

Public Consultation on the Community Governance Reviews for Salisbury & Laverstock 9 May 2016 Notes

6pm	WC In attendance: Cllr Stuart Wheeler (Chairman), Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Ricky Rogers. Ian Gibbons, John Watling, Jessica Croman
1	The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting and explained the purpose and procedures of the meeting.
2	Andrew Roberts, Leader of Salisbury City Council, gave a presentation in support of the Salisbury/ Laverstock & Ford full merger.
3	Laverstock & Ford gave a presentation providing arguments against the full merger and in support of scheme 3
4	<p>Comments from the public against the full merger included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents of Laverstock & Ford chose to live there due to its rural setting; • Salisbury is viewed as 'another place' just as Amesbury or even London; • Residents pay for Salisbury's facilities when they use them so they do contribute towards them; • Laverstock & Ford have and run many social clubs, groups and classes which are well attended by residents; • If Laverstock & Ford are absorbed by the city then they will be less well represented; • The Parish Council does a very good job and represents the community well; • Laverstock & Ford residents use facilities in other areas such as Amesbury, facilities will always be shared and should not be a reason for one area to takeover another; • A recent survey completed by Laverstock & Ford showed overwhelmingly that Laverstock & Ford residents do not want to be part of Salisbury. • There was a lack of understanding of local needs. • Residents bought their houses in the parishes decades ago purposely because they were not in the city. • We live in a democracy where the process should be to listen to the people who are affected by the proposal. We do not want to merge. • We would lose much more than we would gain.
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	<p>Comments from the public in support of the merger included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developments in Laverstock & Ford are clear urban extensions of Salisbury CC; • Laverstock & Ford residents frequently use Salisbury CC facilities and look to Salisbury socially and economically; • If Laverstock & Ford join Salisbury their community cohesion would not be lost but enhanced; • Salisbury's housing allocation is based in Laverstock and those residents will look to Salisbury to support them; • Wiltshire Council is supporting parish council less and less, Salisbury can support and provide more resources for Laverstock & Ford.
5	<p>Comments from the public in support of scheme 2 included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be more support from Salisbury CC than current from Laverstock & Ford.
6	<p>Comments from the public in support of scheme 3 included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bishopdown/ Hampton park development was supposed to be in one area but Salisbury took part of it, the whole area should be kept together in Laverstock & Ford.
8	<p>Roundup and Close.</p> <p>The Chairman noted that all three schemes would be on the agenda when it reached Full Council.</p> <p>All of the proposals across Wiltshire had been submitted for consideration and were not the creation of WC. The process was being conducted in a fair way as possible, with the working group trying to listen to all residents involved.</p> <p>The comments submitted on the online survey would be presented to the working group for consideration along with all comments received at the public consultation events.</p> <p>The working group would make its recommendation to Full Council In July for final decision.</p> <p>The second public consultation meeting would be held in Laverstock on the 18th May, 6pm at the Wyvern College.</p> <p>Close: 7.30pm</p>