



# Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

Incorporating Hampton Park & Old Sarum

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Dear Mr Watling

## Community Governance Review

As you know, Laverstock & Ford have a longstanding request lodged with Wiltshire Council to review our Wiltshire Councillor and Parish Councillor seat representation.

As we have not received any news regarding the process I want to confirm some points with you.

1. Our request included a wish to be exclusively represented by two WC seats, largely due to the increase in houses within the parish. Please can I have your assurance that the review will look at the WC Division boundaries.
2. We understand that a neighbouring parish (Salisbury City) has proposed to absorb the entire Laverstock & Ford Parish. We have had a large response from parishioners totally opposed to this proposal by Salisbury City. Therefore, in the event that the final decision is in favour of this, please can you advise us on the procedure for a parish to go to judicial review and can you supply a list of law firms/barristers who specialise in the field and a recommendation for the best ones to use would be welcome.
3. Finally, again should the decision be in favour of Salisbury City parish council taking on the Laverstock & Ford Parish it would result in our parishioners having an increase of 844% (Band D) in their precept. We understand that according to law if an organisation wishes to increase the precept by more than 2% a referendum should be invoked. Can I have your assurance that this will be the case within our parish?

I look forward to your response in the hope we gain some clarification on our three points.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Burnell  
Chairman, Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

Copy to: Ian Gibbons, Associate Director Legal & Governance, Wiltshire Council