by the LGBCE”.</i></p> <p>Although North Bradley Parish Council have requested an overall re-review of the area, the Committee considers it appropriate given the time since the last review and existing development and electorate situation, to restrict the review of the area to the precise boundary line which was specifically identified as anomalous in the 2019/20 Review, with any wider review taking place after the completion of at least one electoral cycle, in time for the 2029 elections, should this still be considered appropriate by the Committee at that time.</p>

	<p>Accordingly, the Committee has agreed to review the precise boundary area despite less than one electoral cycle taking place, due to council’s endorsement of its prior recommendation including consideration of a further review of a particular element.</p> <p>Internal and external boundaries of the parish of North Bradley, and the internal and external boundaries of Trowbridge as it relates to the Drynham Division and Ward, and any other minor anomalies that may be identified relating to other town Wards/Divisions.</p> <p>To include any associated warding, councillor numbers and any other arrangements.</p>
<p>Lacock and Chippenham (Lowden and Rowden)</p>	<p>As part of the 2019/2020 Review involving Chippenham and Lacock parishes, the Electoral Review Committee recommended, and it was agreed, to transfer an area of land containing new housing within the new Chippenham Lowden and Rowden Division from Lacock to Chippenham. The area also included the small area of Rowden Lane, a rural hamlet accessed through the town.</p> <p>At paragraph 47 of the Final Recommendations of that Review, it was stated:</p> <p><i>“However, the Committee did consider that the precise boundary should possibly be looked at again in the future, to see if it were possible to adjust to satisfy current local residents, even though the balance of the criteria for the overall ward justified a transfer at this time given the administrative constraints, governance improvements and community interests of the wider area”.</i></p> <p>Accordingly, the Committee agrees to review the area despite less than one electoral cycle taking place, due to council’s endorsement of its prior recommendation including consideration of a further review of a particular element, despite less than one electoral cycle having passed since the last review.</p> <p>Internal and external boundaries of the parish of Lacock, and the internal and external boundaries of Chippenham as it relates to the Lowden and Rowde Division and Ward.</p>
<p>Anomaly corrections</p>	<p>To enable review of any parish within the Wiltshire Council area, where a minor boundary or other anomalous arrangement is identified.</p> <p>To include internal and external boundaries, as well as associated warding, councillor numbers and any other arrangements as appropriate.</p>

Should timescales for review permit, the Director, Legal and Governance, following consultation with the Committee shall have authority to include additional areas for review following the committee meeting on 22 June 2023, by request or for another reason, or remove areas in the event of withdrawn requests before or after publication of the terms of reference.

The Review may also consider any other issues within the areas under review that fall within the scope of sections 87-92 of *The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007* ('the Act').

In some cases, the Review may require consent being granted by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) for any internal or external changes as a result of the 2018-20 Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council and the consequential changes made to parish warding arrangements in some areas. The Review in any area may therefore include consulting on and recommending to the LGBCE consequential changes to Unitary Divisions if appropriate.

This Review is being carried out by the Council under the powers in Part 4 of the Act and will be undertaken in accordance with the legislative requirements of that Act and any relevant regulations made thereunder. It will also have regard to the Guidance on Community Governance Reviews published by the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG, now the DHLUC).

### **What is a Community Governance Review?**

A Community Governance Review (CGR) 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.

The Council is required 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,
- Is effective and convenient.

In doing so, the community governance review is required to take into account:

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

### **Why undertake a Community Governance Review?**

The Council is undertaking this Review following:

- Confirmation by Parliament of the Final Recommendations of the Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council by the LGBCE in March 2020;
- Changes to natural settlements caused by new and forthcoming development;
- Requests from town and parish councils and others in the areas listed;
- Identification of any electoral boundary or arrangement anomalies for review.

### **Who will undertake the Review?**

The Council has appointed an Electoral Review Committee to carry out all aspects of the reviews and to make recommendations to the Council in due course. The Committee comprises a politically balanced members' **Page 79** Members. Other Members and the public

may attend the formal committee meetings. The relevant section of the Committee's terms of reference are set out in Part 3B Paragraph 2.9 of the Constitution as follows:

*2.9.6 To oversee all details relating to any community governance reviews within the Wiltshire Council area, including contacting parishes or parties for proposals, setting the areas and scope for any review, its methodology including for any consultation arrangements, its timescales, and determining what if any changes to recommend as part of the review, and to conclude a review or part of a review where no changes are recommended. The Committee will prepare final recommendations for any changes for consideration by Full Council.*

*2.9.7 The Committee will consider whether it is appropriate to make, and is empowered to suggest for consultation and recommendation, changes to parish areas and parish electoral arrangements, to include:*

*2.9.7.1 The alteration, merging, creation or abolition of parishes;*

*2.9.7.2 The naming of parishes and adoption of alternative styles for new parishes;*

*2.9.7.3 Parish council size, number of councillors to be elected, and warding arrangements;*

*2.9.7.4 Any other electoral arrangements.*

*2.9.8 Where it would be appropriate to do so the Committee may recommend that as a result of proposed parish changes a unitary division be amended so that it remains coterminous with that parish. Any such change would need to be agreed by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England if approved by Full Council.*

As the relevant principal authority Wiltshire Council is responsible for conducting any Community Governance Review within its electoral area. The Electoral Review Committee will oversee the review and produce draft and final recommendations. Full Council will approve the final recommendations before a Community Governance Order ("An Order") is made.

## **Consultation**

The Council is required to consult the local government electors for the area under review and any other person or body who appears to have an interest in the review and to take the representations that are received into account. The Council will also identify any other person or body who it feels may have an interest in the review and invite them to submit their views at all stages of the consultation.

Before making any recommendations or publishing final proposals, an appropriate consultation process will form part of the review to take full account of the views of local people and other stakeholders on draft recommendations of the Committee. The Council will comply with the statutory consultative requirements by:

- consulting local government electors for the area under review;
- consulting any other person or body (including a local authority) which appears to the Council to have an interest in the review; and,
- taking into account any representations received in connection with the review.

The Council will publicise the review on its website and with information available at appropriate Council Offices on request.

The methods of consultation will be those deemed by the Committee to be appropriate for the proposals concerned. This may include a webpage created for the review containing all



relevant information, briefing notes sent to appropriate town and parish councils and area boards, and press releases at appropriate stages.

### Timetable

The Review will aim to be completed within 12 months of the date of commencement.

An indicative timetable for the Review is as listed below. This is subject to variation by the Committee as appropriate, within the overall prescribed time limit. In particular, the Committee may vary the timetable to take account of any additional consultations that it deems appropriate. The Director, Legal and Governance may also vary the timetable in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee at any time, if appropriate, to be reported to the Committee.

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Pre-review preparation	Liaising with town and parish councils on previously submitted proposals submitted for areas for consideration for review.	May - August 2023
Stage one	Commencement of CGR - Terms of Reference published.	11 September 2023
	Initial Schemes uploaded to for any comments, to be updated with any relevant additional information.  Local briefings and meetings as appropriate with unitary councillors and/or parish representatives.  To receive further schemes which fall within the scope of the Review.	11 September – 13 October 2023
Stage two	Consideration of submissions received in relation to proposed schemes.  Local briefings and meetings as appropriate with unitary councillors and/or parish representatives (continued) <hr/> Pre-consultation surveying (if appropriate)	16 October 2023 - 31 December 2023  27 October – 17 November 2023 (estimate)
	Draft Recommendations prepared	December 2023 - January 2024
Stage three	Draft Recommendations consultation.	24 January 2024 - 1 March 2024 (estimate)
Stage four	Consideration of submissions received	March 2024
	Additional consultations (if appropriate)  Final Recommendations prepared	April-May 2024 (estimate)  April-June

		2024
Decision	Final Recommendations considered by Full Council.	May/July 2024

### **Electorate Forecasts**

Existing parish ward electorate figures will be calculated from the August 2023 electoral register.

When the Council comes to consider electoral arrangements for the parish councils in its area, it is required to consider any change in the number or distribution of electors which is likely to occur in the period of five years beginning with the day when the Review starts.

Electorate forecasts have been prepared for the period to 2028 and will be included in information sheets for each scheme which is reviewed.

### **Consequential Matters**

When all the required consultation has been undertaken and the review completed the Council may make an Order to bring into effect any decision that it may make. If the Council decides to take no action, then it will not be necessary to make an Order. If an Order is made it may be necessary to cover certain consequential matters in that Order. These may include:

- a) the transfer and management or custody of any property;
- b) the setting of a precept (council tax levy) for the new parish council;
- c) provision with respect to the transfer of any functions, property, rights and liabilities;
- d) provision for the transfer of staff, compensation for loss of office, pensions and other staffing matters.

The Council will also take into account the requirements of the Local Government Finance (New Parishes) Regulations 2008 when calculating the budget requirement of any new parish councils when setting the council tax levy to be charged.

### **Representations**

Wiltshire Council welcomes representations during the specified consultation stages as set out in the timetable from any person or body who may wish to comment or make proposals on any aspect of the matters included within the Review.

Representations may be made in the following ways:

- Online (during surveys and consultations): <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-cgr>
- By Email: [CGR@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:CGR@wiltshire.gov.uk).
- By Post: Community Governance Review, Democratic Services, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

**Date of Publication of Terms of Reference: 11 September 2023**

### Information Sheet 01

#### Area Name – Winterbourne / Durnford / Firsdown / Idmiston / Laverstock & Ford

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#### Proposed Schemes

Ref WIN01

Proposed by: Winterbourne Parish Council

#### Boundary changes to correct anomalies

Winterbourne Parish Council (WPC) has identified a number of apparent anomalies in its boundary with neighbouring parishes. This has resulted in several properties or businesses which are either split between parishes or are not within the parish to which they would appear geographically and practically to be most closely associated.

The maps provided illustrate these locations and properties, which comprise:

1. Three properties along the A338 just south of Winterbourne Earls (Long Close, Little Acre, a small traveller trailer park). These properties currently fall within Laverstock CP but have a postal address of Winterbourne Earls.
2. Two business premises located along the eastern boundary of Winterbourne CP, where the parish boundary bisects the premises.
3. Four residences in Windmill Lane (SP4 6JT). Although these properties are located within Idmiston CP (postal address West Gomeldon), they are adjacent to Mill Close and Down Barn Close (within Winterbourne CP), and geographically separated from the rest of Gomeldon.
4. The western boundary follows the A345, except for one small deviation. This deviation (reflecting historical land ownership) is no longer appropriate.

The parish council are requesting a review of the parish boundary, to consider whether the residents and businesses would be better aligned with a parish more consistent with their location and service needs.

No local consultation has yet been carried out by the parish council, as this forms part of the CGR process.

#### Reason for Request

The apparent inconsistencies in the parish boundaries are assumed as historical, and may have arisen due to changes in land ownership, or other developments, over time.

A periodic review of the boundary would therefore seem appropriate, in order to ensure that all residents and businesses are best served by their local authorities (including parish councils).

## Community Governance Review 2023-2024

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### Background Information

#### Parish Electorates - September 2023

Winterbourne – 992 Electorate  
Durnford – 306 Electorate  
Firsdow – 496 Electorate  
Idmiston – 1712 Electorate  
Laverstock & Ford – 5206 Electorate

#### Projected Electorate for 2028 (including any known planned large development)

Winterbourne – 1027 Projected  
Durnford – 317 Projected  
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Idmiston – 1772 Projected  
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#### Council Tax by Parish, including Police and Fire Precepts

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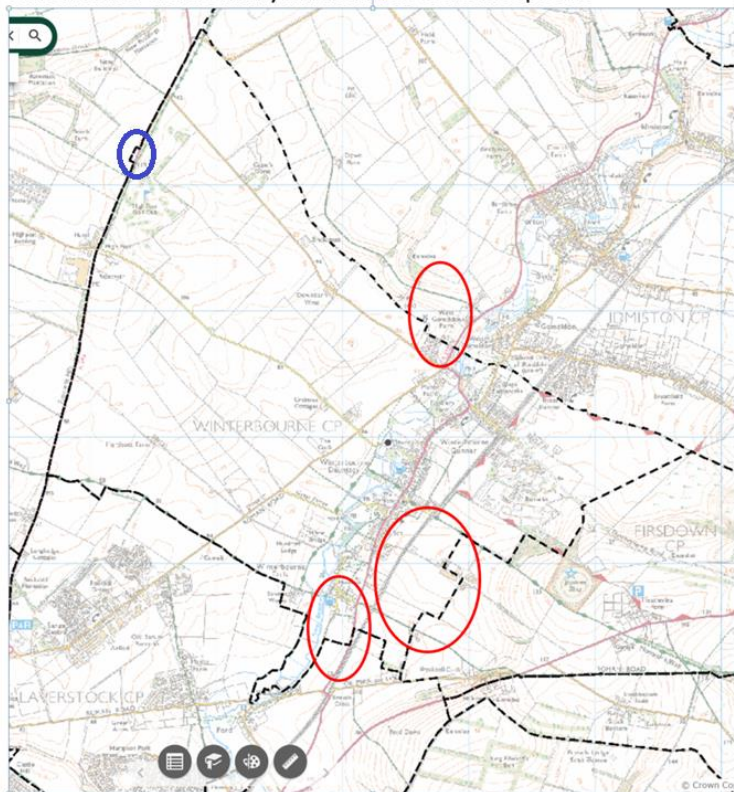
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Firsdow PC	44.55	51.97	59.40	66.82	81.67	96.52	111.37	133.64
Idmiston PC	58.85	68.65	78.46	88.27	107.89	127.50	147.12	176.54
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Maps

Provided by WPC



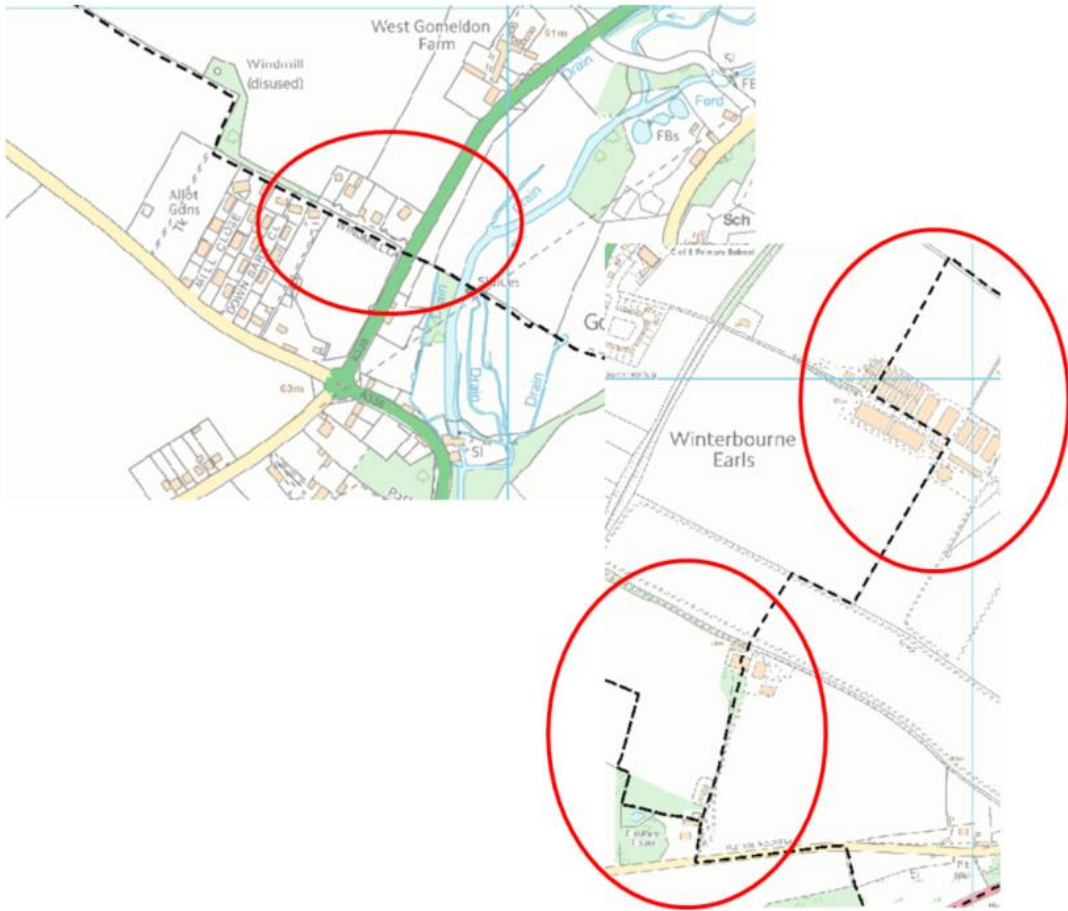
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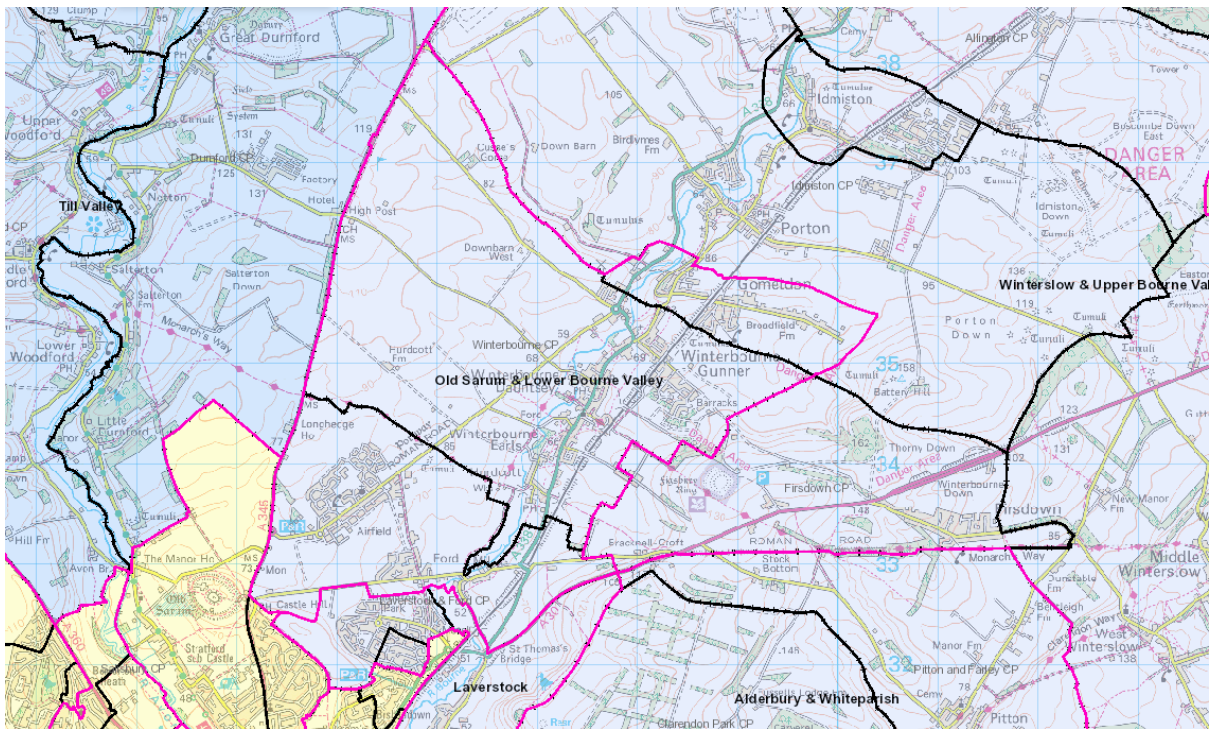


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Winterbourne CP & surrounding parishes

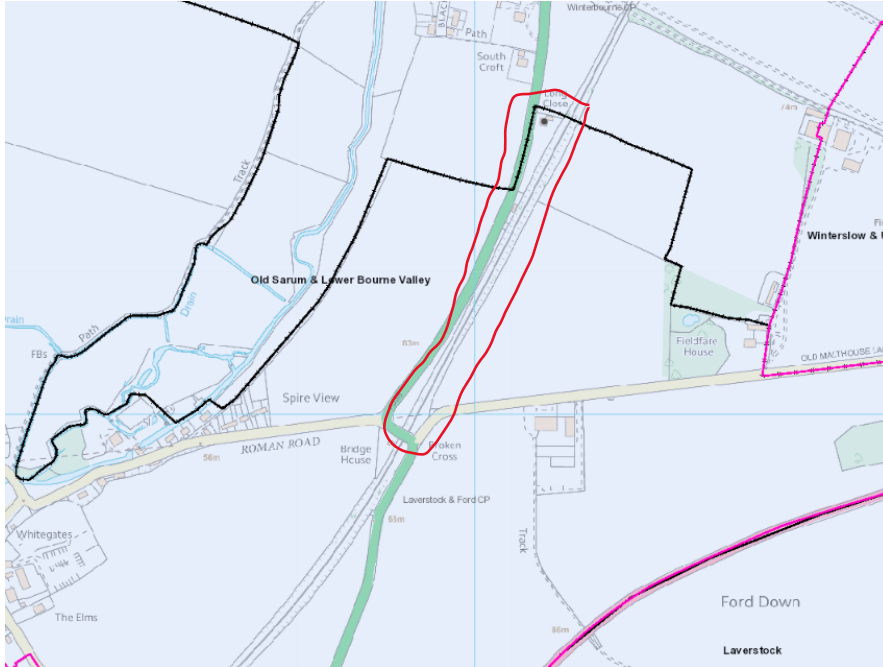


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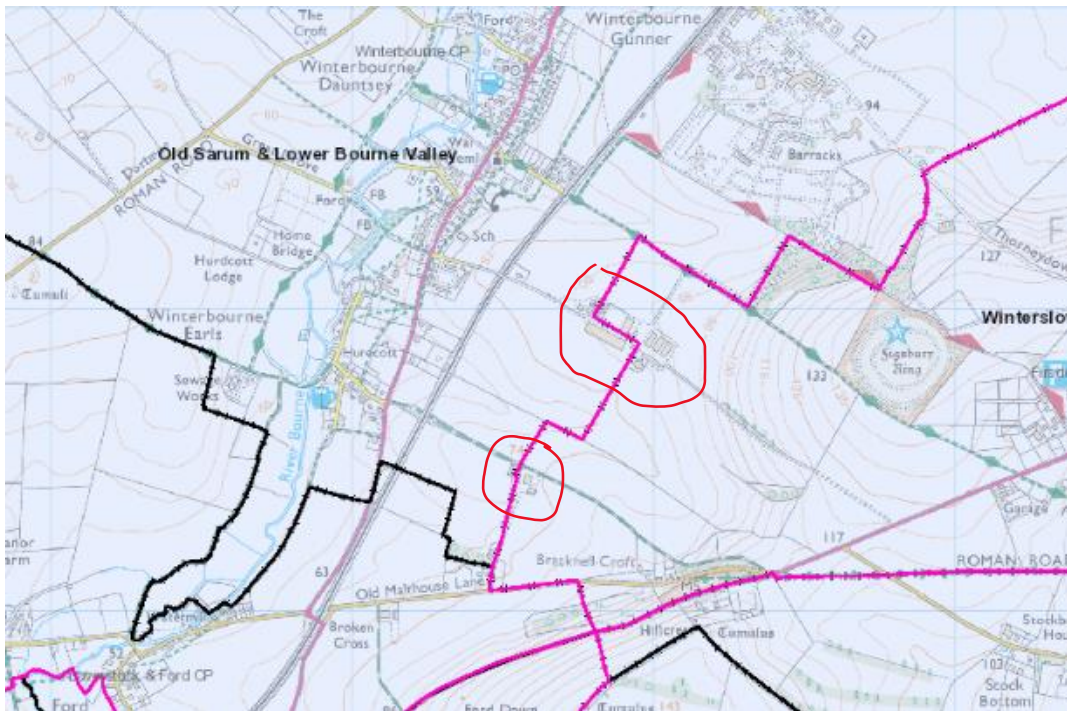
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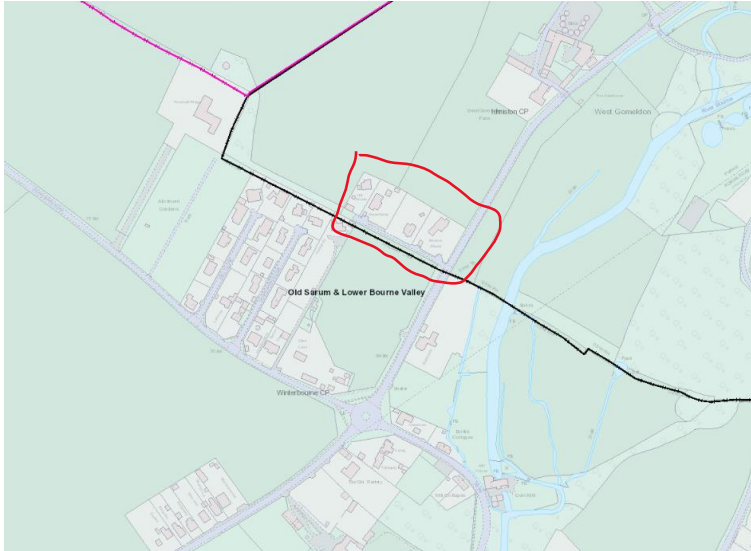


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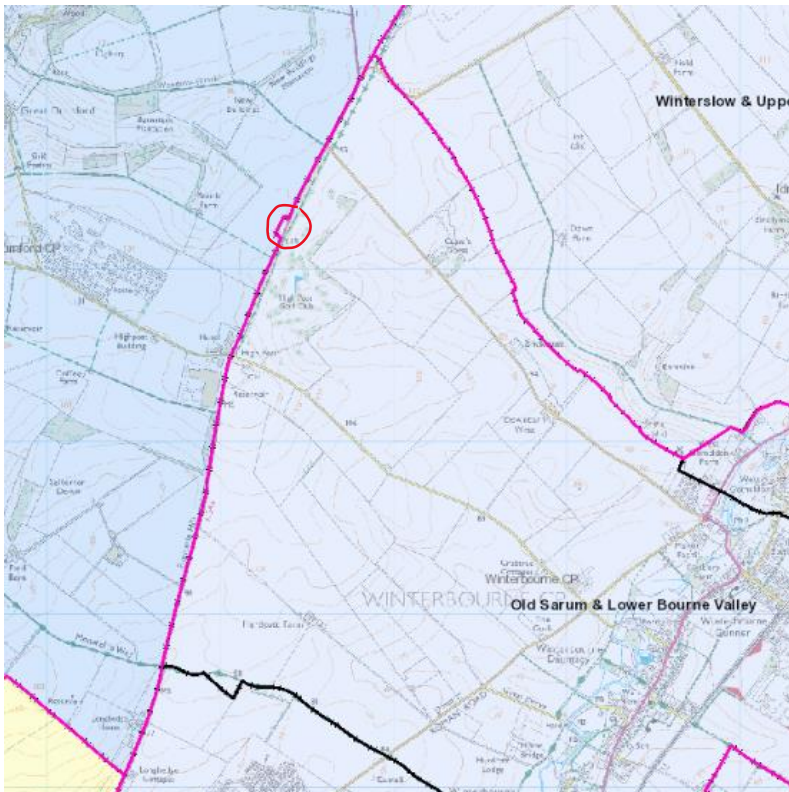
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### Map area for 04 proposal

The western boundary follows the A345, except for one small deviation. This deviation (reflecting historical land ownership) is no longer appropriate.





## CGR Info Gathering – 01 Winterbourne

### Laverstock & Ford PC session - 25 October 2023

Trudi Dean (TD) – L&FPC Clerk

- How do the parishes impacted by the proposal feel about the request?

TD – it has been discussed at the PC meeting. We haven't heard anything from the residents on the proposals – the proposal is just from the WPC and includes very few properties. Do WPC wish the boundary to come down to the road?

- That is unclear. We look for clear natural boundaries where communities are not divided.

TD – recently I have spoken to the Bridge House resident he feels very much he is a part of L&F. We have also previously spoken to the man across the road at Little Acre regarding planning matters. Don't believe they would support a move to Winterbourne. We would like to speak to the residents and know what they feel about it. Will they be contacted?

- Yes, part of the process would include consultation. Residents' views are important to us.

TD – I don't have a great deal of knowledge of Long Close. I would think that they are aligned with L&F. Winterbourne is not their closest centre.

- If we were to make a draft recommendation to change the boundary we do contact residents impacted, but if we do not proposed any recommendations of change then we would not make contact with them. This is very much about – within which community do those residents look to.

TD – none of these people have contacted us with concerns they are in the wrong parish. Lainey (nominated Cllr) may feel she can go and discuss the matter with the residents.

- Yes that is useful. The cmmtt may not make any recommendations for change.
- Cllr McLennan (local Member) Long close – no one currently lives there as it is a rental property. Owner lives abroad. The box is all Fieldfare farmland. There are no more properties on that side of the road for a while. The other side is Hurdcott. On other side it becomes Firsdow. There is a real mix of parishes. There are also some traveller residents along there. Long Close is the boundary along Middle Acre. Bridge House is Ford.

TD – I don't think the PC would support the request unless the residents wanted it. The request was submitted some time ago. Our previous chair made contact with the then chair of WPC and since then we have not heard anything further.

No view on any of the other requests as do not affect our residents.

- Were there any other areas you wish us to look at?

TD – nothing that has been brought to my attention. The shape of the boundary there is an odd shape. We are looking at our flood plan at present. When you speak to WPC, could you ask if they have spoken to any of the residents?

- Yes.

### **Winterbourn Parish Council session – 25 October 2023**

Chairman Charles Penn (CP)

CP - Set out how they arrived at the request.

We were reviewing things for our parish magazine – this highlighted some properties which were not in our parish (windmill lane) the residents when spoken to considered themselves more aligned with Winterbournes than Idmiston. A bus stop they use, a shop (now closed) physically.

When we were asked if we had a request for a boundary review, we started to look at the boundary as a whole.

Long Close & Little Acre – postal add Winterbourne Earls so we highlighted those then looked as a whole – including the traveller site.

On west side – The works yard (tree/technical type yard)

We are looking to see if there are residents that feel more aligned with us

Malt House lane is split by 3 parishes.

- Have you any contact with the residents of the properties?

CP – yes, we have reached out to the land owners – particularly farmers and tree technique – we wrote to residents of Windmill Lane – 1 written reply no strong feelings – another we had conversations with felt she was in Winterbourne parish. She comes to our events and uses bust stop. Long close is rented out – correspondence from that absent land owner felt he was part of the winterbournes.

- Could you share those letters etc with us please.

Didn't write to Little Acre as we were mostly looking at boundary lines of Long close.

### **Area 01 – Laverstock land**

- The field adjacent to railway line – is that part of a Winterbourne farm or Fieldfare farm in Laverstock?

Don't know.

- IMc – My understanding is that it was part of Fieldfare farm.
- There are 3 farm areas on east side which seem to be separated by a boundary – do they have any residents at all and are they linked or separate?

CP – largest to north no. it's a unit. Others don't know. Northern one is Mannor Fm in winterbourne earls (Philip Harvey) other 2 not his.

- The Cmmtt generally don't get involved in farms unless residential. Why does the boundary go round so many dog legs up there?

CP – probably relate to land ownership at some time. We are not requesting to match land ownership. P Harvey goes out of his way to talk to 2 parishes when planning matters are concerned. Residential properties are most relevant.

- Where would you logically see the boundary line? railway maybe?

CP – we don't have a proposal for where the boundaries could go as felt we didn't have enough knowledge (land ownership) there is the railway line and a bridleway

### **Area 02 – east edge**

No residents in these areas

### **03 – 04 properties.**

CP - Houses on windmill road. To north is a farm.

- Would the farm see themselves as being part of Idmiston or Winterbourne.

CP – WE have not considered that. It is my understanding that the land to the west & fields go with that farm.

- how old are the houses?

CP – not that old. The line could go round the back gardens of those 4 properties.

- the road continues north there are several houses along on left side. Would they be considered also?

CP – there is a pedestrian foot way in our village going up to windmill lane – they would not walk along A338 – there is no footway.  
One resident there identifies with the winterbournes.

- have you spoken to Idmiston?

CP - Yes broadly open to discussion on this but dependent on residents feelings

**Area 04 – timber yard – no residents**

Historical land ownership – no longer relevant.

- Highpost hotel/golf club etc – where are they connected to?

CP – not aware of any connection. We are aware that our area goes up to the A345. There are other residents dotted around the A345. The boundary there is a natural one. The golf club is something we are interested in. we comment on any planning apps there. We have commented on major dev on other side of road.

- the A345 is quite a natural barrier. The commercial buildings are not residential. No argument to shift the boundary west.

CP – Long close stands out as being close to our settlement.

**Action – WPC to send in any responses from residents.**

#### **Email correspondence from Cllr McLennan – regarding Little Acre**

During email correspondence on another matter I took the opportunity to ask if the PC had contacted Mr Johnson at Little Acre about Winterbournes boundary request. His response was that he wishes to remain in L&F Parish, as he sees his neighbour as Bridge House, to whom he talks from time to time. He has no contact going towards Winterbourne.

#### **Email correspondence from Cllr McLennan – regarding Fieldfare Farms**

I have just spoken to Mr Bailey, who runs Ford Farm (FieldFare Farms). We briefly discussed the boundary and I asked about the extent of his farm

The answer is that opposite Hurdcott Lane is the Bridle/Footpath. That is the extent of Ford Farm and he offered that as the natural boundary, as his fields and barns would then all be in Laverstock and Ford Parish.

This would add the field adjacent to Long Close property, which belongs to a different owner. That would be a clean cut to the A338. The alternative could be to use the bridleway/footpath but exclude that field and leave the property next to it (Long Close) as the boundary with the A338 (present position).

This is a bit like the Gibb and the building we 'found' late on and included its land as the new boundary. Mr Bailey's fields being his equivalent!



Map which shows both the dotted line for the Bridleway/Footpath and the red line existing boundary, which crosses by Long Close and excludes the one field.

**Winterbourne PC – email fro Chairman Charles Penn to local Member Cllr Oliver**

Hi Andy,

You wrote to ask for results of our local consultation (which we undertook in 2021) on proposals for a boundary review – the CGR team had asked for the same info, so I summarise/attach what we have.

As you know our clerk resigned in 2022 and unfortunately (and incorrectly) had deleted most of the content of the clerk's email account before leaving. We have recovered what we can, but some responses have been lost.

1. We wrote to the 4 residents of Windmill Lane. We had one written response (attached) and I had a conversation with another. The written response was neutral ("no issue with our proposal"). The other resident felt that alignment with the

Winterbournes was a good option, as it was much easier to access facilities in the Winterbournes than in Idmiston.

2. We also wrote to the owner of Long Close – his email reply is attached, in which he expresses surprise to learn that his property was not in the Winterbourne Parish.

It was clear from the informal meeting with the CGR team last month that the focus for boundaries, and any boundary review, is on residents and residential property. Our proposal does also cover some apparent anomalies in business or agricultural premises, and we therefore wrote to the affected businesses. One response was received from Manor Farm, attached.

Thanks

Dr Charles R Penn TD FRSPH

Chairman, Winterbourne Parish Council

### **WPC April 2021 minute extract**

*Wiltshire Council - Community Governance Review - Post May 2021 – to consider letter to be dispatched to affected landowners, residents and of relevant neighbouring parishes The Parish Council agreed to dispatch consultation letters in relation to the above (i) Parish Councils, c/o Clerks, by email (ii) businesses x 3 by post (iii) to residents by hand. ACTION: Clerk to prepare documentation, Cllr Penn to deliver, all letters to include Winterbourne Parish Council September 2019 submission as an attachment/enclosure.*

Attachments to mail below:

Manor Farm  
Winterbourne Earls

18<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Charles

Thank you for your letter ref the Parish Boundary. I must admit it has always seemed odd that the boundary line dissects my farm in rather a peculiar fashion. However it does follow the historical fences which have long gone and which may possibly have been ownership boundaries.

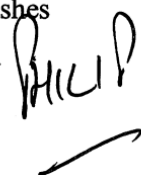
I, my father and my grandfather have chosen to put up buildings to suit the farm rather than to suit the parish boundary thereby by chance bisecting it, the first of which was a silage clamp in the 1920's

Just for your interest , (even though quite irrelevant), I enclose a picture taken from just below Figsbury Rings of the binder working and Straw ricks being built where the buildings now stand where the parish boundary is. I believe that my grandfather is driving the tractor. Old Sarum can clearly be seen top left hand corner as can the aircraft hangers.

I'm really not bothered where the Parish Boundary lies and certainly would not insist on it being on my boundary just to suit me.. But if you do wish to move it, I would support you as I suppose it would make sense to move it closer to the A30 , closer to Winterbourne than Firsdown.– in fact I'm surprised you haven't included Figsbury Ring as it has more relevance to Winterbourne than to Firsdown.

Best wishes

Philip



8 May 2021

Dear Dr Penn,

Thank you for your letter dated 29 Apr 2021 in which you sought our opinion on the change of boundary between Laverstock Parish and Winterbourne Parish which affects our house, No 2 Windmill Lane, West Gossaldon - SP4 6JT. This note is to confirm that we have no issues with the proposal as set out in your letter and attached

"Community Governance Review Request Form."

Should you have any further questions please let us know.

Yours sincerely

Richard & Sue Woodward

Dear Dr Penn,

I am writing further to your letter dated 30 April 2021 regarding a possible change of the parish boundary.

I was surprised to learn that my property, Long Close, currently falls within the parish of Laverstock and Ford. I agree that, on the face of it, it would seem to be more logical for the property to be included within the Winterbourne parish, although I must admit that I am unclear on the pros and cons of a boundary change for me as the property owner. Any insight you can give would be much appreciated.

Would the proposed boundary change affect any future desire to develop the Long Close site (either altering the existing house or even subdividing the property)? Is there any proposal to alter the Winterbourne parish settlement boundary, and if so would it include Long Close?

Yours sincerely,





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Area 1 - Winterbourne/Durnford/Firsdow/Idmiston

Comment No	Status	Agree/Disag	Amendmer	Reasons
A1	Parish Representative (Laverstock & Ford)	Disagree	NA	The Parish Council are unaware of any requests by the residents affected for this change. Unless it is demonstrated that the residents of these properties support the request, and for valid reasons, the Parish Council sees no reason for the change

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### Mere

### Information Sheet 02

### Area Name – Mere / Zeals

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#### Proposed Schemes

**Ref: MER01**

**Proposed by: Mere Town Council**

#### Boundary changes

To include the triangular field area which sits within the B3092 & A303 slip road. This site currently contains an area of land which has planning permission for business use. It also contains the new Hill Brush Factory and Visit Hillbrush visitor centre and dwellings (map provided).

There is also planning permission for a 70 bed Care Home to the east of the Hill Brush Site (Application number: 20/11079/FUL). A site plan of the development is included below.

#### Reason for Request

The Town Council feels that the general public identify this area as being in Mere. The new Visit Hillbrush site is always referred to as being in Mere and no-one ever refers to it as being within Zeals. Any employment created on the site with planning permission is likely to come from Mere and any traffic related or noise related problems arising from this employment site are likely to affect Mere residents far more than they will affect Zeals residents.

Mere Town Council feels that the inclusion of this land within the parish boundary will add to the cohesion, identity and economic vibrancy of the town. The Town Council would like to have included this area within the Mere Neighbourhood Plan Designation Area but could not do so without involving Zeals Parish Council into the plan process and we did not feel that this was appropriate as the needs, requirements and characteristics of Zeals are far different to those of Mere.

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## Background Information

### Parish Electorates - August 2023

Mere – 2600 Electorate  
Zeals – 557 Electorate

### Projected Electorate for 2026 (including any known planned large development)

Mere – 2719 Projected  
Zeals – 576 Projected

### Council Tax by Parish, including Police and Fire Precepts

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Zeals PC	11.86	13.84	15.81	17.79	21.74	25.70	29.65	35.58

### Maps Map 1 – provided by Mere TC



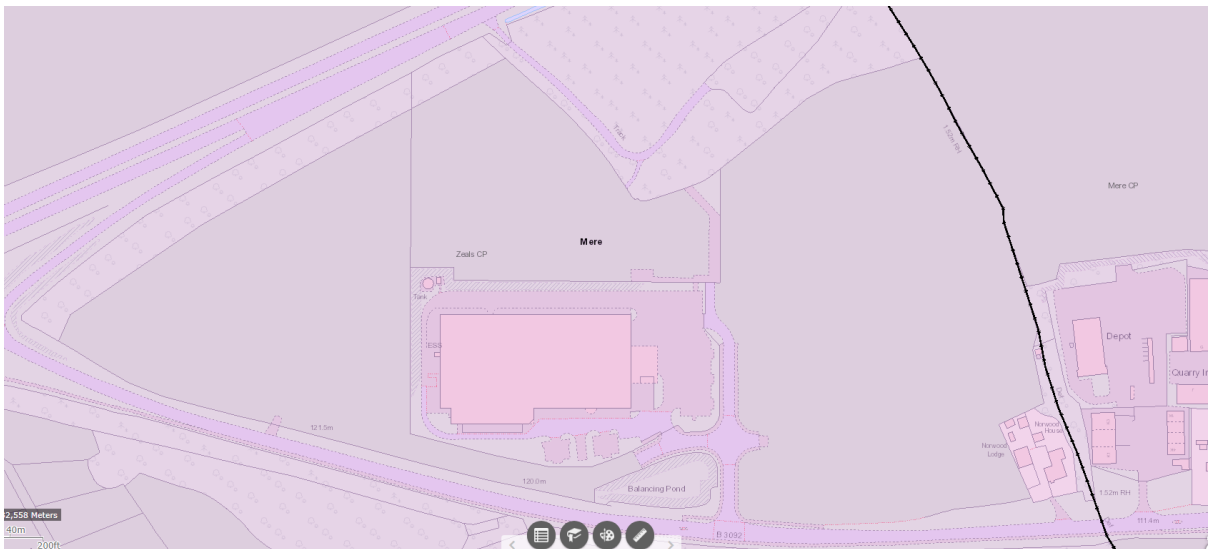
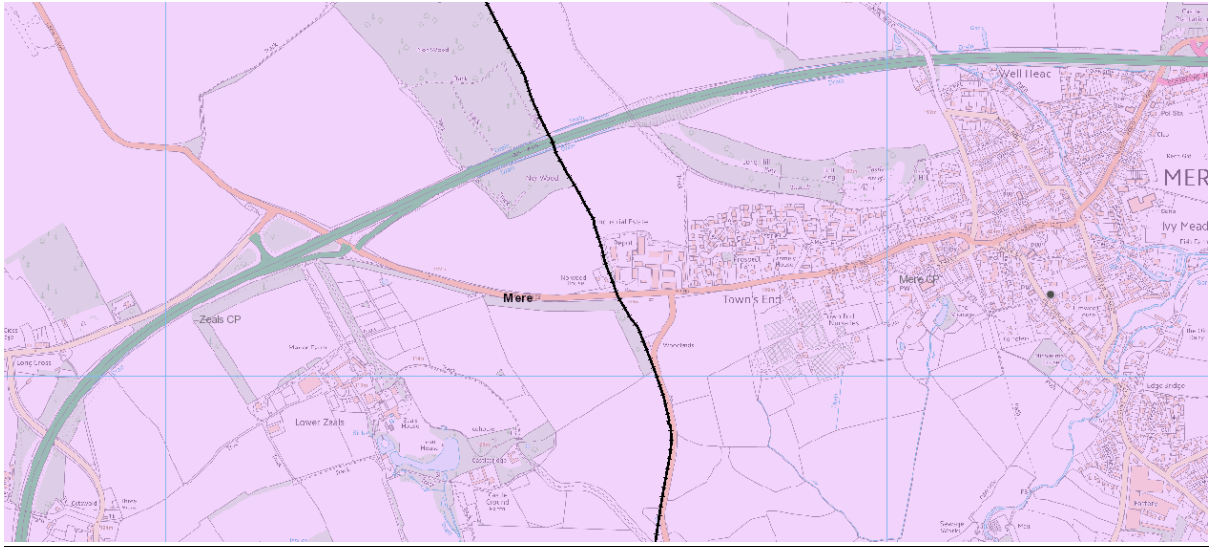
### Map 2 – Provided by Mere TC



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Maps 3,4 & 5 – showing boundary lines and residential properties.



Norwood Lodge & Norwood House





Map of Approved Care home development



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## **CGR – Info Gathering 02 Mere/Zeals**

### **Mere TC – Info Gathering session - Wed 18 Oct - 10:45**

Clerk Lindsey Wood (LW) & Chairman Cllr John Jordan (JJ)

Summary of the reasons for proposal:

JJ - Castle Street is the main road through Mere, residents of Mere believe that the area requested is in Mere. We use the land there as a carpark for the Mere carnival.

The site is employment land. MTC worked with Hillbrush to keep the brush company in Mere.

The Beaumont site is due to be developed as housing, if application is approved. If we are not careful we will lose the balance of our thriving community.

- The request focuses on employment land. The CGR does not focus on employment, the criteria of a review is to improve community governance and local cohesion. The Review is only allowed to consider known major development up to the next 5 years.

JJ - The Care Home has already been approved and work started. There is another application for the Godminster Cheese Factory which would sit behind the Care Home if approved.

- Have you consulted with Zeals PC?

JJ - There were discussions on whether to include that area in the sites allocated for development as part of the NHP work, however Zeals were not happy with the idea of the area being transferred to Mere so we considered whether to either have a joint NHP with Zeals or exclude the area of land in our NHP. We opted to exclude it from our NHP.

Most of the land below Castle Street is park land for Zeals House. We based the content of our proposal on Community identity.

- Why did the care home choose this location?

LW - There may be some information in the planning application.

- Who owns the land in that triangle and that around it?

LW - Originally it was all owned by a farmer from Kingston Deverall. The land above the A303 is owned by another farmer.

### **Zeals PC – Info Gathering session 18 Oct – 14:30**

Cllr Jennifer Gray (JG)

JG – ZPC feels strongly there is a historic existing boundary of the parish – lower zeals is clearly part of the parish, the top side of the parish above A303 is Zeals Knoll – there is emotive language in the MTC request, and their statement is subjective and has not been measured.

- MTC advised there is to be potential dev on the site – The relevance of this would depend on whether the dev was employment or residential

JG – the statement that any additional employment created on the site would come from Mere was not accurate. With commercial dev etc potentially those jobs would be higher skilled and would therefore have a much larger catchment than just the town. The economic vibrancy mentioned by MTC – that is equally relevant to Zeals in addition to the historic parish boundary.

- you & mere have stressed very prominently about employment focus of the area. The cmmtt considers community and residents. What is your view on whether the residents of the care home would look towards the community of Mere or to Zeals.

JG – The care home would sit within the existing boundary of Zeals. I understand there would be CIL money from the care home. It is of economic vibrancy to the village of Zeals. My view is that the residents would identify with Zeals – but it is subjective.

- The Care Home was being built near to Mere why would you argue they would fit with Zeals?

JG – they would look out over Lower Zeals and the site is equally close to Zeals as it is to Mere.

- Did developers meet with ZPC?

JG – There was limited narrative between the Dev & PC we met for a site meeting to look at proposed dev. There has also been a more recent app for a food facility (Cheese factory). Dev not finalised yet. The PC has met with the reps from that food business also.

- where would the care home be? (shown on map)
- Norwood – the green wooded feature, crosses the A303 – should that be broken or left as one?

JG – That is part of Zeals Knoll which is part of the Zeals parish. I do not know how well used the woodland is.

- are you aware of the extent of Norwood house/Norwood lodge?

JG - No

- Any other areas around your boundary that you are aware of that may need to be addressed?

JG - No other areas I am aware of.

**Mere TC - email from clerk with further information (18/10)**

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss our scheme request for the Community Governance Review with you and Committee members, we found this very informative and useful.

With reference to our discussions about the existing residential property on the site – I can confirm that this is officially one property. The owners applied for planning permission to convert their garage into a dwelling but, as you will see from the attached planning decision notice, it was only approved on the grounds that it is occupied in association with Norwood House and cannot be sold as a separate dwelling.

With reference to the 70-bed Care Home that was granted planning permission in July 2022, I can confirm that some of the preliminary ground works have started for this development. I am not able to save and attach the documents submitted as part of the planning application but can provide you with the following link to the relevant planning register page:

<https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z000014ewfFAQ/2011079ful?tabset-8903c=2>

I realise that there are a lot of documents listed here but the Statement of Community Involvement (8<sup>th</sup> document down) explains how the applicants actively engaged with Mere Town Council, giving a presentation at a Town Council meeting and amending the scheme in order to address concerns raised by the Town Council. The applicants also state that they made contact with Zeals Parish Council although no response was received. Furthermore, the Design and Access Statement (13<sup>th</sup> Document down) explains how the site was appraised and how the site led to the form of the proposed development and how the proposed design was achieved i.e. that the proposed building design should take inspiration from the more traditional buildings within the centre of Mere.

**Mere TC – email from clerk to clarify Norwood House/Lodge situation (19/10)**

I did notice that you have included a little plan (on the information sheet) showing Norwood Lodge and Norwood House. John Jordan did pop along to Norwood House yesterday and the occupant confirmed that Norwood Lodge was a house but that he (the occupant of Norwood House) used Norwood Lodge as a gym and that it is not occupied separately.

**Mere TC – email from clerk to advise of Zeals PC flyer**

Dear Lisa,

It has been brought to our attention that Zeals Parish Council has been mounting a campaign to call for an objection to the scheme proposal that we have put forward.

I am attaching a copy of a leaflet that, as far as I am aware, has been posted through every door in the parish of Zeals.

We are concerned about the publication of this leaflet due to the fact that it is providing misleading information and that the residents of Zeals will now be responding to the survey on the basis of inaccurate and/or inappropriate information. From the discussions we have had with you, the briefing with your committee members and from your website, it is fairly clear that finance is not a consideration. However, Zeals Parish Council have listed finance as the very first reason that they think people should be objecting to the proposal. Furthermore, they have given

inaccurate information in their third reason – the boundary would not cut through Zeals House parkland, Norwood and Zeals Knoll.

Anyway, we are certainly not wishing to enter into a tit-for-tat situation over this and are quite happy to qualify our submission on the basis that it was purely on community identity. However, in the interests of fairness, accountability and transparency we are wondering whether we should produce our own leaflet to residents of Mere but we thought we should seek your advice on this.

# PROPOSAL FOR A CHANGE IN THE ZEALS BOUNDARY

## SUPPORT AND ACTION REQUIRED FROM ZEALS RESIDENTS

Mere Town Council have applied through Wiltshire Council Community Governance to consider a change to the boundary between Zeals and Mere. A Community Governance Review (CGR) is a process to provide opportunity to review and make changes to governance arrangements to town and parish councils. A website has been setup, which sets out the process and the timescales. It can be found at: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-cgr](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-cgr).

Mere Town Council have put forward a proposal to move the boundary to include the triangular field area which sits within the B3092 and A303 slip road, which is currently in the Parish of Zeals, so that it becomes part of Mere. The site currently contains an area of land which has planning permission for business use. It also contains two houses and the Visit Hillbrush production facility and visitor centre.

We need your support to ensure that the boundary is not altered for the following reasons:

- If there is residential development on the land in future, the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which is money and investment back into the community will be payable to Mere Town Council, instead of Zeals Parish Council. This money is much needed to provide benefit and improvement to the Zeals community.
- The piece of land falls within the historic parish boundary, with Zeals Knoll to the North and Lower Zeals to the South, both of which include "Zeals" within the title and are clear in their identity of the totality of our parish.



- Any changes or future development on the land will impact the residents of Lower Zeals first and foremost due to location proximity.
- The shape of the Parishes would be an odd dog-leg shape if the land was moved into the Mere Town boundary – cutting through Zeals House parkland, Norwood and Zeals Knoll.
- Any changes or future developments on the land may result in a marked impact on the traffic within the Zeals Parish as the A303 junctions are located within Zeals.

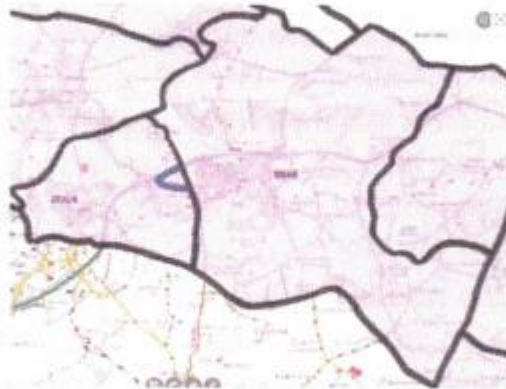
**We need the support from you, our Zeals residents,** to maintain the current boundary. If you stand with Zeals Parish Council and support our reasons above, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8ee65y> to submit your support via the Community Governance Review Information Gathering Survey, and use the above reasons in doing so, along with any other reasons you might have.

The survey is open to receive comments **until 26 November 2023, so please act fast!**

Thank you in advance for your support!

**Zeals Parish Council**

Proposed change to the boundary map marked in blue:



Scan the QR code with your smartphone here to complete the survey:



Area 2 - Mere/Zeals

9 responses are from duplicated email addresses (does not include where the response explicitly states it has been submitted on behalf of someone else without an email address)

3 agree, 1 suggest amendment, 112 disagree

Comment	Status	Agree/Disagree	Amendment	Reasons
B1	Resident (Mere)	Agree	NA	This land lies alongside the main thoroughfare of Mere, Castle Street. The address of the house and the businesses (present and future) is Castle Street, Mere. Any future residents (in this case at the Care Home) would quite naturally relate to Mere as their direct and close link to services, etc.
B2	Resident (Mere)	Agree	NA	I believe that if you carried out a poll on Mere residents asking them what parish they thought the Visit Hillbrush site was then they would say it was in Mere. Conversely, I believe that if you asked the same question to Zeals residents, they too would say that they thought Visit Hillbrush was in Mere. The Visit Hillbrush site uses Mere as its address. Therefore, I believe that in terms of Community Identity, then the recommendation is correct. I believe that in terms of Effective and Convenient Local Governance, that any proposals put forward for the further development of this land would have more of an effect on Mere than they would on Zeals – i.e. transport, traffic, highways, pedestrian safety. Unlike, Mere Town Council, Zeals Parish Council did not engage in the planning consultation process for the 70 bed care home that now has planning permission, despite being asked and so therefore did not provide effective local governance.

B3	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		<p>The change will result in an odd shape to the boundary which is inconsistent with the rest of the map. It splits two areas of Zeals Knoll and Lower Zeals to the North &amp; South from each other - both with 'Zeals' in the name. Changes to the land affect the residents of Lower Zeals first due to the proximity of the site. The land use has an impact on the traffic in Zeals as the junctions to the A303 are in Zeals. The area considered in the change has future residential development value meaning CIL funds will be diverted to Mere Town instead of Zeals Parish. There is emotive language in the proposal where MTC 'Feel that the public view this area as belonging to Mere'. This is a sentiment that isn't substantiated. Employment created on the site has a wide catchment area being located next to the A303 with excellent transport links much wider than Zeals &amp; Mere. The relocation of Hillbrush to Zeals is a Mere business moving, not an extension to the Parish boundary.</p>
B4	A representative of a town or parish council affected by the proposals (Zeals)	Disagree		<p>The change will result in an odd shape to the boundary which is inconsistent with the rest of the map. It splits two areas of Zeals Knoll and Lower Zeals to the North &amp; South from each other - both with 'Zeals' in the name. Changes to the land affect the residents of Lower Zeals first due to the proximity of the site. The land use has an impact on the traffic in Zeals as the junctions to the A303 are in Zeals. The area considered in the change has future residential development value meaning CIL funds will be diverted to Mere Town instead of Zeals Parish. There is emotive language in the proposal where MTC 'Feel that the public view this area as belonging to Mere'. This is a sentiment that isn't substantiated. Employment created on the site has a wide catchment area being located next to the A303 with excellent transport links much wider than Zeals &amp; Mere. The relocation of Hillbrush to Zeals is a Mere business moving, not an extension to the Parish boundary.</p>

B5	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree	<p>The boundary change would result in an odd shape, contrary to the rest of the mapped area. Splitting Lower Zeals &amp; Zeals Knoll from each other both with ancient name of Zeals. Changes very much affect residents of Lower Zeals due to proximity. The land use certainly has an impact on Zeals traffic, already a rat run. Also junction for A303 is in Zeals. The area in question has development potential meaning CIL funds would go to Mere not Zeals. The Brush Factory moved to this site selling and developing its Mere site, this was choice. This site has always been very much part of Zeals not Mere. The employment and future employment on this site has a very wide catchment being next to A303 junction, good transport links as well as bikeable and walkable from Zeals &amp; Mere.</p>
B6	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree	<p>The change will result in an odd shape to the boundary which is inconsistent with the rest of the map. It splits two areas of Zeals Knoll and Lower Zeals to the North &amp; South from each other - both with 'Zeals' in the name. Changes to the land affect the residents of Lower Zeals first due to the proximity of the site. The land use has an impact on the traffic in Zeals as the junctions to the A303 are in Zeals. The area considered in the change has future residential development value meaning CIL funds will be diverted to Mere Town instead of Zeals Parish. There is emotive language in the proposal where MTC 'Feel that the public view this area as belonging to Mere'. This is a sentiment that isn't substantiated. Employment created on the site has a wide catchment area being located next to the A303 with excellent transport links much wider than Zeals &amp; Mere. The relocation of Hillbrush to Zeals is a Mere business moving, not an extension to the Parish boundary.</p>

B7	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		The change will result in an odd shape to the boundary which is inconsistent with the rest of the map. It splits two areas of Zeals Knoll and Lower Zeals to the North & South from each other - both with 'Zeals' in the name. Changes to the land affect the residents of Lower Zeals first due to the proximity of the site. The land use has an impact on the traffic in Zeals as the junctions to the A303 are in Zeals. The area considered in the change has future residential development value meaning CIL funds will be diverted to Mere Town instead of Zeals Parish. There is emotive language in the proposal where MTC 'Feel that the public view this area as belonging to Mere'. This is a sentiment that isn't substantiated. Employment created on the site has a wide catchment area being located next to the A303 with excellent transport links much wider than Zeals & Mere. The relocation of Hillbrush to Zeals is a Mere business moving, not an extension to the Parish boundary.
B8	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		This land has been designated planning with CIL payments being made to Zeals Parish. This is a tax grab from Mere Council for their benefit only.
B9	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		It is in Zeals interests to keep this area within it's boundary for future use. The change will result in an odd shape to the boundary which is inconsistent with the rest of the map. It splits two areas of Zeals Knoll and Lower Zeals to the North & South from each other - both with 'Zeals' in the name. Changes to the land affect the residents of Lower Zeals first due to the proximity of the site. The land use has an impact on the traffic in Zeals as the junctions to the A303 are in Zeals. The area considered in the change has future residential development value meaning CIL funds will be diverted to Mere Town instead of Zeals Parish.

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B10	Resident (Zeals)	NA		
B11	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		This land is a potential source of income for Zeals Parish Council, which is in desperate need of funding. Changing the boundary would remove this.
B12	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		To ensure future CIL is payable to Zeals Parish Council for the improvement to the Zeals community. To keep historic parish boundaries. The proposal cuts through Zeals House parkland.

B13	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		
B14	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		Mere should be ashamed for a most grievous proposal which has no basis except their own greed.
B15	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		Disagree because clearly for monetary gains by Mere Town Council
B16	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		This is a purely financial move by Mere Town council. Zeals needs any help ot can get. The condition of the road surface on High Street is deplorable. Also pavement surface on New Road. Zeals requires more funding not less. With the new housing in Mere, they should be well funded.
B17	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		It falls within the historic parish boundary, Zeals Knoll to the north and Lower Zeals to South. Zeals in the title makes it clear of identity. Also first and foremost it would impact residents of lower Zeals. Furthermore any future development is money and investment back into the community payable to Mere! Not to Zeals Parish Council, much needed to provide benefit to Zeals community..
B18	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		I Disagree with the proposed changes to the existing boundary between Zeals and Mere. The proposals as stated appear to be motivated by economics rather than any other considerations. Zeals, as a parish, has robust local governance and there is a strong community identity. The submission that 'the general public identify this area as being in Mere' is supposition. I, for one, have always known this to be part of Zeals and refer to it as such. The names of sections along the boundary with Mere are ZEALS Knoll and Lower ZEALS. Annexing a wedge of land between these two areas would be to reduce the Community Identity and Interests of the parish of ZEALS. If planning permission was one day to be granted for developments on the Zeals Knoll side of the A303 would Mere Town Council then wish to use the same arguments to annex that part of Zeals as well.
B19	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		I Disagree because any changes would impact the residents of zeals due to a marked increase in traffic through the village of zeals as the A303 junctions are in zeals also it would divide zeals house parkland

B20	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		I can see Mere Council slowly selling developers 'our land' for building, you only have to look at what has happened in Mere. I 100% Disagree with these proposals.
B21	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		I Disagree for the following reasons. 1. The Zeals community will not benefit from the community infrastructure levy if any future residential development took place on this land. 2. The land falls within the historic parish boundary, with Zeals Knoll to the North and Lower Zeals to the South and are clearly identifiable as being in Zeals by both name and have always been part of the village community. 3. Any changes or future development on the land will impact the residents of Lower Zeals and also Zeals before anyone else. 4. The parish boundary would be dog legged shaped cutting through Zeals House land, Norwood and Zeals Knoll, totally wrong. 5. Any changes or future development will result in a marked impact on the traffic within Zeals parish and particularly as the A303 junctions are located within Zeals. 6. This looks like a proposed land grab by Mere Town Council, primarily looking for future monetary benefit and status at the expense of local parish communities like Zeals.
B22	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		Such a transfer has no effect whatsoever on the effectiveness of Local Governance. There is no historic basis in this area being part of Mere and, with no population cannot possibly be said to be part of Mere's "community." It is, in fact, just a naked grab of land which will increase their revenue at the expense of Zeals. The new boundary looks ridiculous. If you want to do anything about "Effective and Convenient Local Governance" then transfer the properties at the far end of Fantley Lane to Zeals. At present the few houses down there are served by separate postal vans, refuse collections, etc. which must pass through Zeals and which waste public money.
B23	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		This is a flagrant land grab for land within the historic parish boundary including the area adjacent to the A303 junction that serves Zeals. Any development of the site will affect Zeals.
B24	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		The area is part of Zeals, it is a misconception that Mere people think it's part of Mere, also Mere Town Council knew for a long time where the factory was going and did nothing till now.

B25	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		This change impacts other parts of Zeals and breakdowns down the historical boundaries of zeals, it also denies Zeals of important infrastructure to enable future development
B26	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		It would impact other areas of Zeals and deny Zeals parish of important infrastructure for future development.
B27	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		The land and proposed site has been part of Zeals for years. Hillbrush moved from Mere to Zeals, trying to hang this as evidence to claim the land to Mere in my opinion is a weak claim.
B28	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		1) Should residential development occur, the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) would be payable to Mere Town Council, redirecting essential funds meant for Zeals community enhancement away from Zeals Parish Council. 2) This land resides within the historic parish boundaries, bordered by Zeals Knoll to the North and Lower Zeals to the South, both of which include "Zeals" within the title and are clear in their identity of the totality of our parish. 3) Any alterations or future development on this land will significantly affect Lower Zeals residents primarily due to its immediate proximity. 4) Including this land within Mere Town's boundary would create an irregular, dog-leg-shaped parish, dissecting Zeals House parkland, Norwood, and Zeals Knoll. 5) Potential changes or developments on this land could notably impact traffic in a negative way within Zeals Parish, particularly given the presence of A303 junctions within Zeals.
B29	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		As a Zeals resident we do not consider the new Hillbrush to be in Mere and we frequently visit the cafe as residents of Zeals. Hillbrush is outside the signage that indicates you are entering Mere which sits appropriately along the historical parish boundry. The triangle area was only created at the time of the A303 bypass and was always part of Zeals. Any future residential development will move CIL money and investment away from Zeals which is much needed for the benefit of the Zeals community. Mere town Council is only looking after its own interests and has no consideration for the community of Zeals residents.



B30	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		I Disagree with this proposal. Mere town Council are trying to land grab from Zeals Parish for their own financial gain. The historical parish boundry falls along a natural line and should be respected. I have always considered this area to be part of Lower Zeals and NOT part of Mere.
B31	A representative of a town or parish council affected by the proposals, or a unitary represenative from the area affected	Disagree		If there is any residential on the land in future, the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which is money and investment back into the community will be payable to Mere Town Council, instead of Zeals Parish Council. This money is much needed to provide benefit and improvement to the Zeals Community. The piece of land falls within the historic parish boundary, within Zeals Knoll to the north and Lower Zeals to the south, both of which include "Zeals" within the title and are clear in their identity of the totality of our parish. Any changes or future development on the land will impact the residents of Lower Zeals first and foremost due to location proximity. The shape of the Parishes would be an odd dog leg shape if the land was moved to the Mere Town Boundary - cutting through Zeals House parkland, Norwood and Zeals Knoll. Any changes or future developments on the land may result in a marked impact on traffic within the Zeals Parish as the A303 junctions are located with Zeals
B32	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		The area indicated should remain in Zeals
B33	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		The change will impact on the residents of Zeals especially Lower Zeals. Any income from developoement would go to Mere. The boundary would be an odd shape. It seems to be based on all councils who are short of money due to government cuts looking for whatever they can do to raise cash even if it means taking from their neighbour.

B34	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		This is an obvious attempt by Mere to "steal" potentially lucrative land from the Parish of Zeals and must be rejected. Any future development of this land would provide valuable resources to improve the services available to Zeals. It is painfully obvious from the map, that this land logically belongs within the Zeals Parish and to change this, makes an unnecessary complication to the existing boundary. There are numerous historic references to this land being part of Zeals and it is only the presence of the A303 that implies any separation from the rest of the parish. There is clearly a financial implication in making such a change which is totally unnecessary and a waste of tax-payers money.
B35	A representative of a town or parish council affected by the proposals, or a unitary representative from the area affected	Disagree		Strongly Disagree as A303 junctions remain within Zeals but Mere gain all the development land with potential money which should go to Zeals PC. Zeals Knoll and lower Zeals would become part of Mere and split from the historic Zeals House and Zeals Parish.
B36	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		This is no doubt purely for financial gain. Before Hillbrush was on that site Mere would have probably had no interest in that area of land at all.
B37	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		The boundary has stood since zeals was no longer a tything of mere. This is purely a financial land grab. Having built on woodlands road trading estate they are looking for another place to attract business. Leave the boundary where it is and protect our village.

B38	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		<p>1. Should there be any residential development on this site in the future, then the ICIL will be paid to Mere Town Council instead of Zeals Parish Council . This money is much needed by the Zeals Community. 2. This piece of land is within the parish boundary, which includes Zeals Knoll and Lower Zeals. With the name Zeals, they should remain in the Zeals parish. 3. Any changes are likely to impact on the residents of Lower Zeals. 4. This would make the parishes a very odd shape, cutting through Zeals House parkland, Norwood and Zeals Knoll. 5. Any changes will impact on the residents of Lower Zeals. 6. As the A303 junctions are in Zeals, any changes to the land may result in an increase of traffic within Zeals .. Zeals. 2. This piece of land is within the historic parish boundary with Zeals Knoll, and Lower Zeals</p>
B39	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		<p>The land belongs to Zeals parish council they would get CIL which is needed in Zeals. The land is within the historic parish boundary with Zeals Knoll and Lower Zeals clear in their identity. Changes would impact on residents of Lower Zeals. It makes the parish a ridiculous shaped if remove to Mere. Future developments on the land may result in a marked impact on the traffic within the Zeals parish as the A303 junctions are located within Zeals</p>
B40	A business or commercial concern in the area affected by the proposals	Disagree		<p>The area of land has historical connections with Zeals and should remain within the Parish boundary. The cynical claim by Mere is purely a financial claim for any development money gain and the wish by Hill Brish to retain its Mere address having moved to Zeals. It is clearly land that belongs within Zeals Parish boundary and is part of Lower Zeals.</p>
B41	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		<p>It seems Mere council only want the land to fulfil having an area to build new houses on.</p>
B42	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		<p>Zeals would be disadvantaged in the event of residential development in this area ie CIL is much needed to benefit Zeals.</p>
B43	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		<p>It seems to be only for monetary gain!</p>
B44	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		<p>This proposal cuts through lower zeals which has historic connections to Zeals and Wolverton</p>

B45	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		Zeals would lose out on any future CIL monies. Also, the land falls within the historic parish boundary of Zeals and should stay that way. Mere Parish Council must have done very well out of their levy payments for all the new housing to date. One could construe that the reason is purely financial.
B46	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		I would like the land to remain under the jurisdiction of Zeals as set out by our parish council.
B47	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		It will damage the historic landscape. If there is any development of the land Zeals would lose the much needed levy from such a development.
B48	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		Would like to keep historic boundry
B49	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		The piece of land falls within the historic parish boundary, with Zeal's Knoll to the North and Lower Zeal's to the South , both of which includes Zeal's within the title and are clear in their identity of the totality of our parish.
B50	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		If there is residential development on the land in the future, the Community Infrastructure Levy which is money and investment back into the community will be payable to Mere Town Council, instead of Zeals Parish Council. This money is much needed to provide benefit and improvement to the Zeals community. The piece of land falls within the historic parish boundary, with Zeals Knoll to the North and Lower Zeals to the South, bothbof which include "Zeals" within the title and are clear in their identity of the totality of our parish. The shape of the Parish would be an odd dog-leg shape if the land was moved into the Mere Town boundary - cutting through Zeals House parkland, Norwood and Zeals Knoll. Any changes or future developments on the land may result in a marked impact on the traffic within the Zeals Parish asthe A303 junctions are located within Zeals.
B51	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		The piece of land falls within the historic parish boundary with Zeals Knoll and Lower Zeals both of which have the name Zeals in the title .... No mention of Mere! Any money made from residential development in the future is due to Zeals, not Mere!!

B52	Resident (Zeals)	Agree		I have been briefed on the proposal, and agree with it.
B53	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		I do not support Mere's requested change in boundary. If there is residential development on this land in future, the CIL money would go to Mere rather than Zeals. This money would benefit and improve the Zeals community. The boundary change would impact Zeals Knoll and Lower Zeals, which clearly identify them as part of the Zeals parish. Any changes or future development will impact Lower Zeals first. Any changes or future development may impact on traffic within Zeals Parish as the A303 junctions are located within Zeals.
B54	A representative of a town or parish council affected by the proposals, or a unitary representative from the area affected	Disagree		Potential financial gain by Mere TC is not a good reason to alter historic boundaries. The proposed boundary change does not reflect the identity and interests of Zeals and Lower Zeals and does nothing to improve the effectiveness and convenience of local governance.;
B55	A business or commercial concern in the area affected by the proposals	Disagree		This area of land was historically part of Zeals Estate. The boundary of the parish was the boundary of Zeals Estate, in Lower Zeals. It is of real historical significance and reflects the identity of Zeals and the area of Zeals. It is a cynical attempt by Mere TC to claim any future SIL money by trying to change the parish boundary and does not improve the effectiveness or convenience of local governance. The Brush Factory moved to the site in Zeals from its site on the other side of Mere and just because it wants to retain 'Mere' in its address is not a good reason to change the parish boundary.
B56	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		This is basically a land grab by Mere council, as Hill Brush factory is incorporated within our borders.

B57	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		As well as historical reasons for keeping the boundary as it is ie Zeals House/Lower Zeals, the community of Zeals deserves all the financial help it can get for investment and any improvements to our lovely village. Mere is large enough without grabbing lmore and from Zeals.
B58	An interested party not necessarily from the area affected by the proposals	Disagree		The land falls within the historic Zeals parish boundary, is part of its identity and Zeals should be the guardian and beneficiary of what happens to it.
B59	Resident (Mere)	Disagree		I Disagree becuase, historically the land is part of Zeals parish and is in fact just across the road from Zeals House. I hear the Brush Factory described as "just off the Zeals junction on the A303"! Any changes to the use of the land will effect the residents of zeals and lower zeals etc as would any resulting changes to traffic and traffic volumes. The CIL is very important to Zeals and there is no need to change the status quo.
B60	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		This piece of land falls within the historic parish boundary, with Zeals Knoll to the North and Lower Zeals to the South, both of which include 'ZEALS' within the title and are clear in their identity of the totality of our parish.If there is residential development on the land in future, the Community Infrastructure Levy will be payable to Mere Town Council, instead of Zeals Parish Council. This money is much needed to provide benefit and improvement to the Zeals community. The shape of the parishes would be an odd dog- leg shape if the land was moved into the Mere Town Boundary- cutting through Zeals House parkland, Norwood and Zeals Knoll.
B61	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		It belongs to Zeals, and as a small village we require the money.
B62	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		
B63	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		It is pilfering of land that is the property of Zeals Parish for monetary gain by Mere

B64	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		There is no benefit to Zeals in handing over the land. Any development of the land will be for Mere and will not take into the account needs of Zeals.
B65	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		The proposal removes land from the historical Parish bisecting both Zeals House parkland and Zeals Knoll areas which by name are part of Zeal's. The potential to remove potential CIL payments from Zeals Parish Council to the benefit of Mere Town Council damaging future development within Zeals Village. This item ,I would suggest is main driver behind the proposal. The impact on the residence of Lower Zeals from any development where they will have no say through the Parish council and the democratic process. Both the access and Egress from the A303 are within Zeals and again Zeals Parish will be removed from influencing the development and mitigation of such development.
B66	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		Should there be a future residential development on the land in question the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) will be payable to Mere not Zeals . This money is much needed to provide benefit and improvement in the Zeals community. Mere town council has already benefitted from the CIL from the large Woodlands housing development on the site vacated by Hillbrush.coon to its new site. Additionally the piece of land requested by Mere town council falls within the historic parish boundary with Zeals Knoll to the north and Lower Zeals to the south, both of which include "Zeals" within their title and are clear in their identity of the totality of Zeals parish. Any impact or future development on the land will impact the residents of Lower Zeals due to their location near to the proposed changes. The proposed changes would result in an odd dog-shape cutting through Zeals House parkland Norwood & Zeals Knoll. Any developments may increase emissions and employees will come from a wider area
B67	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		Zeas is a small underfunded community. Losing this wil mae it even worse

B68	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree	<p>If there is residential development on the land in future, the Community Infrastructure Levy which is money and investment back into the community will be payable to \mere Town Council, instead of Zeals Parish Council. This money is much needed to provide benefit and improvement to the Zeals community. I see this as land grabbing for financial gain. The piece of land falls within the historic parish boundary, with Zeals Knoll to the North and Lower Zeals to the South, both of which include 'Zeals' within the title and are clear in their identity oy the totality of our parish. Any changes or future development on the land will impact the residents of Lower Zeals first and foremost due to location proximity. The shape of the Parishes would be an odd dog-leg shape if the land was moved into the Mere Town boundary cutting through Zeals House parkland, Norwood and Zeals Knoll. Developments on the land could impact on the traffic within Zeals Parish as the A303 junctions are in Zeals.</p>
B69	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree	<p>Quite simply Mere council see it as a money making exercise from future development. The area has always been part of Zeals and just because it is being developed why should it change to Mere. I am certain that if it wasn't being developed then Mere would have no interest.</p>
B70	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree	<p>Is land is sold or built on the money would go to mere instead of zeals. Zeals is small and needs all its land. It would impact the residents of lower zeals. If land was moved to mere it would cut though zeals house parkland, norwood and zeals knoll.any change or future development may result in a marked impact on traffic within zeals parish as the A303 junctions are located in Zeals.</p>
B71	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree	<p>The piece of land falls within the historic parish boundary, with Zeals Knoll to the north and Lower Zeals to the south, both of which include 'Zeals' within the title and are clear in their identity. If there is residential development on the land in future, the resulting CIL is much needed to benefit and improve the Zeals community. Any changes or future developments on the land may result in a marked impact on traffic within the Zeals parish as the A303 junctions are located within Zeals.</p>
B72	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree	<p>Historically named with Zeals Knoll, Zeals House and Lower Zeals. Why change any CIL from Zeals Parish Council for improvement and benefit?</p>



B73	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		Money generated by the land needed by Zeals
B74	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		Zeals should benefit from money raised
B75	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		This land has always been associated with Zeals, and only the relatively modern A303 giving a different impression. The area around it including Zeals House and Wolverton also remain part of Zeals despite the A303. The small community of Zeals also is much more dependent on the business revenues from the relatively small land that it covers.
B76	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		if there is residential development on the land in future, the community infrastructure levy (CIL) will be payable to Mere Town Council instead of Zeals Parish Council, This money is much needed to provide benefit and improvement to Zeals community..The piece of land falls within the historic parish boundary, with Zeals Knoll to the North and Lower Zeals to the South, both of which include 'Zeals.', within the title and are clear in their identity of the totality of our parish. Any changes or future development on the land will impact the residents of Lower Zeals first and foremost due to the location proximity. The shape of the parishes would be an odd dog-leg shape if the land was moved into the Mere Town boundary - cutting through Zeals House parkland, Norwood and Zeals Knoll. Any future changes or future developments on the land may result in a marked impact on the traffic within the Zeals Parish as the A303 junctions are located within Zeals
B77	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		This would lead to Zeals losing funds to help maintain and improve Zeals.
B78	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		I feel the impact would effect the lower Zeals residents firstly and they should be involved in the say of that area and that any CIL should belong to the Zeals PC and not Mere. It will create a weird dog leg to the boundary and the impact of future development will impact Zeals from more traffic exiting and joining the A303. Historically it has always belonged and fallen within the Zeals parish boundary and just for the benefit of Mere it shouldn't be transferred to them just because it would suit them.

B79	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		Mere should have known at the start when Hill Brush applied for planning. Zeals stands to lose revenue. If this is accepted every time there is an extension of building land Mere will have set the precedent.
B80	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		Zeals community needs the money. Shoukd not change an historic boundary
B81	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		If residential development goes ahead on this land in the future then Mere will get the community infrastructure money instead of Zeals. Lower Zeals would be potentially affected by the change due to the closeness of it and there could be a substantial impact in the amount of traffic which could use Zeals.
B82	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		
B83	An interested party not necessarily from the area affected by the proposals	Disagree		
B84	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		
B85	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		This plan will increase the number of vehicles passing through the village of Zeal's. The amount of through traffic has steadily increased over the past few years including heavy goods vehicles. This type of traffic will only increase if this development goes ahead therefore I am against this plan.
B86	An interested party not necessarily from the area affected by the proposals	Disagree		There is no reasonable justification for transferring a wedge of Zeals into Mere other than the relatively recent relocation of Hillbrush from central Mere into Zeals parish so that they could sell their original site for housing. Zeals is an ancient settlement and its boundary should not be changed merely for the financial benefit of a neighbouring town.

B87	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree	<p>If there is residential development on the land in future, the Community Infrastructure Levy which is money and investment back into the community will be payable to Mere Town Council instead of Zeals Parish Council. This money is much needed to provide benefit and improvement to the Zeals community. The piece of land falls within the historic parish boundary, with Zeals Knoll to the north and Lower Zeals to the south, both of which include "Zeals" within the title and are clear in their identity of the totality of our parish. Any changes or future development on the land will impact the residents of Lower Zeals first and foremost due to location proximity. The shape of the Parishes would be an odd dog-leg if the land was moved into the Mere Town boundary - cutting through Zeals House parkland, Norwood and Zeals Knoll. Any changes or future developments on the land may result in a marked impact on the traffic within the Zeals Parish as the A303 junctions are located within Zeals.</p>
B88	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree	<p>I support the reasons given by the Zeal's Parish Council</p>
B89	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree	<p>The argument put forward is one sided and untrue. Traffic will have an impact on Zeals as it is a main route into that part of Mere from anyone coming from the Bourton/Wincanton direction and off the A303. It is disingenuous to say employment will come from Mere as it is highly likely that employment will come from a much wider area, including Zeals itself. This is to be hoped as Zeal's is a village with high levels of need and poverty. It will result in a significant loss of revenue for an already disadvantaged community and the longer term impact of raised charges for residents to offset this loss of revenue will further impact already struggling families unnecessarily. It seems this is a land grab by our wealthier neighbour to increase their revenue under extremely spurious argument that people think the land is already part of Mere.</p>

B90	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		This land forms part of the historical area of Zeals and should be maintained as such for the benefit of Zeals. The 'employment ' created as part of this developement will come from all over the area, not just Mere hence more traffic in the area including around the A303 junction, thus an increase in maintenance and control will have to be covered by Zeals. This is nothing but a money grabbing exercises by a parish that already has far more income, if the planning is changed to 'housing' there will be even more effect on the grants that they would receive that the parish of Zeals is in desperate need of. This is a blatent attempt by the Mere Parish Council to line there own pockets while forcing the Zeals Parish to suffer as the poor neighbours. It must not be allowed to happen.
B91	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		Belongs to zeals
B92	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		Belongs to zeals
B93	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		To suggest any employment created by development will come from Mere is very presumptuous, employees are likely to come from a wide area, many of home might well be driving through Zeals as a result. In fact numerous Zeals residents are employed at the industrial estate, Hillbrush factory and care home entering Mere. The argument that the traffic created will impact predominantly Mere is also some what presumptuous. Villages like Zeals lack many amenities and services, reducing the precept for Zeals will only exacerbate this problem and increase the sense of isolation for some residents..
B94	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		Happy with the status quo, and suspicious as to the effects of this

B95	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		The change will result in an odd shape to the boundary which is inconsistent with the rest of the map, splitting two areas - Zeals Knoll and Lower Zeals to the North & South from each other - both with 'Zeals' in the name. Changes to the land affect the residents of Lower Zeals first due to the proximity of the site. The land use has an impact on the traffic in Zeals as the junctions to the A303 are in Zeals. The area considered in the change has future residential development value meaning CIL funds will be diverted to Mere Town instead of Zeals Parish. There is emotive language in the proposal where MTC 'Feel that the public view this area as belonging to Mere'. This is a sentiment that isn't substantiated. Employment created on the site has a wide catchment area being located next to the A303 with excellent transport links much wider than Zeals & Mere. The relocation of Hillbrush to Zeals is a Mere business moving, not an extension to the Parish boundary.
B96	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		I Disagree with the proposals to change the boundary. As I have lived here for over 50 years I do not wish to see any changes. Also Zeals will loose any monetary benefits from this change. It will go to Mere and should go to Zeals.
B97	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		This is no less than a money grabbing exercise by Mere Town Council. The boundaries historically aligned with Zeals Estate Land at Lower Zeals
B98	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		Historically part of Zeals and should remain so. Mere has an ulterior, financial motive for this!
B99	Resident (Mere)	Disagree		Please note that this response is from [Redacted], who does not have an email address so I am sending on her behalf. Response - Historically it has always belonged to Zeals Parish. Mere's only reason for wanting this is financial incentive
B100	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		Response on behalf of [Redacted] who does not have an email address. Response: I Disagree because the land has always belonged to Zeals. Mere Town Council will benefit instead of Zeals
B101	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		Because of the money going to Mere instead of Zeals

B102	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		I see no reason why it should be taken over by Mere. It is more beneficial for it to stay within the Zeals boundary. Response submitted by Zeals PC on behalf of resident who does not have an email address
B103	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		Response submitted on behalf of resident who does not have an email address. Haven't Mere Council got enough land. I think that they are being a bit greedy. What's theirs is theirs and what's ours is ours, I'd say.
B104	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		NO NO NO. Zeals is Zeals and leave it as it is. Let us have money
B105	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		This would appear to be nothing but a money grabbing exercise by Mere Town Council
B106	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		I would like to object to the proposal of Mere Town Council to change the boundaries of the Land at Lower Zeals. I have always understood that the land in question has always been in the Parish of Zeals and this is borne out historically. The proposal seems to be no more than a land grab to financially benefit Mere at the expense of the Parish of Zeals and should be opposed.
B107	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		I am writing to Disagree most strongly with the proposal of Mere Town Council to change the boundaries to move the land at Lower Zeals to be within Mere. It is no more than a cynical and mercenary land grab. I was born in Mere but have lived in Zeals since 1978 and have always understood that the land in question has historically been part of the Parish of Zeals i.e. Zeals House, Zeals Park, Zeals Knoll - the clues are in the names! As far as I know Mere has never shown any interest in this land until they suddenly realised that it is financial gain to be made from this proposal with no concern with the loss of revenue and the detrimental effect on the Parish of Zeals. I believe that the proposal should be opposed and ultimately rejected.

B108	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		Submitted on behalf of Mr N T Rose who does not have an email address. Response: A change of boundary smacks of a land grab for financial reasons and no other. How long before they want the parish of Zeals to go do away with the parish council altogether this ancient boundary should not be moved Mere town has enough building going on to more than keep their coffers full although I've only been a resident for some 20 years it makes me angry to see history being destroyed.
B109	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		Land is within lower zeals. Development here would impact Zeals due to traffic coming off a303 at Zeals junction.
B110	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		I am opposing this boundary change on the grounds that it will create a strange boundary line leaving parts of the parish ostracised. It's logical that all of the locations such as lower Zeals and Zeals knoll all remain in the parish of Zeals. This appears to be nothing other than a commercial land grab which offers no benefits for the residents or community.
B111	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		Zeals needs the money for important actions to improve the village.
B112	An interested party not necessarily from the area affected by the proposals	Disagree		The change will result in an odd shape to the boundary which is inconsistent with the rest of the map. It splits two areas of Zeals Knoll and Lower Zeals to the North & South from each other - both with 'Zeals' in the name. Changes to the land affect the residents of Lower Zeals first due to the proximity of the site. The land use has an impact on the traffic in Zeals as the junctions to the A303 are in Zeals. The area considered in the change has future residential development value meaning CIL funds will be diverted to Mere Town instead of Zeals Parish. There is emotive language in the proposal where MTC 'Feel that the public view this area as belonging to Mere'. This is a sentiment that isn't substantiated. Employment created on the site has a wide catchment area being located next to the A303 with excellent transport links much wider than Zeals & Mere. The relocation of Hillbrush to Zeals is a Mere business moving, not an extension to the Parish boundary.

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B113	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		
B114	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		I don't like change, especially when the reason is unclear
B115	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		The land is clearly in Zeals
B116	Resident (Zeals)	Disagree		This land has historically formed part of the parish of Zeals and I feel very strongly it should remain within the parish of Zeals.



Dear Sirs

We understand that the Mere Town Council has suggested a change to the Mere Parish boundary so that our company site at Norwood Park would become part of Mere rather than Zeals. Our company agrees with this proposed change, because after the Mere by-pass was built in the 1970s, this became a natural barrier between Mere and Zeals, and most residents would not have any idea that Norwood Park was part of Zeals. As a company until 7 years ago we were located on the southern side of Mere, within the parish boundary, and we have always been part of the Mere community and have supported the community in many ways. I have served on the Mere Parish and more recently Town Council for 46 years. We would very much like to remain a part of the Mere community and feel that it is natural for the boundary to be changed.

With kind regards

Philip Coward

**Philip Coward**

Chairman

Honorary Treasurer

The Royal Warrant Holders Association

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### Information Sheet 03

#### Area Name – North Bradley / Trowbridge

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[Community Governance Review Terms of Reference and LGBCE Guidance](#)

#### Proposed Schemes

Ref – NB01

**Proposed by: North Bradley Parish Council**

#### Boundary changes

Internal and external boundaries of the parish of North Bradley, and the internal and external boundaries of Trowbridge as it relates to the Drynham Division and Ward.

#### Reasons

As part of the 2019/2020 Review involving Trowbridge and North Bradley parishes, the Electoral Review Committee had identified a small number of properties along Woodmarsh which had been included for transfer into Trowbridge following the drawing of the Divisional boundary by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE).

At Paragraph 149 of the Final Recommendations of the Review it was stated:  
*“However, whilst it considered that the situation and criteria on balance supported a transfer of the identified area [Woodmarsh] at this time, the Committee did consider that the precise line of the boundary could possibly be reviewed again in future, particularly when the lines of development would be clearer, and to correct any minor anomalies arising from the lines drawn by the LGBCE”.*

Although North Bradley Parish Council have requested an overall re-review of the area, the Committee considers it appropriate given the time since the last review and existing development and electorate situation, to restrict the review of the area to the precise boundary line which was specifically identified as anomalous in the 2019/20 Review, with any wider review taking place after the completion of at least one electoral cycle, in time for the 2029 elections, should this still be considered appropriate by the Committee at that time.

Accordingly, the Committee has agreed to review the precise boundary area despite less than one electoral cycle taking place, due to council’s endorsement of its prior recommendation including consideration of a further review of a particular element.

## Community Governance Review 2023-2024

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### Background Information

#### Parish Electorates - August 2023

North Bradley – 1348 Electorate

Trowbridge – 27,686 (total) Electorate (ward breakdown below)

- Adcroft ward - 4202
- Central ward - 4744
- Dynham ward - 3464
- Grove ward - 4045
- Lambrok ward - 4077
- Park ward - 2989
- Paxcroft ward – 4163

#### Projected Electorate for 2026 (including any known planned large development)

North Bradley – 1395 Projected

Trowbridge – 28,860 (total) Projected

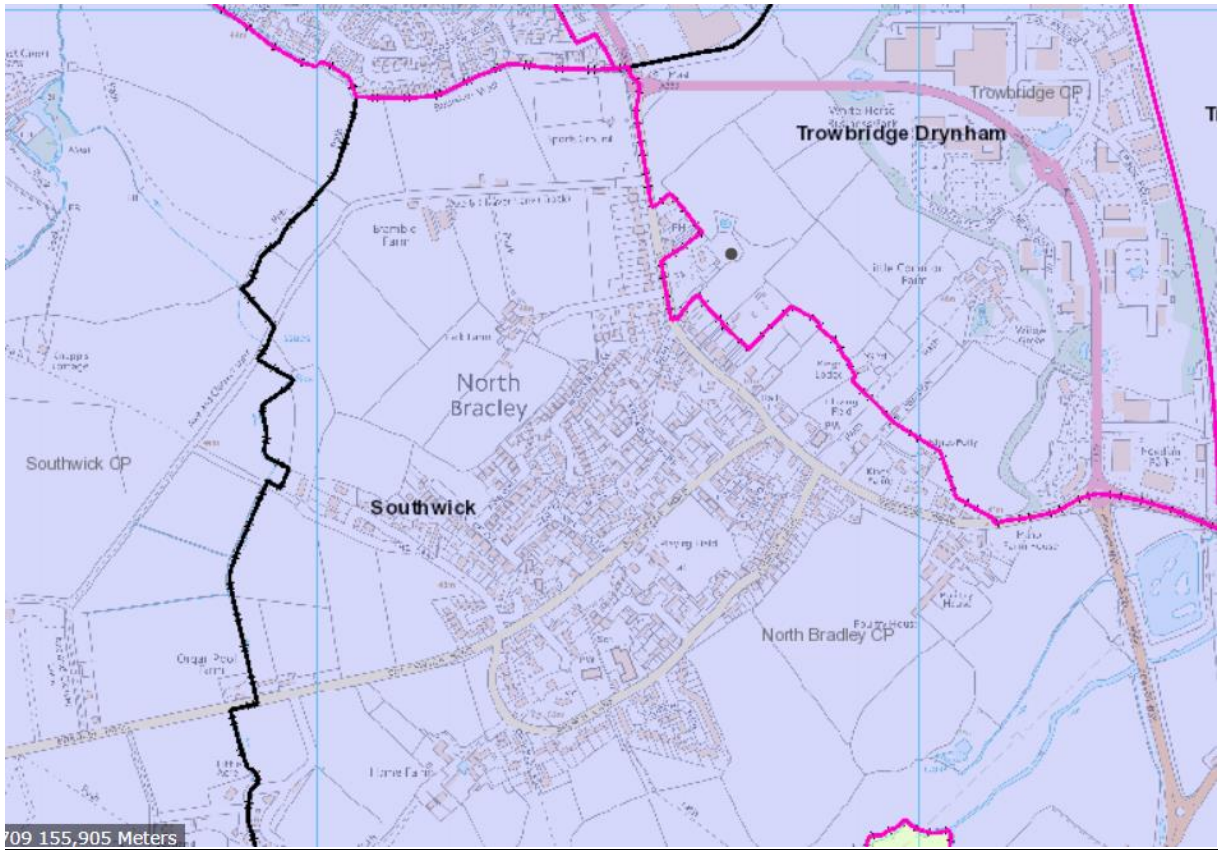
- Adcroft ward - 4351
- Central ward - 4910
- Dynham ward - 3738
- Grove ward - 4187
- Lambrok ward - 4220
- Park ward - 3146
- Paxcroft ward – 4309

#### Council Tax by Parish, including Police and Fire Precepts

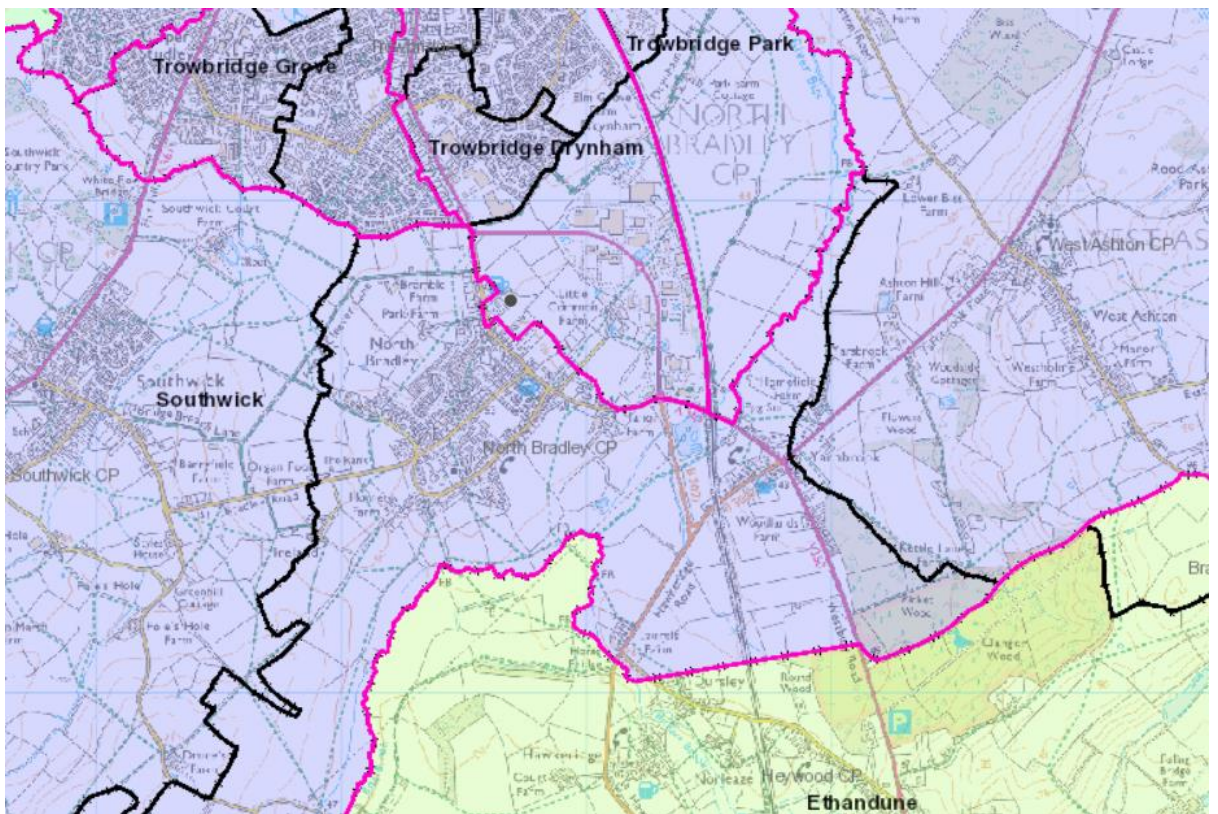
*This data is provided for information, however please note that Community Governance Reviews cannot use the level of precept in affected areas as justification to approve or disapprove of a scheme.*

Council Tax Schedule 2023/24 (annually)	Band A (£)	Band B (£)	Band C (£)	Band D (£)	Band E (£)	Band F (£)	Band G (£)	Band H (£)
North Bradley PC	16.53	19.28	22.04	24.79	30.30	35.81	41.32	49.58
Trowbridge TC	146.87	171.35	195.83	220.31	269.27	318.23	367.18	440.62

Map 01- Current North Bradley / Trowbridge boundary line



Map 02 – As above, smaller scale



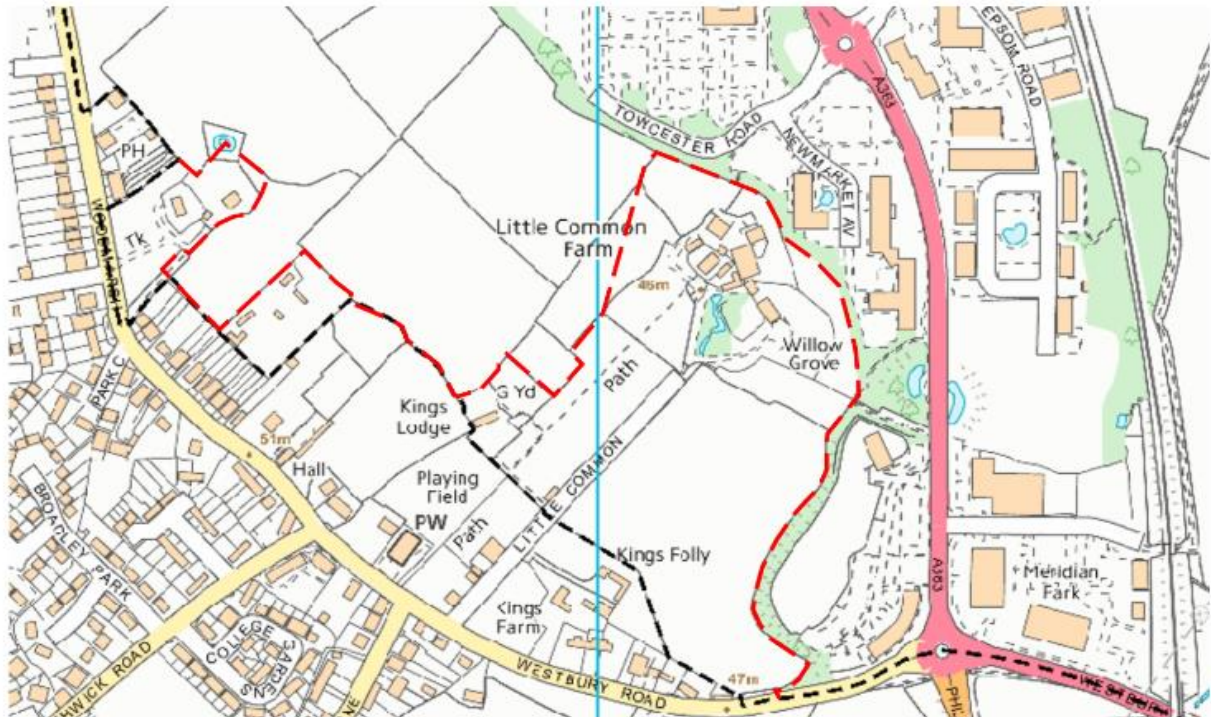


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## Map 03 – Provided by Trowbridge Town Council

The map below shows the current boundary as a black dashes and a potential boundary as red dashes. This would ensure that new developments are located in Trowbridge parish and historic properties in North Bradley are in North Bradley parish.



## CGR Info Gathering – 03 North Bradley / Trowbridge

### Trowbridge TC - Info gathering session Wed 18 Oct – 11:30

Clerk Lance Allen

Background (Kieran Elliott):

The CGR review of 2019 resulted in properties moved from NB to Trowbridge. The development has been buildout slower than expected. With applications still progressing.

Illustrative Master plan out for consultation – not yet approved – gives a better indication of where dev would likely be. 150 homes accessed off bypass. Woodmarsh village.

ERC could survey on options.

- Any homes accessed by bypass would be in Trowbridge (accessed off A363) 65/70 dwellings
- And any homes accessed by village would be in north Bradley

Map shown - If whole of area was moved back to NB there would not be enough electors to be warded so division would need to be changed by EGBCE.

Variance numbers would mean unlikely that it would be agreed.

LA - TTC

The 3 shaded areas on map would be acceptable to TTC as a readjustment to the boundary. The larger area there, could possibly have a bit more that could go into NB. Linked to prop at kings lodge and to North of there.

Area no. 5 on the plan

TTC are in discussions with developers on taking on some of the green areas – so maybe that is up to dev whether NBPC would take on those or a management co.

Any of greenspace not developed – is potentially up for discussion between dev and TC to take responsibility. Some parts are not in current TC boundary (no.3 on map)

WC David Cox planning officer is aware and involved with discussions.

The aspiration of NB is to have entire area below road back in their parish.

The middle shaded area – currently a builders yard where there had been a number of apps for residential – that area is accessed by woodmarsh.

Woodmarsh Rd – access to parts would mean they go to NB

Action – LA to provide a copy of the map TTC has drawn of what they propose

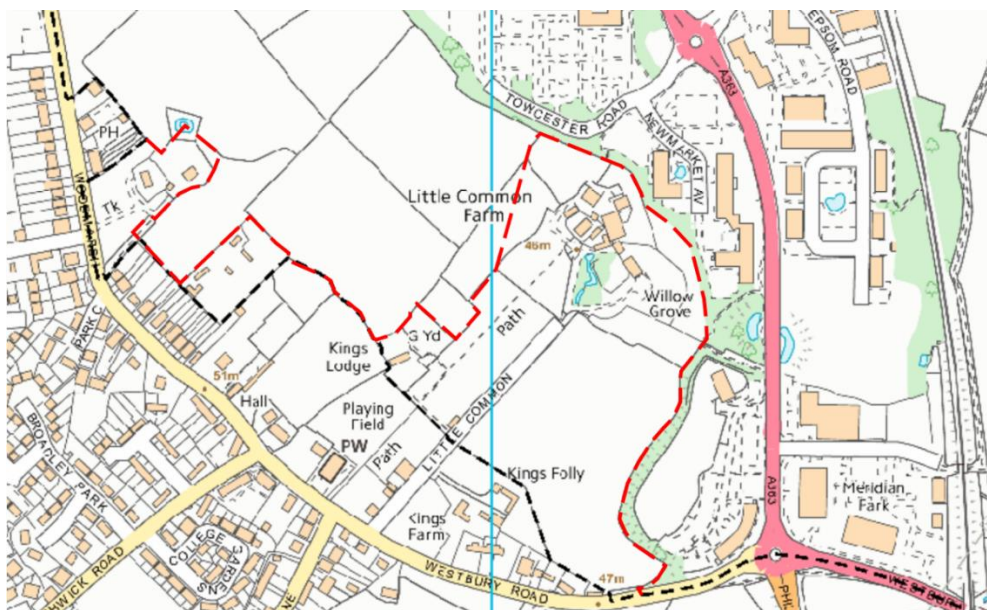
(Policy and resources cmmtt meeting Nov) map for discussion shared with us, similar to KE map.

### North Bradley PC - Wed 25 Oct – 10:00

Cllr Lee Lee

NBPC submitted a letter in response to the Review (included below).

During the session it was confirmed that the preference would be for the entire area previously removed to be reinstated as part of North Bradley, however the suggested boundary change as set out in the map below was welcomed, but that the precise boundary line should retain the bat corridor green space within North Bradley, rather than running around the rear of the houses on Woodmarsh.



### North Bradley PC – Letter submitted 3/10 – by Chairman Roger Evans

Dear ERC

#### Community Governance Review (CGR) 2023/24 - North Bradley Parish Council/Trowbridge

Thank you for your email dated 14 September notifying the Parish Council of a limited review that commenced on 11 September 2023. Parish Councillors considered your email at last night's Parish Council meeting and wishes to resubmit their previous objections to the boundary changes. Our previous correspondence will be on file listing our objections which at the time were discounted and the boundary redrawn.

The boundary change used 'proposed' residential figures to even up warding putting just two existing properties, 16 & 18 Woodmarsh, theoretically into the town of Trowbridge when they are part of the village of North Bradley.

The main part of our objection to the current boundaries is the one that is South and South West of the White Horse Business Park service road (A363). This road clearly defines the limits of North



Bradley in a northern and easterly direction, making it obvious that it is part of the Parish of North Bradley and its original village standing area. The housing, once established on H2.2, which is part of WHSAP, is clearly much closer to the village centre than it is to any part of the Trowbridge conurbation. The residents of the proposed new 132 properties on H2.2 will clearly be part of the village and use all of its facilities, i.e, the churches (C of E & Baptist), nursery school, primary school and public house (The Rising Sun). The Peace Memorial Hall committee, in addition, provides play groups, football club and pitches, cricket and well-equipped facilities for adults keep fit and children's play. Many classes and events are on offer within the Peace Memorial Hall and the Progressive Hall. All of these facilities are well used and within a few minutes' walk of the proposed H2.2 Trowbridge extension but are clearly part of North Bradley Parish. The Parish Council has supported and enhanced these facilities.

We are asking for a reconsideration of the 2020 Boundary Review change which was ill thought through at the time and reduced the effective North Bradley Parish Council area by over 25%. The Parish Council of North Bradley boundary is reviewed with the aim of restoring the area to the South & West of the A363 (White Horse Business Park road) to the administration of North Bradley Parish Council (incl. Brokerswood & Yarnbrook), who have administered and looked after this area for very many years.

**Email from Trowbridge TC (8/11)**

At the Policy & Resources Committee on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November the committee considered the following and approved the recommendations. In attendance at the meeting were Cllr Roger Evans and the Parish Clerk of North Bradley Parish Council and they expressed the parish council was in accord with the proposal (although they would have preferred a wider scale review).

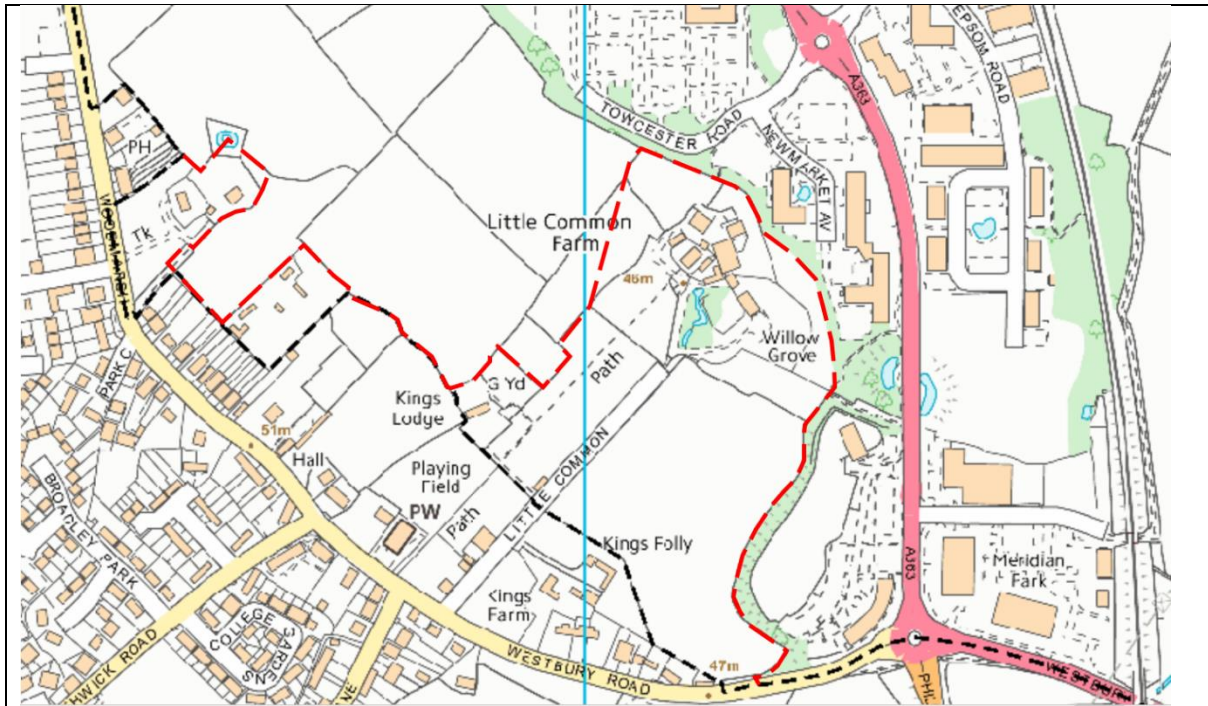
**COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS**

**To consider the following report and RECOMMENDATION.**

**A. NORTH BRADLEY.**

Wiltshire Council has agreed to undertake a Community Governance (Boundary) Review of the precise boundary between Trowbridge and North Bradley. The Town Council Strategy supports this.

The map below shows the current boundary as a black dashes and a potential boundary as red dashes. This would ensure that new developments are located in Trowbridge Parish and historic properties in North Bradley are in North Bradley Parish. This has been discussed with and shared with members of the Community Governance Review Committee at Wiltshire Council.



**RECOMMENDATION:** That Trowbridge Town Council supports the Community Governance (Boundary) Review to determine a new precise boundary between North Bradley Parish and Trowbridge Parish and proposes that the above map provides a better boundary, based upon community identity and clear boundaries, such that historic properties in North Bradley are located in North Bradley Parish and proposed new developments are located in Trowbridge Parish.

Area 3 (North Bradley/Trowbridge),

C1	Resident (Trowbridge)	Agree	NA	I purchased my house on Woodmarsh in March 2020, and at that time my property was located within North Bradley Parsh Boundary. The subsequent LGBCE boundary change made shortly after in 2021, made absolutely no logical sense since my house sits on Woodmarsh which is in North Bradley, not Trowbridge. As a result, we have been left feeling completely disjointed from our neighbours, and also it had a huge impact on our annual council tax charge.
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### Information Sheet 04

#### Area Name – Lacock / Chippenham

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[Community Governance Review Terms of Reference and LGBCE Guidance](#)

#### Proposed Schemes

Ref: LAC01

##### Boundary changes

As part of the 2019/2020 Review involving Chippenham and Lacock parishes, the Electoral Review Committee recommended, and it was agreed, to transfer an area of land containing new housing within the new Chippenham Lowden and Rowden Division from Lacock to Chippenham. The area also included the small area of Rowden Lane, a rural hamlet accessed through the town.

##### Reason for Request

A review to look at the precise boundary around Rowden Lane, to see if it is possible to adjust to improve local governance and community cohesion for the communities concerned.

#### Background Information

##### Parish Electorates - August 2023

Lacock – 797 Electorate

Chippenham – 27,744 (total) Electorate (ward breakdown below)

- Lowden & Rowden - 2748
- Pewsham - 3813
- Hardenhuish - 3876
- Cepen Park & Hunters Moon - 3893
- Sheldon - 4043
- Cepen Park & Derriads - 3028
- Monkton - 2287
- Hardens & Central - 4056

##### Projected Electorate for 2026 (including any known planned large development)

Lacock – 825 Projected

Chippenham – 30,126 Projected

- Lowden & Rowden - 4062
- Pewsham - 3946
- Hardenhuish - 4012
- Cepen Park & Hunters Moon - 4029
- Sheldon - 4185
- Cepen Park & Derriads - 3134
- Monkton - 2560
- Hardens & Central - 4198

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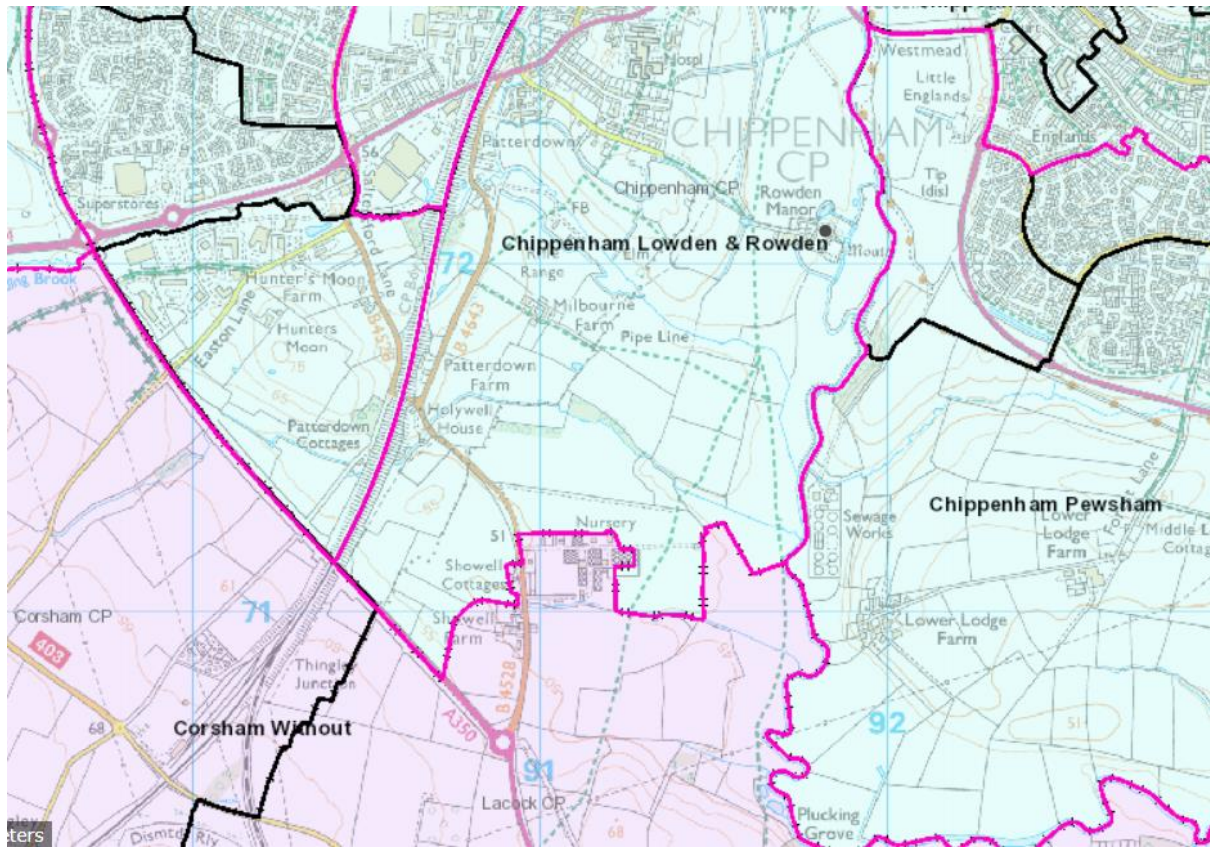
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### Council Tax by Parish, including Police and Fire Precepts

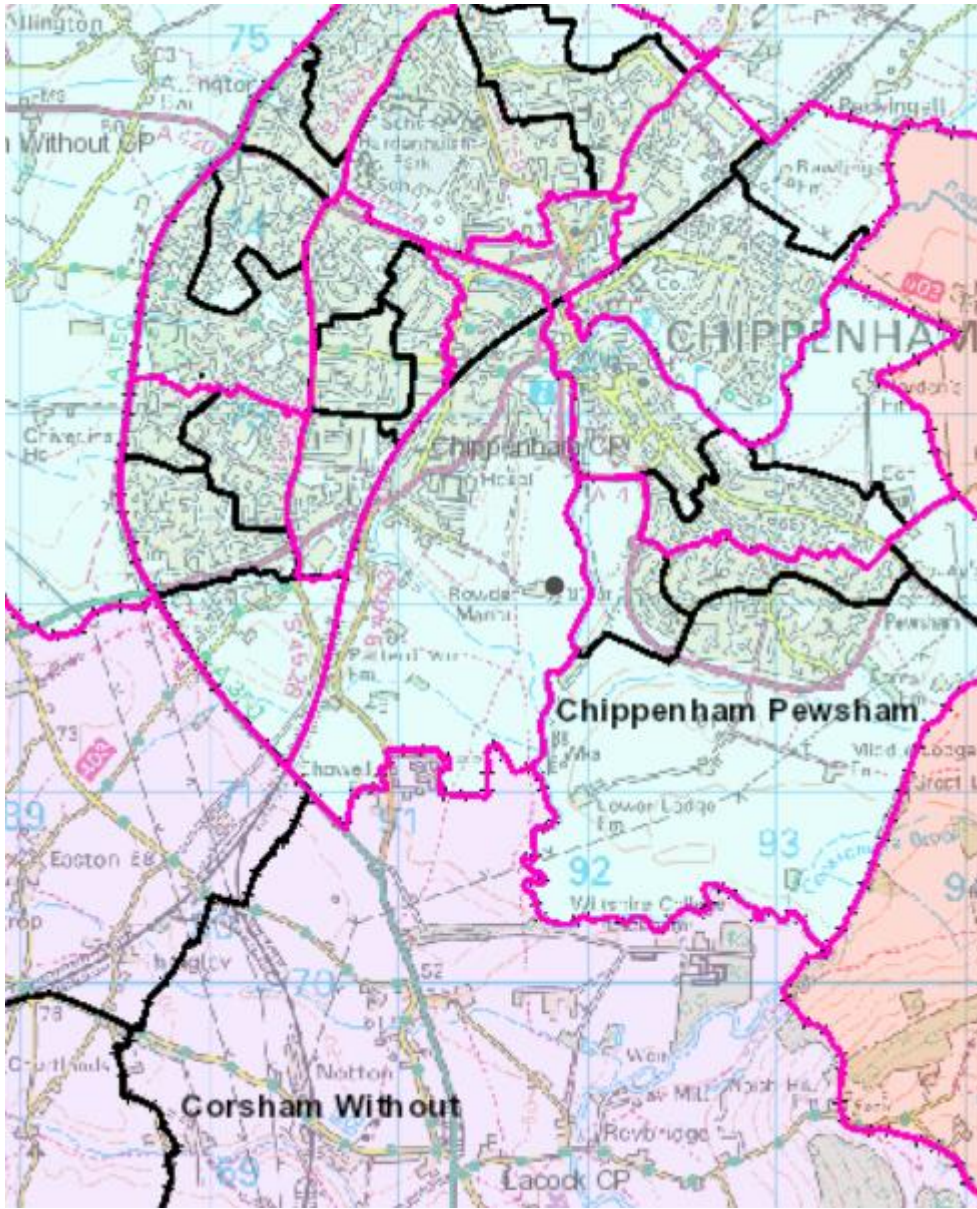
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Council Tax Schedule 2023/24 (annually)	Band A (£)	Band B (£)	Band C (£)	Band D (£)	Band E (£)	Band F (£)	Band G (£)	Band H (£)
Lacock PC	49.47	57.71	65.96	74.20	90.69	107.18	123.67	148.40
Chippenham TC	199.09	232.28	265.46	298.64	365.00	431.37	497.73	597.28

### Maps





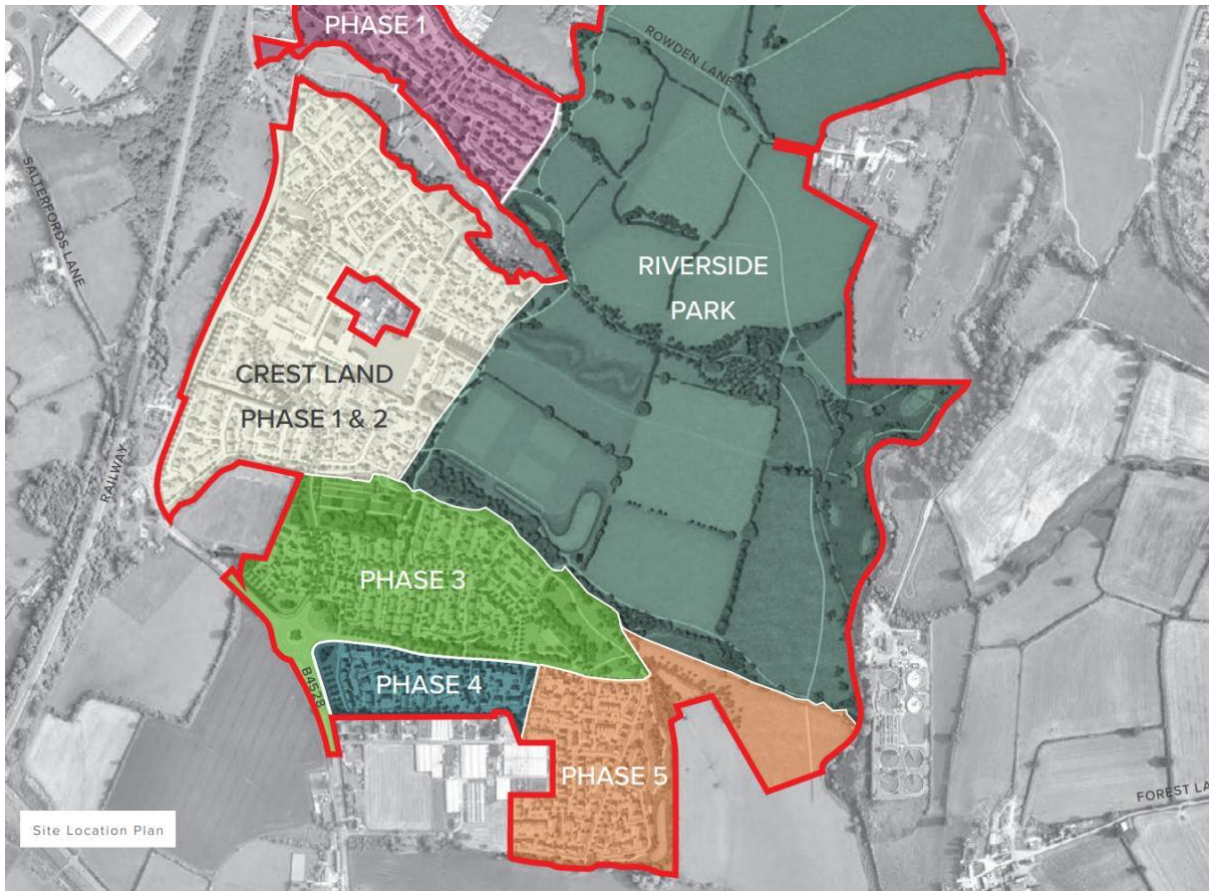


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[Rowden Park Garden Village Phase 3 approved in Chippenham | Wiltshire Times](#)





## **CGR – Info Gathering – 04 Lacock**

### **Chippenham TC Info Gathering session - 25 October 2023 – 09:15am**

Heather Rae (HR) Head of Democratic Services & Andy Conway (AC)

Summary by Kieran (KE)

During 2019/20 – part of Rowden was moved from Lacock to Chippenham. Residents of Rowden lane were opposed to being transferred at the time. This is why it has been agreed to re-look at the area of Rowden Lane.

Now more is known on the development that is going in, would CTC wish to redraw the boundary line and if so, the division may also need to be changed.

AC – Is the yellow road all of Rowden lane? No just east

Odd that nursery / Showell farm area not included within Chippenham. (in corsham without)

KE – the cmmtt would also look at changes to the electorate within next 5 years. It may be that that area was not advanced enough to be considered. We can check with spatial panning so cmmtt can later consider.

- Can you send in maps of what you are suggesting?

HR – what is deadline for comments?

- mid Nov – cmmtt will meet in Dec to make draft recs.
- The Cmmtt looks to natural boundaries when moving boundaries.
- If you are looking at potential changes, could you make contact with your neighbouring parish councils, as better if both sides have looked at facts of the case.

AC – Rowden park will be developed all the way down to the nursery site. Don't know if Taylor Wimpy will build out at the farm.

AC – current boundary for Rowden seems fine – not to change it.

### **Chippenham TC – email 22/11**

Dear ERC

Thank you for arranging the meeting for us with members of the Electoral Review Committee. I took a report to Full Council on Monday 20 November to ask for any further anomalies or any further comments on the two existing schemes. There were no additions and Councillors were content with the two schemes already submitted.

I hope the review process goes well and we look forward to the draft recommendations in due course.



Area 4 - Lacock/Chippenham

*Officer note: The survey stated there were no proposed changes submitted for the area, but that the Committee welcomed any suggestions.*

*The options were that people agree with leaving the boundary unchanged, or suggested an amendment.*

Comment	Status	Agree/Disa	Amendment	Reasons
D1	Resident (Lacock)	NA	There are new developments taking place in this area and it is unclear which if any of these are included within the proposed boundary	NA
D2	Resident (Lacock)	NA	I cannot tell what has changed as there is no previous boundary on the map	NA

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Dear Mr Elliott,

**Community Governance Review 2023/24 – Area: Lacock/Chippenham**

I am unable to see any change to the boundary around Rowden Lane on the maps presented for the 2023/24 review. Please clarify or advise where a map detailing said change can be found.

Prior to the 2019/20 review, Rowden Hamlet fell within the parish of Lacock. Logical and substantive arguments were put forward justifying why this should remain so. In fact, a petition opposing the proposal was submitted, which was signed by EVERY householder affected by the then proposed change.

The guidelines state that “a *Community Governance Review must reflect the identities and interests of the communities in that area*”. This condition could not possibly have been satisfied given that every resident affected by the change was opposed to it.

Notwithstanding the residents’ unanimous opposition, Wiltshire Council went ahead and imposed the change.

Consequently, I would propose that the boundary affecting Rowden Hamlet reverts back to that in place prior to the 2019/20 CGR.

[Resident of Rowden Lane]

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### Information Sheet 05

#### Area Name – Salisbury

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[Community Governance Review Terms of Reference and LGBCE Guidance](#)

#### Proposed Schemes

Ref: SAL01

Proposed by: Division Member

Anomaly – Minor changes to a boundary

To review an area where a discrepancy has been identified, with two properties being in the wrong electoral divisions.

The two properties are 12 Dorset Road, currently in Milford ward, which it is felt should be in St Francis ward and 2A Cambridge Road, currently in St Francis ward, which should be in Milford ward.

Reason for Request

To carry out a review of an area where a minor boundary or other anomalous arrangement has been identified.

#### Background Information

Parish Electorates - August 2023

Salisbury – 31,214 (total) Electorate (ward breakdown below)

- Bemerton Heath - 3425
- St Francis & Stratford - 4027
- Milford - 4292
- Fisherton & Bemerton Village - 4215
- St Pauls - 3927
- St Edmunds - 3989
- Harnham West - 3450
- Harnham East - 3889

Projected Electorate for 2026 (including any known planned large development)

Salisbury – 33,402 Projected

- Bemerton Heath - 4456
- St Francis & Stratford - 4185
- Milford - 4442
- Fisherton & Bemerton Village - 4363
- St Pauls - 4083
- St Edmunds - 4129

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- Harnham West - 3571
- Harnham East - 4173

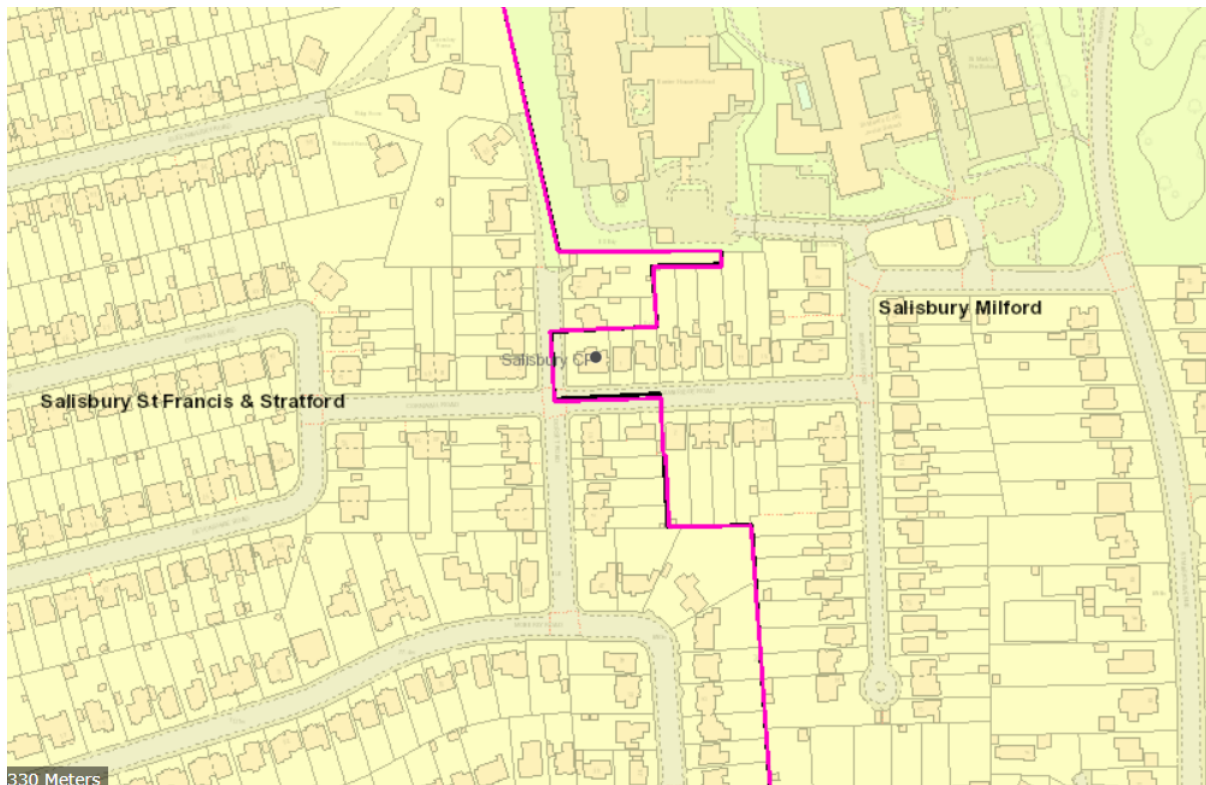
### Council Tax by Parish, including Police and Fire Precepts

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Council Tax Schedule 2023/24 (annually)	Band A (£)	Band B (£)	Band C (£)	Band D (£)	Band E (£)	Band F (£)	Band G (£)	Band H (£)
Salisbury	223.33	260.56	297.78	335.00	409.44	483.89	558.33	670.00

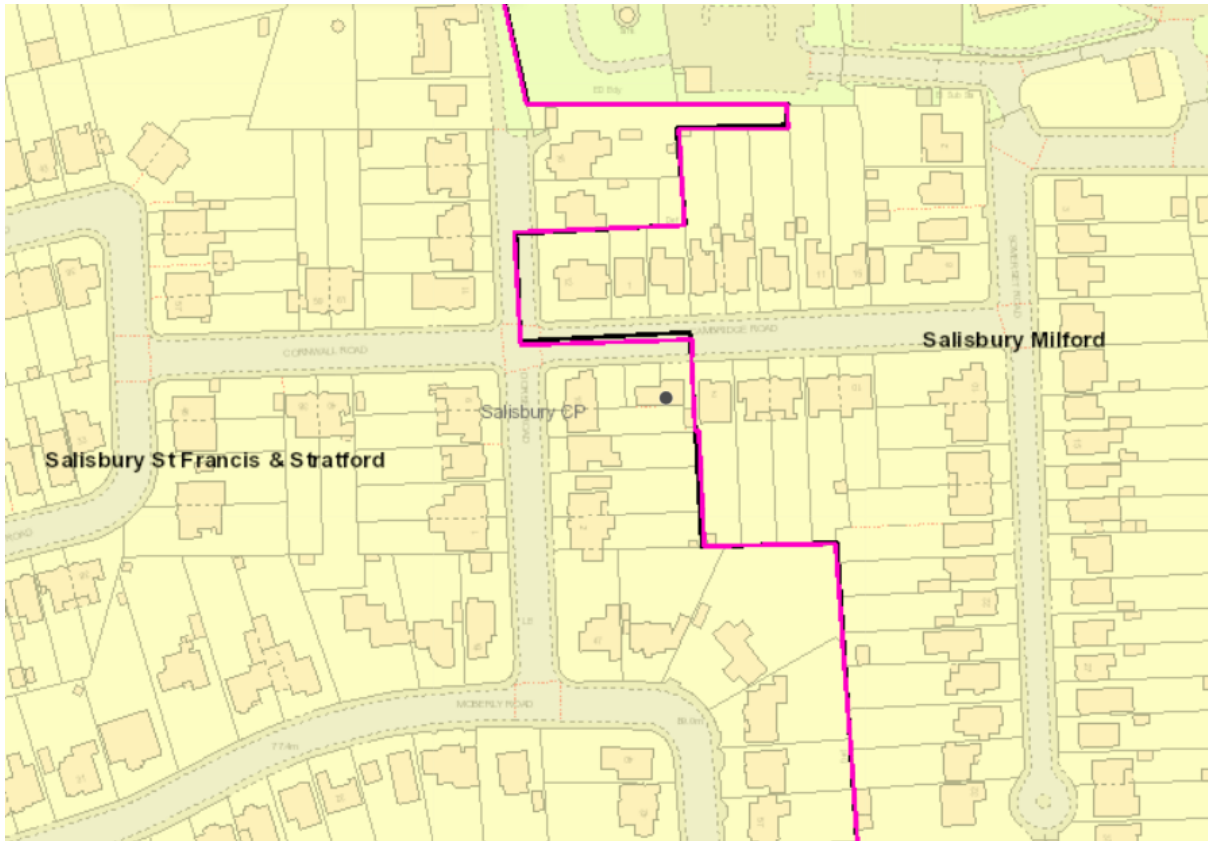
### Maps

12 Dorset Road (currently in Milford Ward on map) should be in St Francis



2A Cambridge Road (currently in St Francis on map) which should be in Milford ward





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### Information Sheet 06

#### Area Name – Royal Wootton Bassett / Brinkworth /

#### Broad Town and Clyffe Pypard

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#### Proposed Schemes

**Ref: RWB01**

**Proposed by: Electoral Services**

Anomaly – Minor changes to a boundary

To review an area where a discrepancy has been identified, with one property being in the wrong electoral division.

The anomaly which came to light during the May 2021 elections, relates to a property named Hookers Gate Cottage, which currently sits in Royal Wootton Bassett whereas the rest of the associated farm area is in Brinkworth.

The cottage has a postal address of Brinkworth but due to the boundary line, the residents are currently required to travel into Royal Wootton Bassett to vote.

Reason for Request

To carry out a review of an area where a minor boundary or other anomalous arrangement has been identified.

**Ref: RWB02**

**Proposed by: Electoral Services**

Anomaly – Minor changes to a boundary

To review an area where a discrepancy has been identified, with properties being in the wrong electoral division.

The anomaly relates to properties 101 and 103 Broadtown Hill in Broad Town.

The majority of the land and property at 101 Broadtown Hill, are in Broad Town parish, however, part of the land and property of no. 103 Broadtown Hill is in Clyffe Pypard parish even though property No. 103 has a postal address of Broad Town.

Reason for Request

To carry out a review of an area where a minor boundary or other anomalous arrangement has been identified.

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### Background Information

#### Parish Electorates - August 2023

Royal Wootton Bassett – 7701 (total) Electorate (ward breakdown below)

- South & West ward - 4108
- North ward - 3593

Clyffe Pypard – 251 Electorate

Broad Town – 491 Electorate

#### Projected Electorate for 2026 (including any known planned large development)

Royal Wootton Bassett – 7988 (total) Projected (ward breakdown below)

- South & West ward - 4269
- North ward - 3719

Clyffe Pypard – 260 Projected

Broad Town – 525 Projected

#### Council Tax by Parish, including Police and Fire Precepts

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Council Tax Schedule 2023/24 (annually)	Band A (£)	Band B (£)	Band C (£)	Band D (£)	Band E (£)	Band F (£)	Band G (£)	Band H (£)
Wootton Bassett PC	153.54	179.13	204.72	230.31	281.49	332.67	383.85	460.62
Clyffe Pypard PC	4.24	4.95	5.65	6.36	7.77	9.19	10.60	12.72
Broad Town PC	24.35	28.41	32.47	36.53	44.65	52.77	60.88	73.06

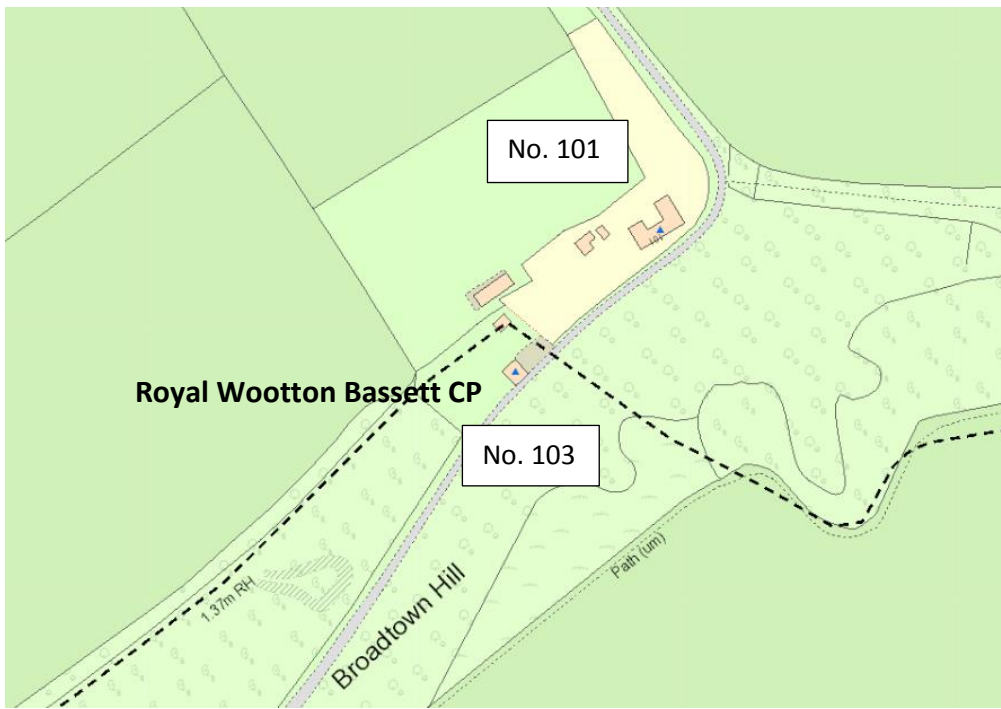
**Maps**

**WOO01 – Hookers Gate Cottage & Farm area**



**WOO02 – Broad Town**

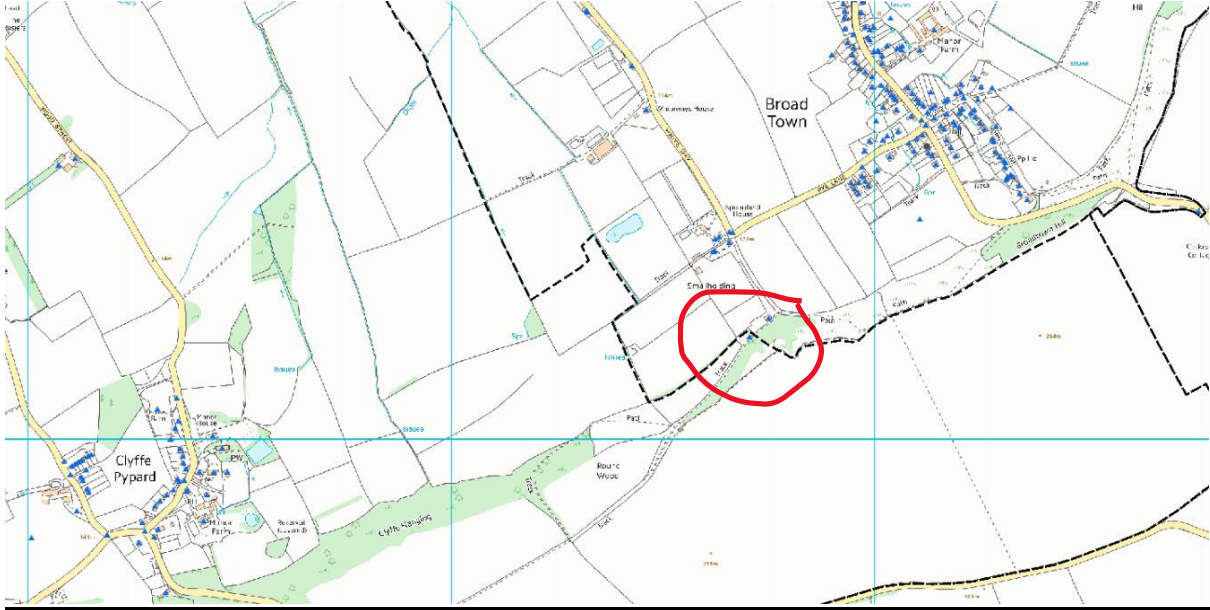
Properties 101 & 103 Broadtown Hill with parish boundary.



Clyffe Pypard CP

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**CGR – Info Gathering – 06 Wootton Bassett**

**Clyffe Pypard PC email 16/10**

Thank you for contacting us on this matter. Clyffe Pypard does not have a clerk at the moment and all mail is being circulated to all councillors and being dealt with on a best efforts basis.

The governance review regarding Clyffe Pypard's boundary with Broad Town is a matter that I, and another councillor, have raised with electoral services in the past so I am glad that it is being examined. I am concerned that the addresses concerned have been the subject of an elector switching parishes from time to time, perhaps to have influence in a by-election. It has also been raised with me by a few parish residents. So it would be good to get the matter resolved.

We will not be having a parish council meeting in the near future so cannot formally appoint a representative to the review. When we do have a meeting (possibly December), we will seek a representative and let you know who is appointed.

Cllr Guy Rickett

**Email comments – Cllr Elizabet Threfall (30/10)**

comments on the proposal to move Hookers Green Farm into Broadtown parish from RWB

I spoke to the residents of the house the other day and they knew nothing about it and I am sure would like some information and will have a view - possibly that they would prefer to be part of Brinkworth, which I know they are involved with on a social level.

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Area 6 - Royal Wootton Bassett/Brinkworth/Broad Town/Clyffe Pypard

Comment	Status	Agree/Disagree	Amendments	Reasons
F1	Resident (Broad Town)	Disagree	NA	I disagree with the proposal because there is nothing wrong with the boundary where it is and there is no justification to waste time or money changing something that befits Clyffe Pypard
F2	Resident (Clyffe Pypard)	Disagree	NA	I disagree with the suggestion to move 103 into Broad Town and I feel the boundary should stay where it is because 103 is the epitome of Clyffe Pypard's deeply rural and peaceful identity. As the current co-owner I am heavily connected with Clyffe Pypard community interest groups and I would expect a future owner (attracted to this type of location) to gravitate to similar local interests. Due to limited space in the survey I will e-mail in a fuller explanation of my reasoning for the committee's consideration.
F3	Resident (Broad Town)	Disagree	NA	The land has historically been in Clyffe Pypard and should remain so. Moving the Parish Boundary will also require moving the Footpath route which tracks the Parish Boundary, or alternatively combine this with reinstating the route of the footpath to follow the true route shown on the 1844-1888 OS 25" 1st Edition map

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### Information Sheet 07

#### Area Name – Chippenham

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#### **Proposed Schemes**

**Ref: CHI01**

**Proposed by: Division Member**

Anomaly – Minor changes to a boundary

To review an area where a discrepancy has been identified, with some properties being in the wrong electoral division.

A review has been requested by the divisional member for Chippenham Pewsham division, to look at several properties in Ray Close, Chippenham, which currently sit in the Hardens and central division. The request is for a boundary change to incorporate the properties within the Pewsham division.

Reason for Request

To carry out a review of an area where a minor boundary or other anomalous arrangement has been identified.

#### **Background Information**

Parish Electorates - August 2023

Chippenham – 27,744 (total) Electorate (ward breakdown below)

- Lowden & Rowden ward - 2748
- Pewsham ward - 3813
- Hardenhuish & Central ward - 3876
- Cepen Park & Hunters Moon ward - 3893
- Sheldon ward - 4043
- Cepen Park & Derriads ward - 3028
- Monkton ward - 2287
- Hardens & Central ward - 4056

Projected Electorate for 2026 (including any known planned large development)

Chippenham – 30,126 Projected

- Lowden & Rowden - 4062
- Pewsham - 3946
- Hardenhuish & Central - 4012
- Cepen Park & Hunters Moon - 4029
- Sheldon - 4185
- Cepen Park & Derriads - 3134

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- Monkton - 2560
- Hardens & Central - 4198

### Council Tax by Parish, including Police and Fire Precepts

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Chippenham TC	199.09	232.28	265.46	298.64	365.00	431.37	497.73	597.28

### Maps

Houses in Ray Close, Chippenham, with current division boundary.



**CGR – Info Gathering – 07 Chippenham (Ray Close)**

**Email from Cllr Clare Cape explaining request (10/10)**

Hello all,

This was a request I put in some time ago with the agreement of Cllr Alstrom (Harden's and Central).

These properties towards the end of Ray Close off Wicks Drive) were "moved" to Harden's and Central at the last boundary change. My request is that the properties at the end of the cul-de-sac are "re-united" at the next opportunity with the rest of Ray Close, in Pewsham. Currently these properties are accessed from the rest of Hardens and Central via Pewsham division; I understand that there is a principle of all divisions being contiguous.

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Area 7 - Chippenham (internal) Area 7 - Chippenham (internal)

Comment	Status	Comment	Status	Agree/Disagree	Amendme	Reasons
G1	Town Councillor (Cape)	G1	Town Councillor (Cape)	Agree	NA	the affected properties back into the Pewsham division would

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### Information Sheet 08

#### Area Name – Trowbridge

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#### Proposed Schemes

##### Ref – Trow01

##### Proposed by Division Member

To review an area where a discrepancy has been identified, with some properties being in the wrong electoral division.

A review has been requested by the divisional member for Trowbridge Lambrok division, to look at several properties in Frampton Court, on the Studley Green Estate in Trowbridge, which currently sit in the Trowbridge Grove division.

The map provided below shows the properties in question as highlighted yellow, with a blue line to indicate the suggested new boundary. The buildings along the road to the left are garages and rear access to the properties in Whiterow Park, which are stated as correctly included within the boundary of Grove Ward.

##### Reason for Request

To carry out a review of an area where a minor boundary or other anomalous arrangement has been identified.

#### Background Information

##### Parish Electorates - August 2023

Trowbridge – 27,686 total Electorate (ward breakdown below)

- Adcroft ward - 4202
- Central ward - 4744
- Dynham ward - 3464
- Grove ward - 4045
- Lambrok ward - 4077
- Park ward - 2989
- Paxcroft ward - 4163

##### Projected Electorate for 2026 (including any known planned large development)

Trowbridge – 28,860 (total) Projected

- Adcroft ward - 4351
- Central ward - 4910
- Dynham ward - 3738
- Grove ward - 4187

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- Lambrok ward - 4220
- Park ward - 3146
- Paxcroft ward – 4309

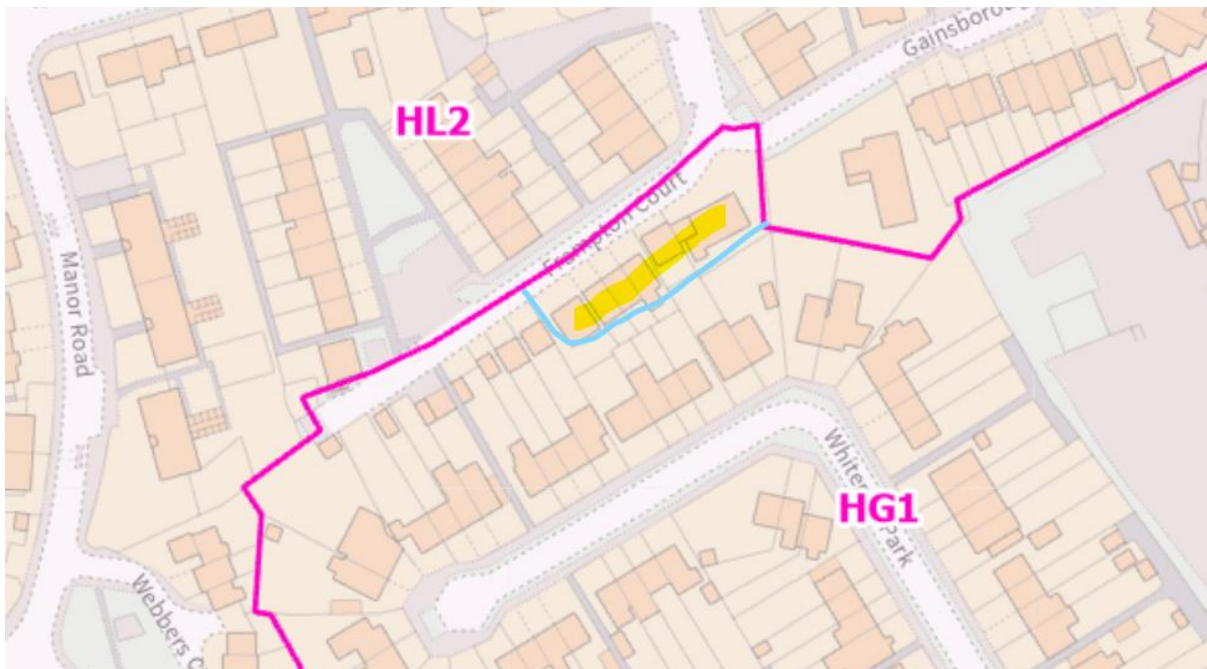
### Council Tax by Parish, including Police and Fire Precepts

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Council Tax Schedule 2023/24 (annually)	Band A (£)	Band B (£)	Band C (£)	Band D (£)	Band E (£)	Band F (£)	Band G (£)	Band H (£)
Trowbridge TC	146.87	171.35	195.83	220.31	269.27	318.23	367.18	440.62

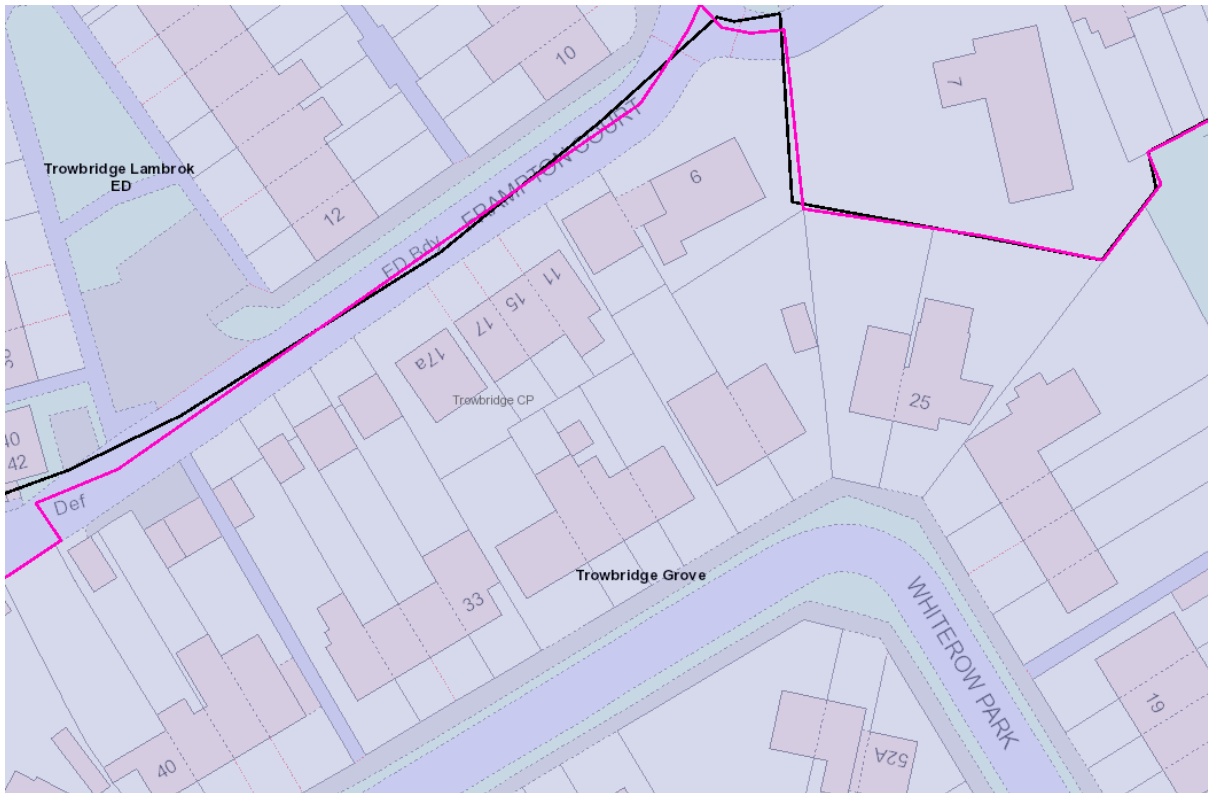
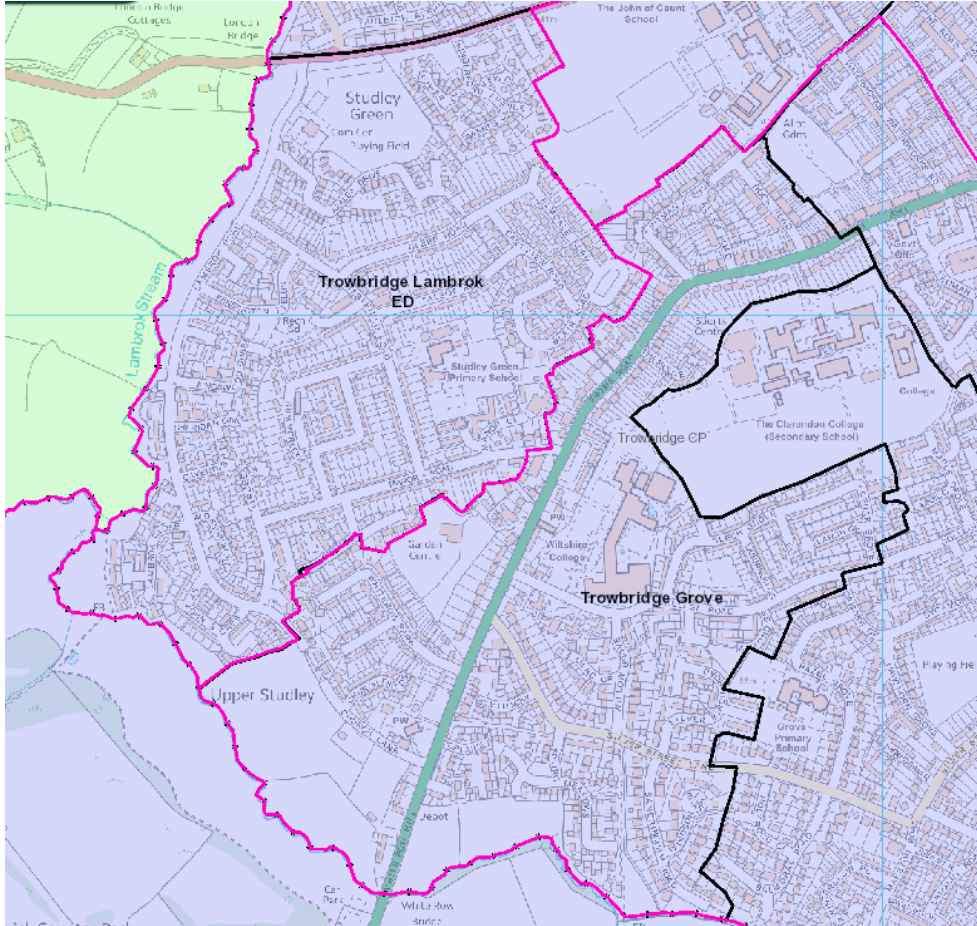
### Maps

Map provided by Ward Member to indicate the properties for review as highlighted in yellow.



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**Email from Cllr David Vigar(13/10)**

I represent Trowbridge Grove Division and am in favour of moving 9-17 Frampton Court into Trowbridge Lambrok. My reasons are:

- The rest of Frampton Court is in Lambrok.
- The access road from these properties runs into Manor Road, one of the main roads in Lambrok.
- The properties face into and form part of the Studley Green neighbourhood which is otherwise within Lambrok.

The properties appear to currently sit in Grove division because the boundary has been drawn along the southern section of the carriageway of Frampton Court ie along the front of these properties. The boundary could be redrawn to the south of these properties – ie behind their gardens – thus placing them in Lambrok. I see other stretches of the boundary do go ‘off-road’.

The attached file contains maps and photos to illustrate the situation.

Cllr Trigg and I believe the positioning of the properties in Grove may originate from the fact that they sit on land that was previously party of properties in Whiterow Park, which is in Grove. But we feel they more naturally belong in Lambrok.

I haven’t spoken to the residents yet and will update you if they have different views.

## Community Governance Review

Proposal to move 9-17 Frampton Court  
from Trowbridge Grove to Trowbridge Lambrok



Small scale map shows Frampton Court's orientation towards Manor Road in Lambrok division



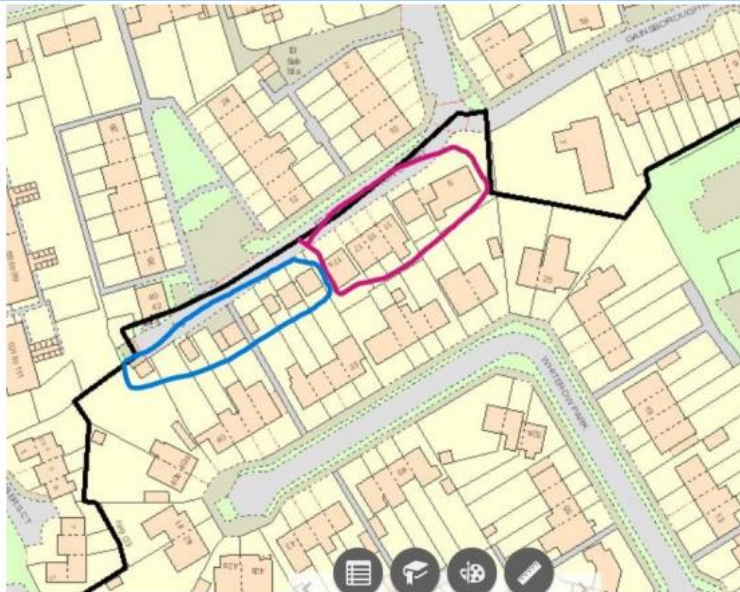
Area outlined in red indicates 9-17 Frampton Court – currently in Trowbridge Grove division.

Area outlined in blue indicates outbuildings at back of properties in Whiterow Park, also in Grove.

Black line indicates polling district boundary between Trowbridge Grove and Trowbridge Lambrok.

Frampton Court faces towards Lambrok and forms part of the development accessed from Manor Road.

Larger scale map shows 9-17 Frampton Court facing towards Lambrok to east of back gardens of Whiterow Park



Larger scale map shows the properties in question more clearly – 9-17 Frampton Court – currently in Trowbridge Grove division.

These properties are built on land originally part of the gardens of properties in Whiterow Park.

Area outlined in blue indicates outbuildings at back of other properties in Whiterow Park.

Black line indicates polling district boundary between Trowbridge Grove and Trowbridge Lambrok.

Suggested boundary change to allocate 9-17 Frampton Court properties to Trowbridge Lambrok



Green line shows suggested revised border.

Course of black line showing border to the west demonstrates that the border can be drawn across the backs of properties as well as along roads.



9 Frampton Court



11-17 Frampton Court



Area beyond 17 Frampton Court showing rear of properties in Whiterow Park

**Email from Cllr Jo Trigg – 13/10**

Dear Lisa and Team

Cllr David Vigar and I are in complete agreement with regards to this matter. The information he provides makes very clear where the issue is between Grove and Lambrok wards.

**Email from Trowbridge TC (8/11)**

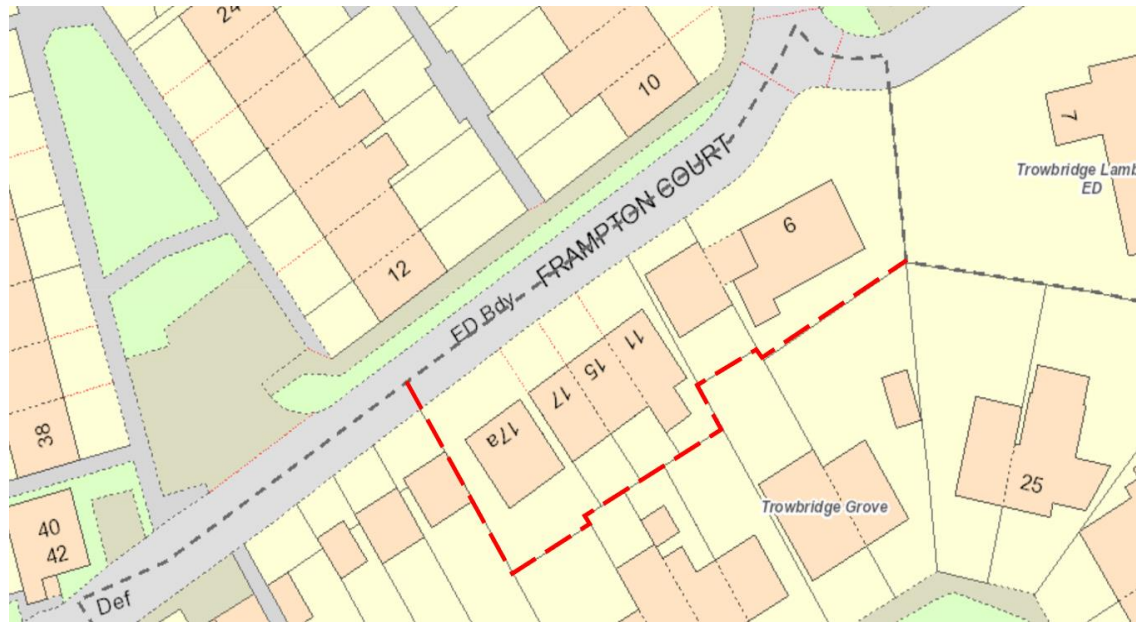
At the Policy & Resources Committee on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November the committee considered the following and approved the recommendations.

**B. GROVE AND LAMBROK.**

Wiltshire Council has agreed to undertake a Community Governance (Boundary) Review of the precise boundary between Trowbridge Grove ward/electoral division and Trowbridge Lambrok ward/electoral division. This involves a small group of houses accessed from Frampton Court. This



has been discussed with and shared with members of the Community Governance Review Committee at Wiltshire Council.



**RECOMMENDATION:** That the town council supports the transfer of properties accessed from Frampton Court all being transferred (from Grove ED) to Trowbridge Lambok Electoral Division and that the town council requests that any changes to the electoral division boundary are reflected fully in the town council ward boundaries.



### Information Sheet 09

#### Area Name – Melksham Without / Seend

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[Community Governance Review Terms of Reference and LGBCE Guidance](#)

#### Proposed Schemes

Ref – MEL01

#### Proposed by Division Member

To review an area where a discrepancy has been identified, with a property being in the wrong electoral division.

A review has been requested by the divisional member for Bowerhill, to look at a Farm property with associated Farm buildings along the A365 between Bowerhill and Redstocks.

The map below shows New House Farm which is currently in the parish of Seend, Devizes Rural West Division. It is requested that the boundary be changed so that New House Farm is within Bowerhill Ward, in the parish of Melksham Without, Bowerhill Division.

#### Reason for Request

To carry out a review of an area where a minor boundary or other anomalous arrangement has been identified.

#### Background Information

##### Parish Electorates - August 2023

Seend – 880 electorate

Melksham Without:

- Beanacre Shaw Whitley & Blackmore – 1,547 projected
- Berryfield - 924 projected
- Bowerhill - 3480 projected

##### Projected Electorate for 2026 (including any known planned large development)

Seend – 922 projected

Melksham Without:

- Beanacre Shaw Whitley & Blackmore - 1601 projected.
- Berryfield - 956 projected
- Bowerhill - 3626 projected

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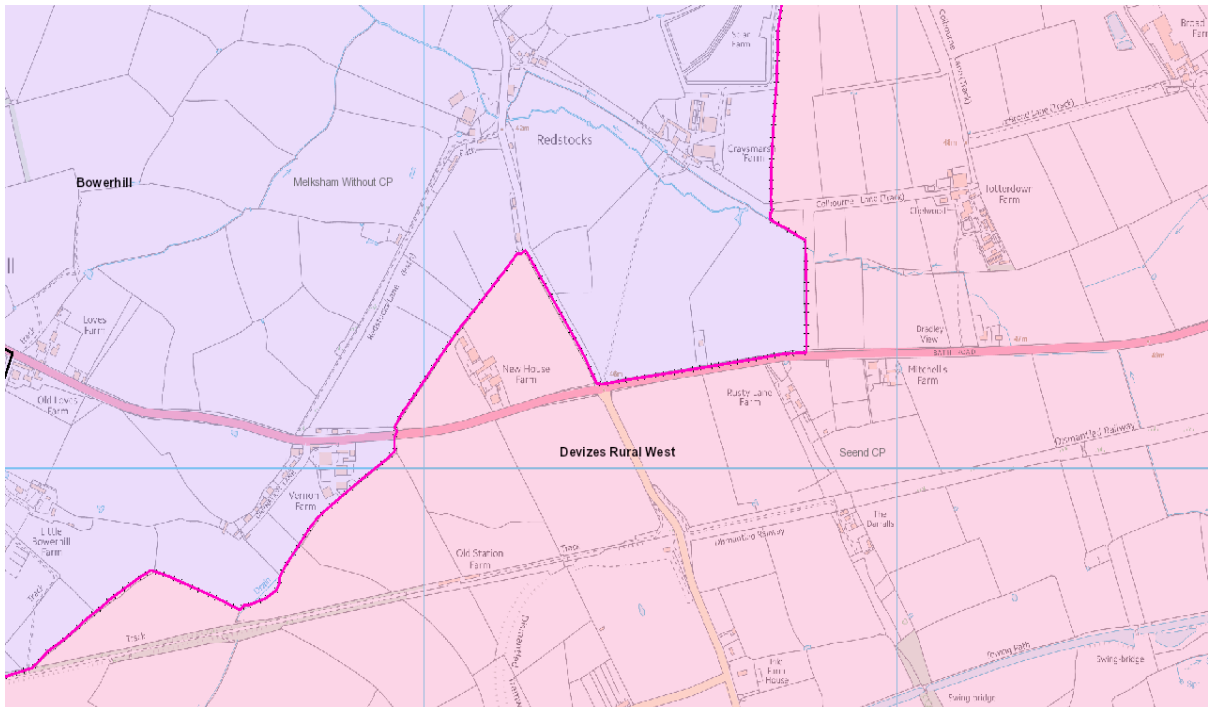
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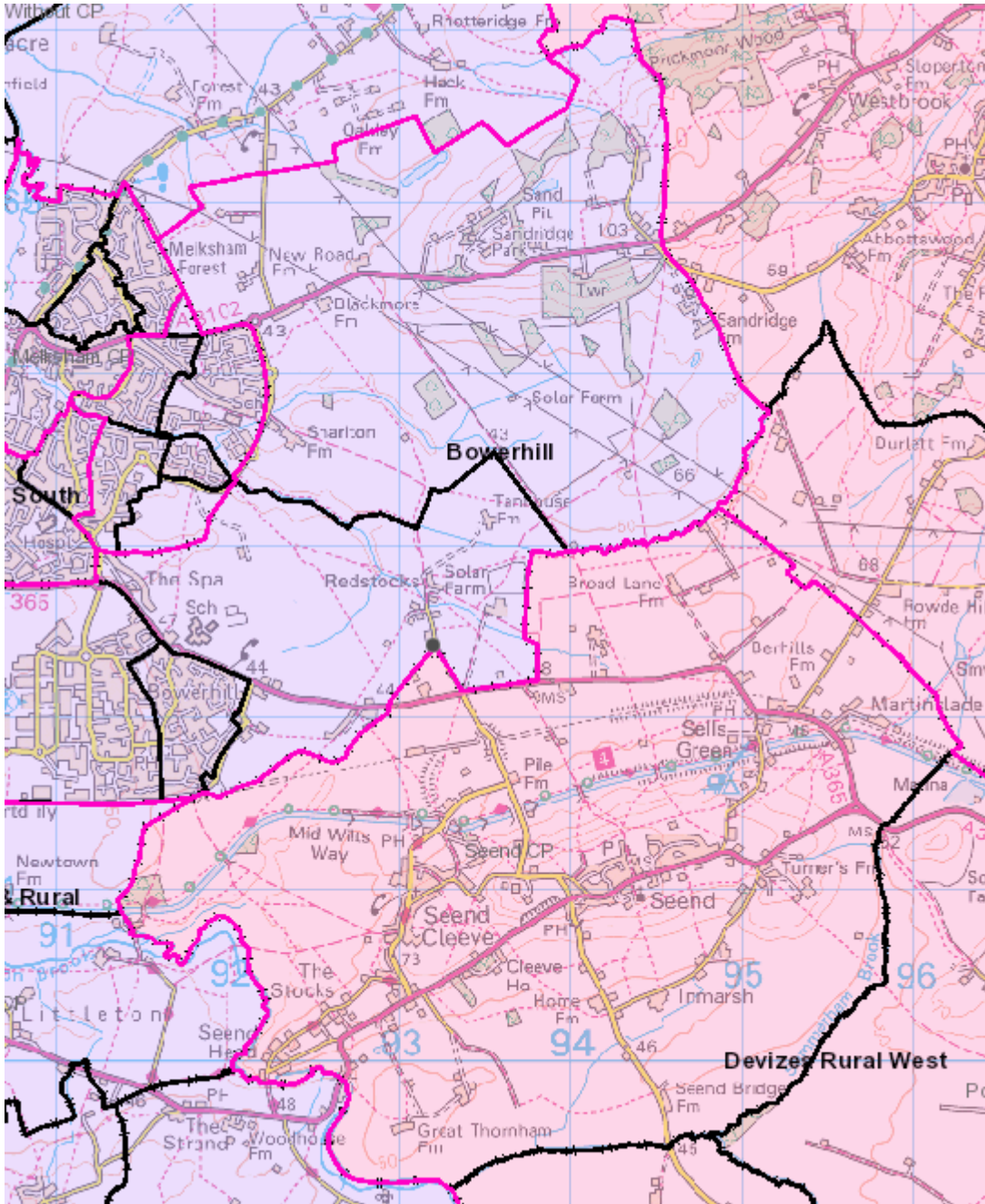
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Council Tax Schedule 2023/24 (annually)	Band A (£)	Band B (£)	Band C (£)	Band D (£)	Band E (£)	Band F (£)	Band G (£)	Band H (£)
Seend PC	£26.85	£31.32	£35.80	£40.27	£49.22	£58.17	£67.12	£80.54
Melksham Without PC	£56.47	£65.89	£75.30	£84.71	£103.53	£122.36	£141.18	£169.42

### Maps

Map showing New House Farm





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**CGR – Info Gathering for 09 – Bowerhill/Seend**

**Email from Seend PC (04/12)**

Whilst Members understand the logic of the request, did note whilst the farmhouse would be moved to the parish, if the CGR were approved, the land associated with the farm would remain in Seend Parish and therefore, did not support the request.  
They also did not wish to revisit previous CGR requests regarding Giles Wood and BRAG picnic area being moved into the Parish.

**Emailed comments from Cllr Tamara Hill (31/10)**

Thanks – I will take advice from Seend Parish Council which meets this evening. I also note that there will be a significant precept increase for the residents.

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Area 9 - Seend/Melksham Without

*Note: Pre 2021 Melksham Without PC had requested another area, around Giles Wood, be transferred to their parish from Seend, which was not approved.*

Comment No.	Status	Agree/Disa	Amendme	Reasons
11	Representative (Melksham Without)	NA	As per the previous suggestio n at the last 2 x CGRs	

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Hi Kieran

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you on this.

Whilst Members understand the logic of the request, did note whilst the farmhouse would be moved to the parish, if the CGR were approved, the land associated with the farm would remain in Seend Parish and therefore, did not support the request.

They also did not wish to revisit previous CGR requests regarding Giles Wood and BRAG picnic area being moved into the Parish.

If a representative from this Council is required to attend meetings, it has been agreed Teresa Strange as Clerk will be the Council's representative.

Regards

Lorraine McRandle  
Parish Officer  
Melksham Without Parish Council

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### Information Sheet 10

#### Area Name – Calne

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[Community Governance Review Terms of Reference and LGBCE Guidance](#)

#### **Proposed Schemes**

##### **Ref – CAL01**

##### Boundary changes

As part of the 2021/2022 Review involving Calne, the Electoral Review Committee recommended, and it was agreed, to change the boundary of Calne Town to include an area of land off Low Lane, in Calne Without, which was currently being developed. It was felt at that time to have been of a significant scale and urban in character and interests and had no community connection or governance reason to align with the more rural parish of Calne Without.

It has been highlighted that the new boundary line around Low Lane, may not have incorporated the new housing development site completely.

##### Reason for Request

A limited review to look at the precise boundary around Low Lane, to see if it is possible to adjust to improve local governance and community cohesion for the communities concerned.

#### **Background Information**

##### Parish Electorates - August 2023

Calne – 14,356 (total) Electorate (ward breakdown below)

- Chilvester & Abberd ward - 3976
- Calne North ward - 3814
- Calne Central ward - 3846
- Calne South ward - 2723

##### Projected Electorate for 2026 (including any known planned large development)

Calne – 14,921 Projected

- Chilvester & Abberd ward – 4112 Projected
- Calne North ward – 3947 Projected
- Calne Central ward – 4019 Projected
- Calne South ward – 2843 Projected

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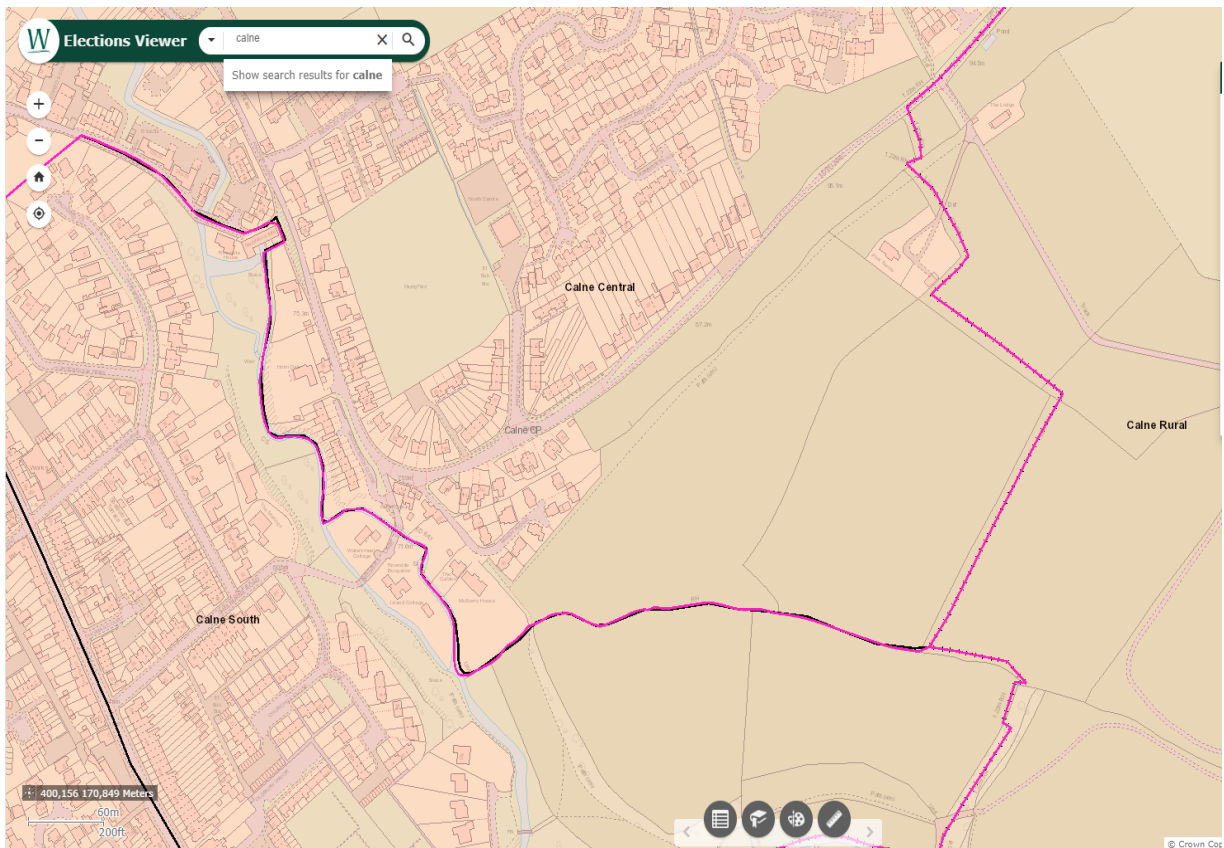
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## Council Tax by Parish, including Police and Fire Precepts

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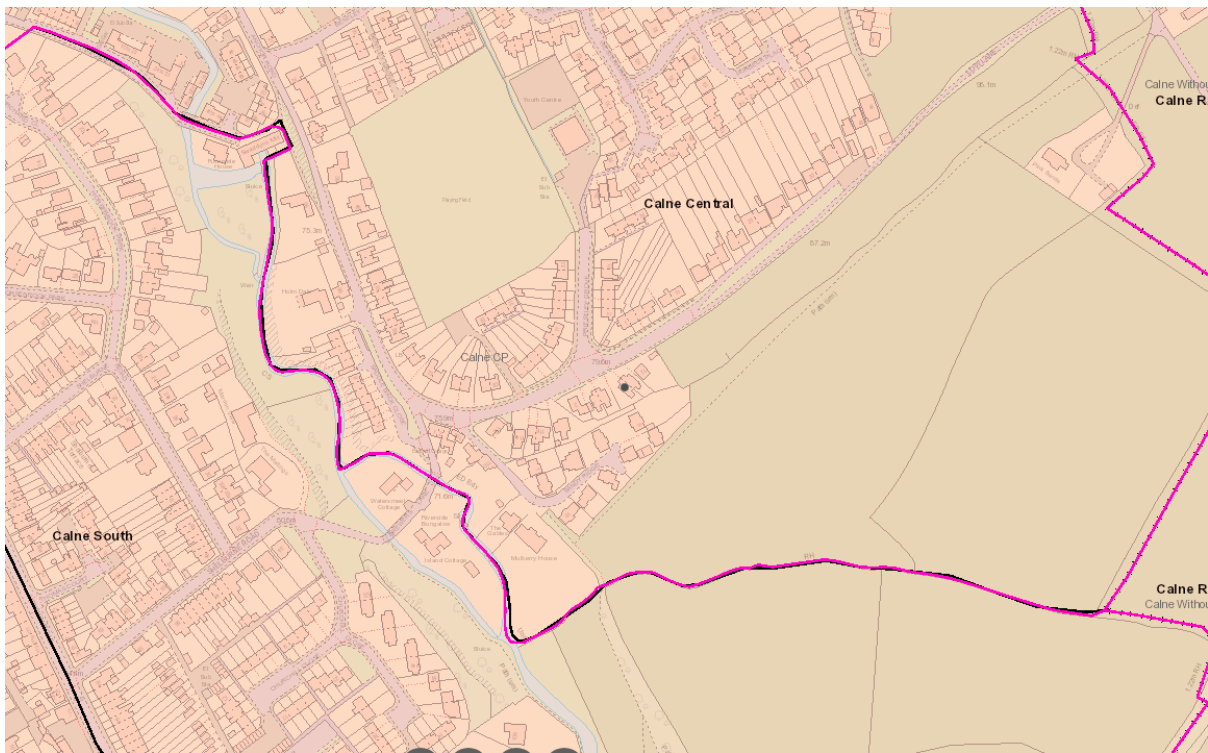
Council Tax Schedule 2023/24 (annually)	Band A (£)	Band B (£)	Band C (£)	Band D (£)	Band E (£)	Band F (£)	Band G (£)	Band H (£)
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## Maps



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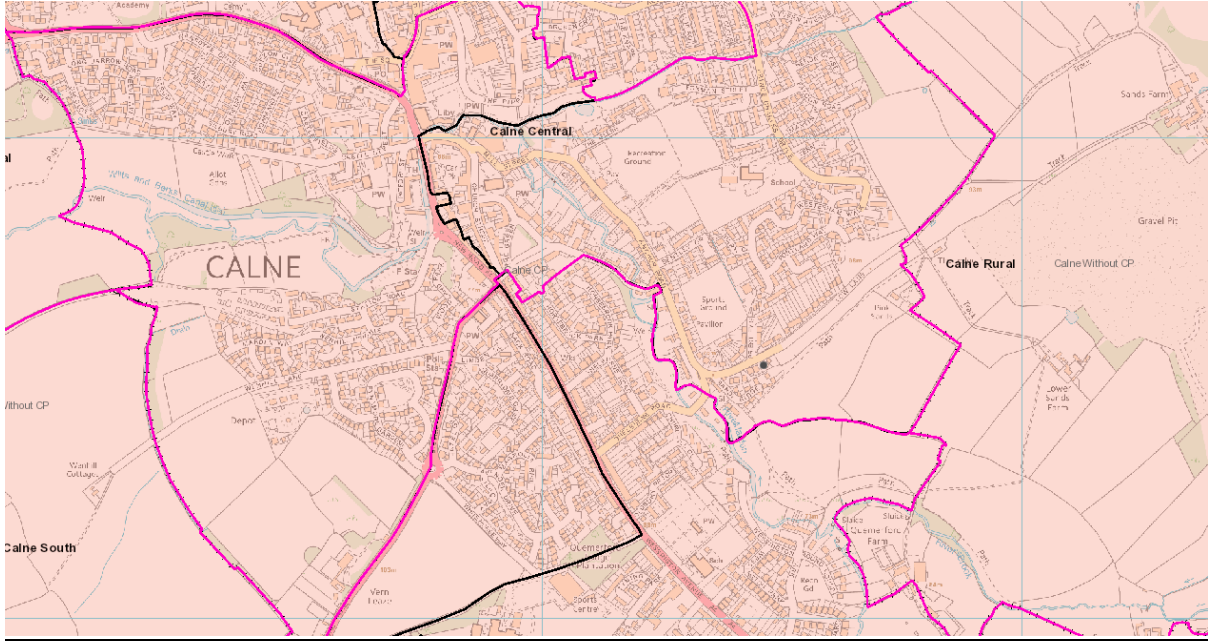
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Area in red includes new development, path, and access road to another property within Calne Town



**CGR – Info Gathering for 10 – Calne**

**Email from Calne Without (10/10)**

Many thanks,

I will liaise with my Chair and discuss the right approach for this. On initial reading of the request though our involvement seems almost academic as we have already resolved to allow the land in question to move to Calne TC and Cherhill PC, I'm presuming therefore that Cherhill PC has been consulted as part of this review as it is regarding land they are expecting to gain in the boundary changes in 2025?

**Email from Cherhill PC (12/10)**

Thank you for this information. This matter obviously is of concern to Cherhill PC and we will be meeting again as a Council on 26<sup>th</sup> October. Shortly after that date I shall return to you to confirm the name of our representative for the purposes of liaison with Wiltshire Council. I hope that is acceptable but no doubt you would advise me otherwise.

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Area 10 - Calne/Calne Without

Comment	Status	Agree/Disagree	Amendment	Reasons
J1	Representative (Calne Without)	Agree	NA	Calne Without Parish Council acknowledge that the proposed boundary change makes the most administrative sense for the proposed development to all be in the same council area.

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## Wiltshire Council

### Electoral Review Committee

9 January 2024

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#### Parish Name Change Review

##### Purpose

1. To consider proposals to change the name of the parish of Luckington.

##### Background

2. Changing the name of a parish or parish council can be done through a Community Governance Review process in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
3. However, such a change may also be progressed under s.75 of the Local Government Act 1972.
4. As the latter would be a simpler process in terms of structure, consultation and decision, the Committee at its meeting on 21 September 2021 resolved that where a request was received solely regarding a parish name change, the s.75 process would be followed.
5. This report relates to requests from the parish of Luckington, which is located west of Malmesbury, within the Electoral Division of Sherston.
6. S.75 allows the Council to change the name of a parish at the request of a parish council (or parish meeting if there is no council). This means that the Council may only approve or not approve that suggested name, and cannot substitute some other proposal. For instance, should a new suggestion arise as a result of a survey, unless the parish council had indicated formal consent for that alternative proposal.

##### Main Considerations

7. Luckington Parish Council requested that the name of the parish be changed to Luckington and Alderton. It already informally refers to itself as Luckington and Alderton Parish Council, and had thought this to be the formal name of the parish. The reason for the request was:

*To more accurately reflect the communities served by the Parish Council, which has historically represented the two neighbouring villages*

8. In order to change the name of a parish, a decision would be required by Full Council, who would then notify the Secretary of State, Director General of the Ordnance Survey, and the Registrar General, along with a parish name change order.
9. There are no specific consultation requirements where a change of parish name is being considered under s.75, only proscribed notifications after the event as detailed above.
10. However, an online survey had been set up to seek any local views, with a request this be circulated in the community by the parish council. The council's webpage on reviews was updated to include the name change survey on 14 December 2023.

11. At the time of publication, no responses had been received to the survey. This will be updated further at the meeting on 9 January 2024.
12. It should be noted that the Committee has recommended, and Council approved, name changes in the past where no additional public responses were received beyond the request of the parish council, where the request was considered to be reasonable.

### **Safeguarding Implications**

13. There are no safeguarding implications.

### **Public Health Implications**

14. There are no public health implications.

### **Procurement Implications**

15. There are no procurement implications.

### **Risk Assessment**

16. There are no risk issues arising from this report.

### **Equalities Implications**

17. There are no equalities implications.

### **Environmental and Climate Change Implications**

18. There are no environmental implications.

### **Workforce Implications**

19. There are no workforce implications.

### **Financial Implications**

20. There are no financial implications.

### **Legal Implications**

21. This report is consistent with the requirements of s.75 of the Local Government Act 1972.

### **Options**

22. The Committee may recommend that Full Council approve the proposed name changes for the parishes as listed, decline to make any recommendation to Full Council at this time, or seek consent of the parish council to recommend an alternative name to Full Council if appropriate.

### **Proposal**

23. To consider whether to recommend Full Council approve the following name changes:
- 1) The Parish of Luckington be changed to the Parish of Luckington and Alderton.

### **Perry Holmes - Director, Legal and Governance**

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**Appendices**

None

**Background Papers**

None

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