

Wiltshire Council

Council

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Community Governance Review

1. Purpose of Report

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

2. Background

- 2.1. A Community Governance Review is a review of the whole or part of the Council's area to consider one of more of the following:
 - Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes
 - The naming of parishes and styles of new parishes
 - The electoral arrangements of parishes (including the number of councillors to be elected to the council and parish warding)
 - Grouping or de-grouping parishes
- 2.2. The Council appointed a Working Group to carry out this Review and to make recommendations to the Council. The Working Group comprises a representative from each group of the Council (with a substitute permitted to attend). Individual members of the Working Group have been mindful of their position as local members in some cases, and have received advice and guidance in that respect from the Council's Monitoring Officer. In particular, it should be noted that following the consultation members of the Working Group withdrew from discussions on the formulation of recommendations affecting their respective divisional area.
- 2.3. The Council at its meeting on 24 November 2015 approved a number of CGR schemes. The report and minutes of the meeting can be found at [this link](#).
- 2.4. For some of those schemes there will be a need for amendments to be made to the warding arrangements of those Councils and these are the subject of further report on the Council agenda.
- 2.5. This report deals with those CGR Schemes upon which the Council decided required further consultation and the decisions of the Council in relation to each of these Schemes is set out within the appropriate section of this report.
- 2.6. Each scheme has therefore been given a number consistent with previous considerations to enable progress to be tracked on each scheme. These are

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

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

3. Main Considerations for the Council

- 3.1. The Review has to ensure that the community governance arrangements within the areas under review reflect the identities and interests of the communities concerned and provide effective and convenient governance for local people. Further guidance can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-governance-reviews-guidance>
- 3.2. In carrying out the review, and in formulating its recommendations, the Working Group has had regard both to its legal obligations under Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and to the statutory guidance issued jointly by the DCLG and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. In reaching a decision on these recommendations, the Council must have regard to the same criteria, which are therefore summarised below, and which are linked to all of its recommendations.
- 3.3. Section 93 of the 2007 Act requires the Council, when undertaking a review, to ensure that community governance within the area under review will:-
 - be reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area, and
 - facilitate effective and convenient local government.

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

Identities and Interests of Local Communities

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

Efficient and Convenient Local Government

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

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

The impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion

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

Size, Population and Boundaries

- Size, population and boundaries are relevant considerations in deciding whether community governance arrangements are effective and convenient. Authorities should be based on natural communities reflecting people's expressed choices. A parish should be based on an area which reflects community identity and is of a size which is viable as an administrative unit of local government. Boundaries should reflect 'no man's land' between communities and be (and be likely to remain) easily identifiable, such as rivers, roads or railways.
- 3.6. The Guidance recognises that over time communities may expand with new housing development and that this can lead to parish boundaries becoming anomalous as new houses are built across boundaries resulting in people being in different parishes to their neighbours. The Guidance states that in many cases changes to the boundaries of existing parishes, rather than creating an entirely parish, will be sufficient to ensure that community governance arrangements continue to reflect local identities and facilitate effective and convenient local government.
- 3.7. In addition to offering the opportunity to put in place strong clearly defined boundaries tied to firm ground features and to remove any anomalous parish boundaries, community governance reviews also offer the opportunity to consider the future of any redundant or moribund parishes where there are an insufficient number of local electors within the area willing to serve on a parish council. This may be demonstrated in continuing vacancies on the parish council or where there has been an absence of elections over a period of time due to the lack of people wishing to stand for election.
- 3.8. When considering the proposals for changes to the structure or area of parish councils, the Working Group has been mindful of proposed developments that are likely to take place in those areas. The Guidance provides that, when considering the electoral arrangements for an area, the Council must also consider any changes to the number or distribution of electors that is likely to occur within the next five years. Therefore, where planned development is known, this had been taken into account. (See Para 6 below).
- 3.9. Where, as a result of an alteration to parish boundaries, a property moves from one parish to another, this may well have an impact on the overall level of Council Tax payable by the occupants of that property, as the amount of precept levied by different parish councils will vary. However, as can be seen from the guidance summarised above, this is not a relevant factor when considering whether it is appropriate to change the community governance arrangements in a particular area.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. In carrying out the reviews the Council must consult and have regard to the views of local people.
- 4.2. The Council agreed the terms of reference for the Working Group that required it to identify relevant consultees and determine the most appropriate and effective methods of communication. The terms of reference also provided that any representations received as result of the consultation process would be considered by the Working Group and be taken into account in the formulation of recommendations to the Council.
- 4.3. Further the Council decided on 24 November that any properties which might be moved from one civil parish to another is written to individually alerting them to the consultation and advising how they can make their representations to the working group.
- 4.4. Schemes were consulted upon, by a number of methods including
 - 4.4.1. By individual letters to the resident.
 - 4.4.2. An online survey was provided and widely publicised to enable all interested parties, not just residents, to respond.
 - 4.4.3. By arranging public meetings to discuss the proposals and meetings with parish and town councils.
- 4.5. The following actions were taken in publicising the consultation:
 - Press release 26 April;
 - Promoted extensively on social media – Twitter and Facebook;
 - Elected Wire and Electric Wire;
 - Parish Newsletter;
 - Published on the WC News Portal – this allows it to also sit on the front page of the WC website.
- 4.6. Feedback was received from a number of sources including:
 - Website, including the consultation portal;
 - Consultation meetings;
 - Hard copy surveys from meetings;
 - Hard copy surveys for letters to individual households in some areas;
 - e-mails;
 - Hard copy letters.

5. Outcome of Consultation

- 5.1. The outcome of consultation for each of the Schemes is as follows.
- 5.2. A summary of public responses to both the online survey and hard copies of the survey for each Scheme is attached at **Appendix 2**. The survey also provided an open question so that respondents could add their views in relation to the proposals in addition to responding to specific questions. These responses are also set out at Appendix 2.
- 5.3. The detailed submissions from the relevant parish and town Councils for each of the schemes are attached as appendices as follows:-
- A. Schemes 18 to 29 and 103 – Trowbridge Town Council – **Appendix 3**
- Schemes 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25 and 103 – Hilperton Parish Council – **Appendix 4**
- B. Schemes 100, 2 and 3 – Laverstock and Ford Parish Council – **Appendix 5**
- Salisbury City Council – **Appendix 6**
- 5.4 The notes of public consultation meetings on various schemes and meetings with representatives of parish and town councils are set out in **Appendix 7**.

6. Wiltshire Core Strategy Implications

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

7. Timing of Future Reviews

7.1. Future Boundary Reviews

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

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

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

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

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

7.2. Unitary Review

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

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

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

7.3. Parliamentary Review

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

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

7.4. Elections

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

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

7.5. Precepts

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

8. Working Group Recommendations and Reasoning

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

B. CORSHAM AND BOX - SCHEME 102

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

- 1. That the proposal for the area of land at Rudloe in the parish of Box, shown edged green on Map Scheme 40 and 41 - Area A8 - Corsham and Box Area Map 2 to become part of the parish of Corsham, be not supported;**
- 2. That the area of land in the parish of Corsham shown hatched and edged in green on Scheme 40 and 41 - Area A8 - Corsham and Box Area Map 3 being land at Rudloe, becomes part of the parish of Box;**
- 3. That the working group is asked to consider the proposal that the area of land in the parish of Box to the south-east of the B3109 Bradford Road shown hatched on Map Scheme 40-41 Area 8 Corsham and Box Map 2 should become part of Corsham Parish and report back to council; and**
- 4. That the working group is asked to consider that in addition the use of the B3109 Bradford Road as the eastern boundary for the parish of Box puts in place a clear boundary tied to firm ground detail and removes an anomalous and outdated parish boundary and report back to council.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

8.25 Council will be updated at the meeting.

C. TROWBRIDGE AREA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

D. SCHEME 21 – SHORE PLACE, TROWBRIDGE

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

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

E. SCHEME 24 – LADY DOWN FARM, TROWBRIDGE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8.37 The Parish Council pointed out the area in question contained several community facilities such as the main shopping area for houses in the parish, a public house, the Paxcroft Mead Community Centre and one of the two primary schools in the parish and the most recently constructed affordable housing development. It therefore supported Scheme 18 and opposed Scheme 22.

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

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

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

G. SCHEME 23 – HULBERT CLOSE, TROWBRIDGE

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

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

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

H. SCHEME 25 - HILPERTON GAP SOUTH, TROWBRIDGE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. Next steps

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

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

10. Safeguarding Implications

There are no safeguarding impacts arising from this report.

11. Equalities Impact of the Proposal

There are no equalities impacts arising from this report.

12. Risk Assessment

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

13. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

14. Legal Implications

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

15. Public Health Impact of the Proposals

There are no public health impacts arising from this report.

16. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

There are no environmental impacts arising from this report.

17. Recommendations

- 17.1. That Council approves the Working Group recommendations set out in Paragraph 8 to this report.**
- 17.2 That, where changes to parishes boundaries are approved, the Working Group gives consideration to any consequential changes that need to be made to the electoral arrangements for those parish councils, including any changes to warding and brings these back to Council for final approval.**

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4 July 2016.

Background Papers

Letters and documents appended from councils, other organisations and individuals

Appendices

Frequently Asked Questions

Appendix 1 – Mapping for individual schemes

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Appendix 5 – Laverstock and Ford Parish Council submission

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a Community Governance Review (CGR)?

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

A CGR must:

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

Consequently, a CGR must take into account::

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

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

Why is the Council doing this now?

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

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

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

How many councillors can a Parish Council have?

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

Will my post code change?

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

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

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

Will this affect my council tax bill?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

nearby?

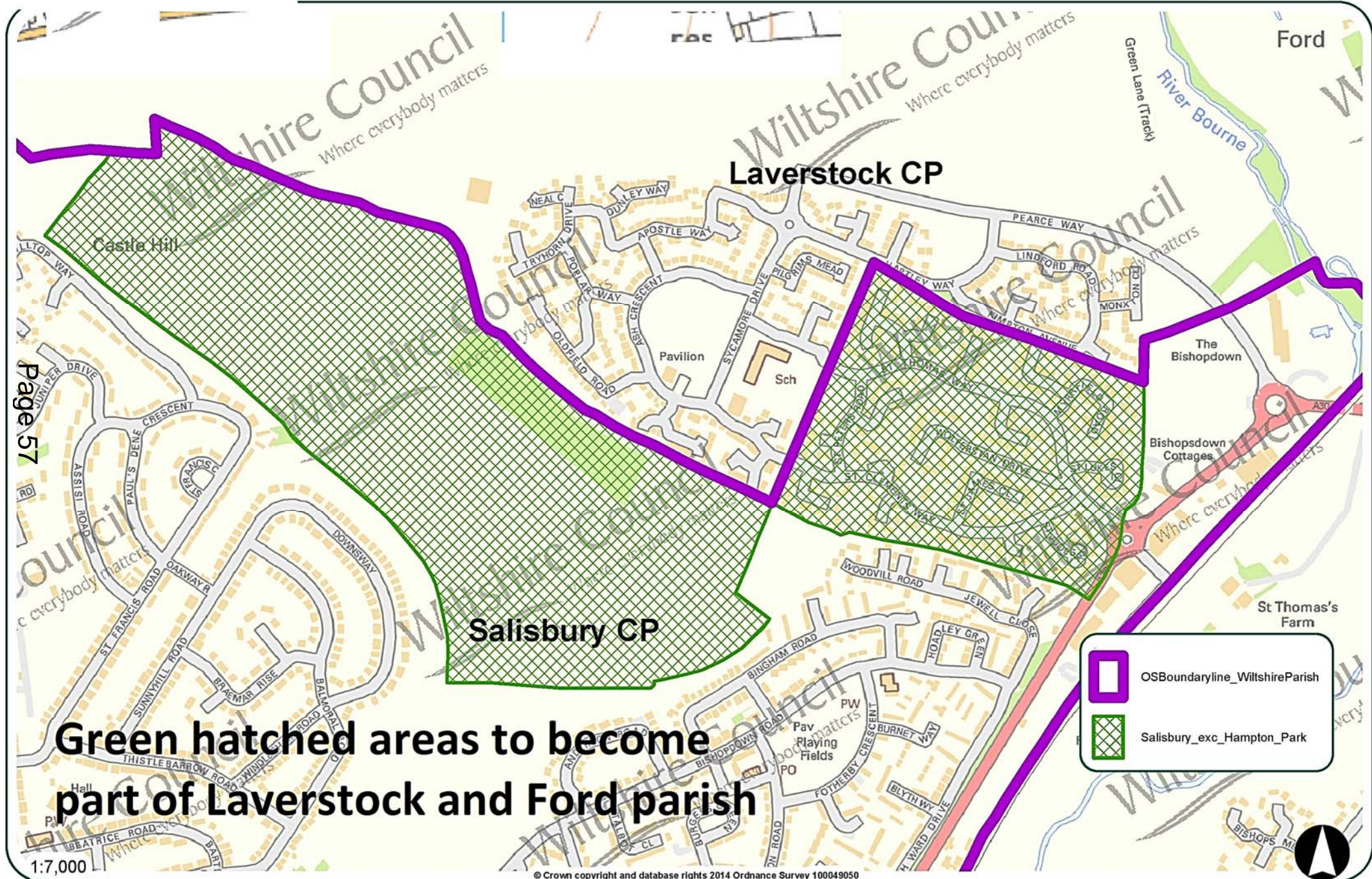
- Are there any Community groups or associations in the area which help to indicate where communities begin and end?

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

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

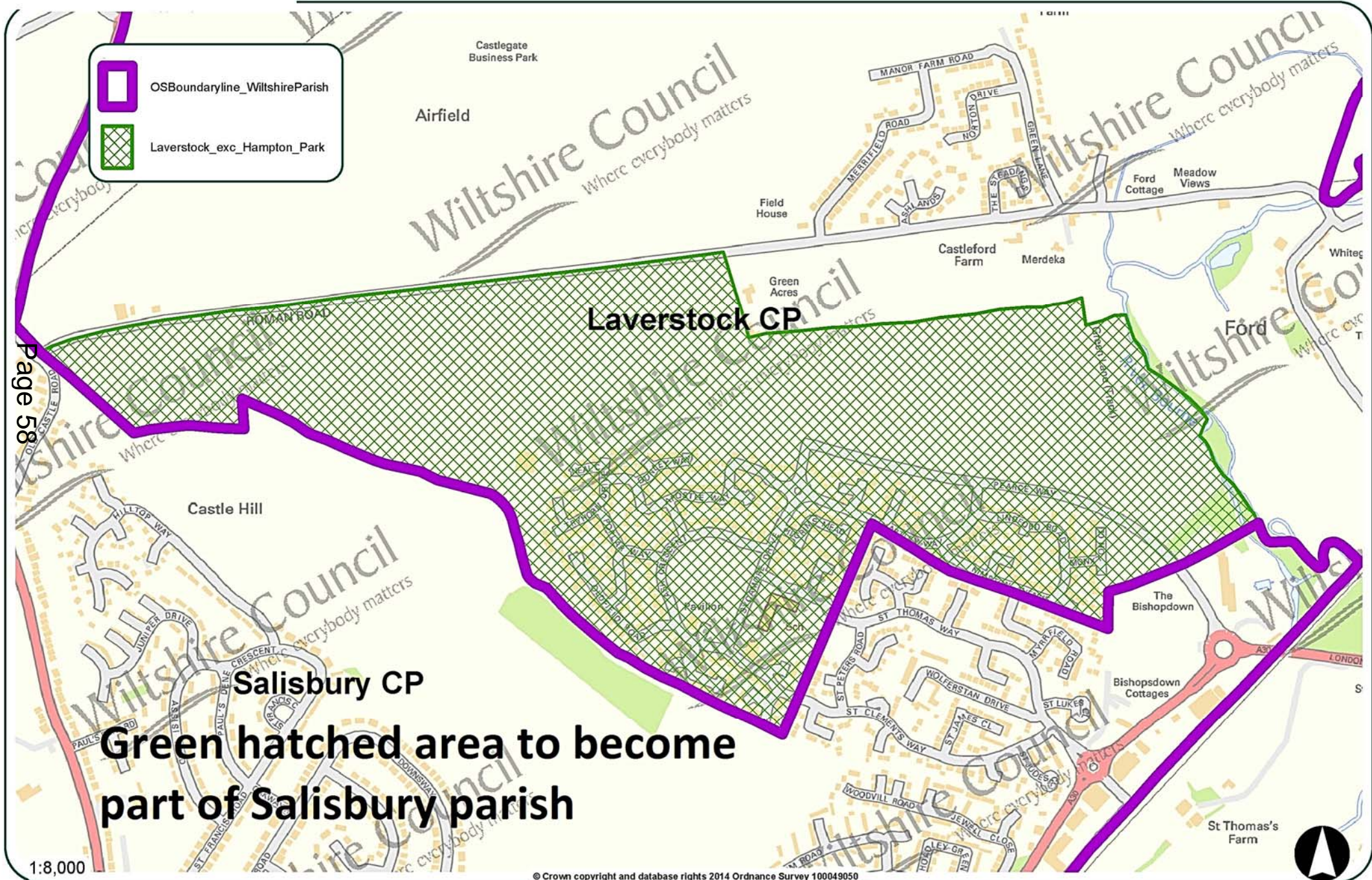
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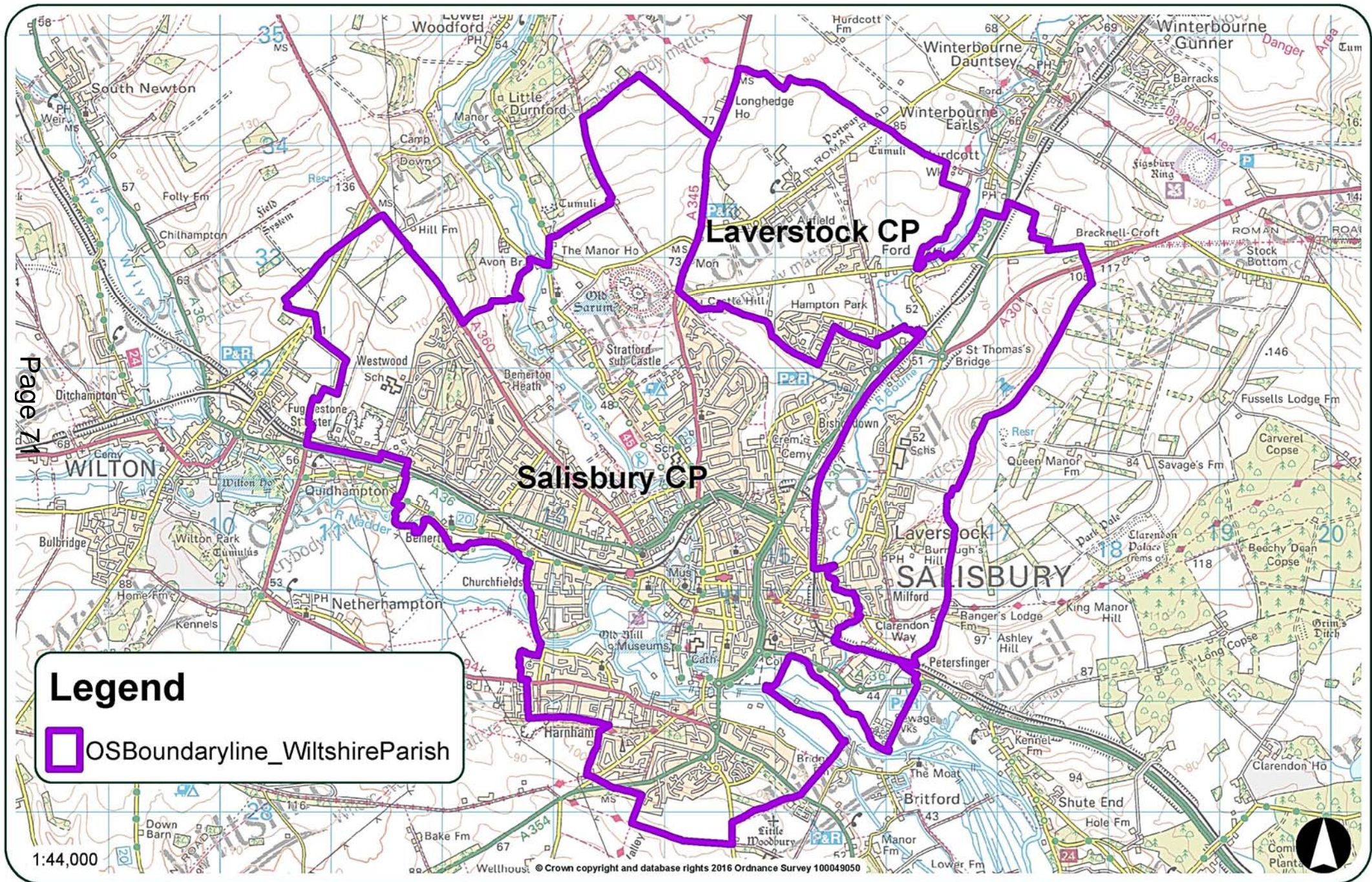
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Community Governance Review Salisbury/Laverstock and Ford Schemes 100, 2 and 3

April 2016

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

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

Consequently, a review must take into account factors including the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish.

About you

1. Are you answering this survey as?

- 883 (98.2%) A resident of the area affected by the proposal
- 0 (0.0%) A business or commercial concern in the area affected by the proposal
- 4 (0.4%) A representative of a Parish or Town or City council affected by the proposal
- 12 (1.3%) An interested party not necessarily from the area affected

2. What is your name?

905 (100.0%)

3. What is your postcode? In capitals with a space please e.g. SP1 1AA

907 (100.0%)

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

206 (100.0%)

Scheme 100

To merge Salisbury City Council and Laverstock and Ford Parish Council.

5. Having studied the proposal for your area, do you agree or disagree with the proposal to merge the Parish of Laverstock and Ford with Salisbury City?

62 (6.9%) Agree with the proposal

6. How far do you agree or disagree that the proposal to merge the Parish of Laverstock and Ford with Salisbury City will improve the following factors?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree not disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
A sense of civic pride and civic values	23 (2.6%)	30 (3.4%)	54 (6.1%)	145 (16.3%)	640 (71.7%)
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	34 (3.8%)	24 (2.7%)	43 (4.8%)	140 (15.7%)	648 (72.9%)
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	31 (3.5%)	26 (2.9%)	33 (3.7%)	120 (13.5%)	681 (76.4%)
Effective engagement with the local community	32 (3.6%)	30 (3.4%)	43 (4.8%)	120 (13.5%)	666 (74.7%)
Provide strong local leadership	36 (4.0%)	26 (2.9%)	45 (5.1%)	105 (11.8%)	678 (76.2%)
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	39 (4.4%)	28 (3.1%)	84 (9.4%)	129 (14.5%)	610 (68.5%)
Create a parish of the right size	34 (3.9%)	26 (3.0%)	52 (6.0%)	108 (12.4%)	649 (74.7%)

Schemes 2 and 3 - Alternative Proposals

If the merger of the two councils is not agreed by Wiltshire Council there is an additional set of proposals over whether there should be a realignment of the boundary between the two councils so that Bishopdown Farm or Hampton Park are moved into one parish or the other.

7. Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move properties at Bishopdown Farm from Salisbury City Council to Laverstock and Ford Parish Council as shown in the green hatched area on Map 2 - Scheme 2.

673 (76.7%) Agree
204 (23.3%) Disagree

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

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree not disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
A sense of civic pride and civic values	391 (44.6%)	184 (21.0%)	116 (13.2%)	55 (6.3%)	131 (14.9%)
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	433 (49.4%)	177 (20.2%)	83 (9.5%)	52 (5.9%)	132 (15.1%)
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	454 (51.9%)	162 (18.5%)	72 (8.2%)	55 (6.3%)	132 (15.1%)
Effective engagement with the local community	466 (53.0%)	160 (18.2%)	72 (8.2%)	50 (5.7%)	131 (14.9%)
Provide strong local leadership	452 (51.8%)	147 (16.8%)	86 (9.9%)	50 (5.7%)	138 (15.8%)
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	409 (46.8%)	168 (19.2%)	112 (12.8%)	49 (5.6%)	135 (15.5%)
Create a parish of the right size	446 (51.4%)	153 (17.6%)	91 (10.5%)	40 (4.6%)	138 (15.9%)

9. Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move properties at Hampton Park from Laverstock and Ford Parish Council in to Salisbury City Council as shown in the green hatched area on Map 3 - Scheme 3.

117 (13.4%) Agree
755 (86.6%) Disagree

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

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree not disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
A sense of civic pride and civic values	37 (4.2%)	53 (6.0%)	105 (11.9%)	149 (16.9%)	539 (61.0%)
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	44 (5.0%)	56 (6.4%)	82 (9.3%)	145 (16.5%)	553 (62.8%)
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	44 (5.0%)	52 (5.9%)	80 (9.1%)	125 (14.2%)	578 (65.8%)
Effective engagement with the local community	46 (5.2%)	47 (5.4%)	81 (9.2%)	134 (15.3%)	569 (64.9%)
Provide strong local leadership	50 (5.7%)	39 (4.4%)	91 (10.4%)	132 (15.0%)	566 (64.5%)
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	53 (6.1%)	48 (5.5%)	106 (12.1%)	138 (15.8%)	530 (60.6%)
Create a parish of the right size	50 (5.8%)	48 (5.5%)	91 (10.5%)	111 (12.8%)	569 (65.5%)

Finally

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

364 (59.1%) Yes
252 (40.9%) No

If yes please say and note which proposal you are commenting on e.g. scheme 100, 2 or 3 703 (100.0%)

Thank you for taking part in this survey

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

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

Email: cgr@wiltshire.gov.uk

It is our usual policy on Community Governance type surveys to treat all results as non confidential.

1	SCHEMES 100 (Merger) 2 Salisbury to Laverstock) AND 3 (Laverstock to Salisbury) COMMENTS PAGE
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3	All SCC Council members are elected in fully contested elections. Nearly half of Laverstock and Ford PC are co-opted as insufficient candidates put themselves forward for election.
4	Large parts of Laverstock/Ford are nearer to the Market Place than parts of Bemerton. It is only fair that Laverstock residents should share in the cost of Salisbury services which they use on a daily basis rather than have Bemerton & Friary residents subsidise them. The latter are Wiltshire's most deprived areas!
5	Proposal 100: Geography, daily practice as well as basic fairness are in clear favour of a formal merger. Laverstock residents avail themselves of all Salisbury services due to their proximity. Basic fairness demands that they should not be subsidised by the disadvantaged of say Bemerton & The Friary!
6	Scheme 100 - I'm aware residents do not approve of the proposal in Laverstock, and there is a degree of separation, but looking at the reality of Salisbury, the overall community is characterised by large estates flowing out from the centre, and Laverstock seems to fit that pattern.
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10	I'm a resident of Hampton Park and strongly object to Scheme 100 and Scheme 3. It is evidently an attempt to charge residents of Hampton Park a higher precept for nothing in return. I'm perfectly happy with the status quo.
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12	Scheme 2 - Bishopdown Farm does not feel to be part of Salisbury City, and has a cohesion, shared character and interests with Laverstock & Ford. Bishopdown Farm as a whole should be in the same parish, and that parish should be Laverstock and Ford. Could I also comment that in my opinion the questionnaire questions in some places lack clarity and are ambiguous e.g. the use of the term 'above', where there are a number of proposals 'above'.
13	Re scheme 100. Laverstock parish council provides value for money. Salisbury City council is extravagant with tax payers money. I do not use facilities in Salisbury. I do not want to be part of Salisbury or anything to do with it. Salisbury is so bad I shop in Southampton. This proposal is purely about expanding Salisbury city council precept base to pay for their extravagant spending on projects I DO NOT USE. I find it unbelievable some Salisbury City councillors think they can just take over a prosperous local community such as Laverstock. It is outrageous.
14	Scheme 2 Given that Laverstock has three senior schools serving the immediate area of Bishopdown and Ford it would seem appropriate that the parish size reflects this ongoing responsibility.
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21	Scheme 3 I believe that the houses to the south of Pearce Way should move to Salisbury but those to the north i.e. Riverdown Park should stay in the Laverstock and Ford Parish. Pearce Way would be a good demarcation line Ve
22	Comment on scheme 100 and 3. Laverstock and Ford Parish Council has been around for more than 100 years and manages its parish in an effective manner using volunteers to run community assets. Through this effective management it has kept the local precept low but delivered very high degrees of service. Salisbury City Parish is an inefficient parish employing a larger number of staff. This leads to a lack of local volunteers and therefore lack of pride. The city parish council seem to only care about the city area and does not provide good services to the outer areas. As a resident of L&FPC living at Hampton Park it will be a disaster for the city parish to take over. Out voice will be lost.
23	Scheme 100 - as it affects my property. Reading through the proposal I see nothing that tells me what there is to be gained. The only thing I can see is that it will give Salisbury Council more access to funds through extra revenue in council tax. Before agreeing to this Salisbury need to sell the idea to the community. The questions asked regarding each scheme are meaningless without more information.
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25	Scheme 2 Why have the Bishopdown cottages been left out of the proposal to move properties into Laverstock & Ford PC. This will only isolate these residents. Why is the closing date for return of this questionnaire only 2 days after the consultation in Laverstock giving people very little chance to respond after the consultation meeting.
26	Scheme 2 includes the country park. Whilst this is part of the Hampton Park development, I believe that there would be merit in letting this be part of Salisbury City Council but not the associated houses.
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29	Scheme 100: I feel strongly feel that if Laverstock parish was to be absorbed into Salisbury City it would seriously affect the ability of local people, to sit on their Parish Council, and have influence over issues in their area. If they were absorbed it would only be so that an outlying area could financially support the cities bad spending record
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31	General comment: Laverstock and Ford Parish council provide an excellent level of communication, they engender a real sense of local community. Therefore, we feel that we should stay as part of Laverstock and Ford PC. Scheme 3: Ultimately a key factor in Schemes 2 and 3 appears to be what the residents of Hampton Park want, but scheme 3 seems designed to reduce the size of Laverstock and Ford Parish, at a time when there is clear pressure to remove Laverstock and Ford parish altogether, it should therefore not come as a surprise if those outside of Hampton Park vote only in agreement with Scheme 2 (or in favour of scheme 100).
32	100, Laverstock & Ford should stay as it is
33	leave whats well alone!
34	Laverstock & Ford are separate communities from Salisbury and should remain so . Costs to the Laverstock and Ford community would increase if merged, you are being deliberately vague on this point, Laverstock and Ford is generally a rural parish , please leave them alone

35	Scheme 100. It is patently obvious from both the map and on the ground that Laverstock is in reality part of 'Salisbury' community. Laverstock can and should remain a separate 'community' or ward within the larger Salisbury City Parish. This will provide the local cohesion while the parish responsibilities can be governed by an effective council with paid officers. The current arrangements are such that L&FPC is unable to provide any of the services we have come to expect. There are no funds for communities outside Laverstock and any requests are met with refusals or pointing at WC. All very inefficient and ineffective. Scheme 2 & 3. L&FPC have been Laverstock centric for many years and ignored the needs of Bishopdown Farm. This has become a political battle with complete disregard of good governance and honesty. We are now being told that everything can be done by volunteers – it is patently obvious that this is pie in the sky. Bishopdown Farm has no connection with Laverstock – we residents live in Salisbury.
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37	Scheme 100. Bigger is not necessarily better when it is a parish council. I consider Salisbury City Council is already too big to properly represent and meet detailed local needs and interests and consider it should be looking at ways to divide itself into smaller parish councils. I chose to live in Laverstock last year because of its distinctive differences from the city, differences which I consider are better reflected in its separate parish council rather than vying for priority with other sub-local needs in a greater Salisbury City Council.
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39	scheme 100,2,3.Please leave us alone to develop our rural/semi rural parish, near but not in Salisbury. It has worked successfully for many years so we are happy to remain as we are.
40	Scheme 100 : The merger of the two parishes would be completely detrimental to the residents of Laverstock. The Laverstock Parish Council works tirelessly to improve the local community - as exemplified by the development of the Community Farm.
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42	100: Local problems need local solutions. It seems to me that the present parish council do a good job for the parish. 2 & 3: there are already many links between the areas in question and these should be encouraged, respected, and enhanced.
43	Scheme 100. L&F residents have already voted to stay independent of Salisbury why is this now being ignored - the community has stated its wishes. The details of Motion 27 made by 2 Wiltshire councillors who represent Salisbury City St Paul and St Francis Wards do not represent L&F and therefore should not be trying to undo a decision that has already been taken by local people who live in the area. This review is about community and not politics. L&F residents want to remain independent of Salisbury and therefore Motion 27 should be dismissed.
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47	Scheme 2 is the only option. Both Laverstock and Ford are villages with historic identities and the residents (including myself) believe that schemes 100 and 3 will wipe out our closely-guarded identity as villages. We are adjacent to Salisbury - not a part of the City - and this is the way it must stay.
48	I want to stay as Laverstock and Ford Parish as they have served our needs really well in the 25 years I've been here. I do not want to be part of a larger more urban community. Leave us as we were with the other houses joining as part of our rural community.
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50	Leave us alone! We're fine as we are! We're near Salisbury, not in Salisbury. Salisbury residents are welcome to visit and use our facilities anytime - for free.
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54	With respect to Scheme 100, Laverstock and Ford are NOT part of Salisbury! We are a semi-rural village on the edge and do NOT want to be in a city... THIS is our identity! We are a good working community which does not need nor will benefit from any change. With respect to Scheme 2, it simply makes common sense to allow Bishopdown Farm to join Laverstock & Ford as they were originally part of this parish, and looking at the map should naturally be included.
55	Scheme 100: In my opinion Laverstock is a distinctive village outside of Salisbury. It is geographically close, but none of the culture is that of a city. It has a definite village life and a particularly close-knit community, and it should be able to remain a village.
56	Scheme 100 As former Harnham residents who moved to Laverstock 2 years ago my family and we have been staggered by the strong sense of community and feeling of belonging we have now being part of the Laverstock Parish. This community feeling was something that we did not even realise we were missing (and was never realised) during the 17 years we lived in Harnham. Frankly the attempt by the larger and more powerful SCC to consume Laverstock and Ford parish is incredibly upsetting and seems to be placing no value on the local governance within our parish along with the sense of community the parish emboldens. From the farm to the countryside walks and the soon to be Country Park the work done by our Laverstock Parish Council for its residents is astounding. From my family's perspective living in Laverstock scheme 100 seems to have no up side for us at all. Geographically we feel separate from Salisbury and with the Spinny Walk at one end of our road and the Community Farm at the other, Laverstock, with its community spirit and its rural surroundings to us is something special and to be treasured.
57	Scheme 100: Laverstock & Ford remain a semi-rural area and do not naturally fit with the more urban environment of the city. Furthermore, with the emphasis on "localism" in the UK, this realignment represents - in my opinion - a reversal of that trend.
58	Scheme 2 - Over the last few years it appears that Wiltshire and/or Salisbury councils have done little to maintain the good appearance of Salisbury City and environs, whereas Laverstock and Ford Parish Council take great pride in their area. I would like to be part of that !
59	Laverstock has a long history of being run by a successful Parish Council. When we moved to the area three years ago we were swayed by the fact that we would be in a rural Parish not part of a city.
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62	Proposal 100 makes little sense and is simply about growth, Salisbury city is the closest destination for the parish in the same way as it is for many other neighbouring parishes. Where do you draw the line. Proposal 2 makes sense as a resident of Bishopdown farm. My local shops, schools, pub, takeaway is all in the parish. Bishopdown Farm should be in the same parish as Hampton park, wherever that is.
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64	Scheme 100 I live in what was the original settlement of Ford; a semi rural area and have no connection with the huge development across the water meadows. I wish to be administered by a local, non political Parish Council not by a very political urban council based in Salisbury. I am a Governor at OSPS and have seen first hand the many hours that the local council has put in to improve amenities there. Your map does not even show the school and estate and community centre. Local councillors should be just that, answerable to their local community. I am quite sure if Salisbury does swallow us up, then the costs of Mayor making, processing in full fig and insuring chains will rocket. This would not benefit our community. The strapline "where everyone matters" really does apply to us; we do not matter to Salisbury and I do not wish to, I am happy as we are.
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69	scheme 100: The service provided by the Parish Council on behalf of the residents is exceptional. Merging with Salisbury would leave the residents seriously and detrimentally unrepresented. Most of the points in the motion to be debated are extremely biased towards Salisbury city and give a good indication of how Laverstock & Ford would be adversely treated in the future should the merger go ahead.
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71	Ref scheme 100 - I am extremely content with the current governance of the Hampton Park area within Laverstock and Ford Parish. I am concerned by Salisbury Councils repeated attempts to absorb the parish and believe that this would act to diminish the sense of community in the area. Ref scheme 2 - Given the location of the Bishopdown Farm area I would welcome the idea of the addition of this area to the Laverstock and Ford Parish area. Ref scheme 3 I oppose movement of the Hampton Park properties into the Salisbury Council area as I am happy with the current Laverstock and Ford Parish governance.
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73	Proposal 100 does not reflect the wishes of the residents in the Parish of Laverstock and Ford. This survey gives no room for a rejection of all the new proposals - i.e. to leave things as they are! If you MUST do something, then proposal 2 makes the most sense.
74	Scheme 3 I agree with Scheme 3 in that it will form parish areas of manageable size and allow Laverstock & Ford to continue its excellent LOCAL work: They are great communicators; their Newsletter is much appreciated They are small enough to truly represent the community without the burden of career councillors making party political points. True democracy and a rare understanding of the local community. Additionally I do not believe that Salisbury City Council has the infrastructure or strength to absorb anything bigger than this.
75	We just want to say how thoroughly SICK AND TIRED we are at having to express these views three times. PLEASE LISTEN TO US!!
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77	Strongly disagree to be merged with Salisbury City Council. Our dedicated PC do a fantastic job and we need to left alone to develop our rural/semi rural parish with councillors have nothing but The Parish at heart, and who's forebearers have served the parish faithfully since 1896.The last thing we want is a council which does not have this Parish at heart but has a different agenda, mainly Salisbury City. We want and need our local democracy which currently works so well and not some inferior watered down version of a council whose only real interest in us is our council tax

78	Scheme 100 - This has NOTHING to do with any positive impact on the population of Laverstock and Ford, it is merely an exercise in leveraging more money out of the residents to fill council coffers, and to attempt to dress it up as anything other than a 'land grab' by the council is disingenuous at best.
79	I have lived here since 2002 and in all that time I have never before seen any motion for us to become part of the now City Council. In fact we have been treated over that period of time, as a parish in the fact that until this past year, our bus service was almost that of a village. Hourly buses used to be the norm, with little or no provision in the evening. Often having that bus cancelled also. Not terribly funny in the winter. I see no move to include Old Sarum into this review. We have previously made our views clear on this proposal. Where is the local democracy that we are supposed to have. Please would someone explain what services we have that Salisbury City provide, that is not already available to other parishes. I am currently a trustee of our community hall and work closely with the parish magazine for the health of our hall. Many of our residents of the estate and parish communicate their use of the hall, which encourages a lasting provision in our community. The schools take pupils from all over the whole district, and were never ever considered City Schools when I attended one of them. If they are city schools, then why do they need such extensive bus provision. It would also seem that the most avid voices to
80	SCHEME 100. Having lived in the Parish of Ford & Laverstock in excess of 23 years, I have always been very impressed by the commitment of our Parish Council. One of its main strengths is the lack of political bias, unlike Salisbury City Council. Our community is always kept informed of current issues by means of an excellent parish magazine and frequent newsletters. I feel our councillors truly represent the views of our community. I have no faith that that would be the case if we were part of Salisbury City Council. Localism has worked well for us in the past, please allow it to continue.
81	SCHEME 100 Having lived in the parish of Ford and Laverstock for in excess of 23 years, I have always been very impressed by the commitment and judgement shown by our parish council. In my opinion, one of its main strengths is its lack of political bias, unlike Salisbury City Council. Our community is kept well-informed of current issues by means of an excellent parish magazine and regular newsletters. I feel our councillors seek the views of the people it serves and truly represents them. I fear this would not be the case if we became part of the much larger parish of Salisbury City Council. I suspect the main reason to include us in their parish is financial. Localism has served us well in the past, please allow it to continue.
82	Laverstock parish should include Ford, Bishopdown Farm and Hampton Park to form a semi-rural parish. Bishopdown Park farmland was always part of Laverstock Parish and should come back. Hampton Park (and Riverdown) should remain part of the Laverstock Parish, as it has been for over 20 years. I have no wish for Laverstock, Ford, Bishopdown Farm and Hampton Park to merge with Salisbury City Council. This is a comment on Schemes 100, 2 and 3.
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88	I strongly believe that governance should be local and that power should be vested in those who can be held accountable at the most local level. I am therefore strongly in favour of schemes 100 and 2 and equally strongly opposed to scheme 3. Laverstock and Ford (and Bishopdown Farm) should have local governance and not be subsumed within the greater Salisbury City Council.
89	The building in the Old Sarum area will increase the size of the Parish without joining Salisbury. We want to retain some autonomy.
90	We want to stay free from Salisbury and independent in scheme 100 along with 2

91	Please leave our parish as it is , this has worked perfectly well in the past!!
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95	Schemes 100 and 3 have absolutely no benefit to the local community of Laverstock and Ford Parish. Merging Laverstock and Ford into Salisbury Parish would damage the identity and history of the community which is currently thriving. Scheme 2 would bring homes that should already be within the Laverstock and Ford parish into the close knit community that already exists.
96	I want Laverstock to stay separate from Salisbury because the parish council do a wonderful job and are easily contacted, they know the area and what is best for the area. Our local councillors work hard to keep our parish the best.
97	SCHEME 100 I am in my late eighties and have lived and worked in Ford for many years. During this time the Parish Council has served me well by keeping me informed, via newsletters and visits, and representing my views. I don't think Salisbury City Council will have the same commitment towards the residents of Laverstock and Ford. I am strongly against the proposed take over.
98	Scheme 100 - I have already voted once and feel those views should have been listened to already. I feel a strong sense of belonging to Laverstock, which is a distinct village from Salisbury with a strong parish council, community groups (esp farm), our own shops, pub and social club. Scheme 2 - we already share a parish newsletter with Bishopdown farm and feel that they are part of the community.
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100	Leave us alone to develop our rural/semi rural parish, near but not in Salisbury. All Salisbury residents are welcome to visit and enjoy themselves-free! The Parish precept is not part of the Governance criteria. However, as all know, Salisbury continually make it clear that it is all about making us pay for their mismanagement/poor negotiations and delusions of grandeur.
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102	Scheme 100 is anti democratic. The vast majority of residents in L&F have said they wish to merger with Salisbury Parish Council. L&F is run well and is not political and run in the best interests of the Parish, in any newly merged Council representation would mean L&F would be a minority number on the Council. Additional funding into the newly merged Council would be disproportionate and would not equate to additional services delivered to L&F. The identity of L&F is rural and very different from the City who have a very different view on how to manage the Parish. No thank you to the merger.
103	Scheme 100: There is a clear community boundary between Salisbury City and Laverstock and Ford Parish Council. The two areas are totally different in nature and require different governance.
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107	Sense of community within our area we have excellent doctors surgery, a shop along with a good veterinary practice. Outstanding infants and junior schools. We also have our community centre this is a lot more than other areas of Salisbury. The residents have a sense of community doing regular litter picks to ensure we don't become a litter infested area .

108	There is a sense of civic pride in Ford and Laverstock which I feel would be lost if involved any further with the SDC. The population in the Ford and Laverstock area are generally listened to by local councillors etc., and every effort is made to find a solution. I do not believe that the historical track record do SDC would in any way enhance our way of life.
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110	Scheme 2: Laverstock, Ford and Bishopdown Farm are village communities and to incorporate them into Salisbury City would change their nature and sense of identity. They have a lively sense of village community and cohesion as villages outside the City.
111	Laverstock & Ford Parish Council is a large parish and therefore justifies its separate status. It is significantly different to Salisbury in that it is semi rural and makes sense to have its own council which is more focussed on the needs of that community. We would welcome the return of Bishopdown residents as our near neighbours with whom we share many facilities. I would also wish to retain the Laverstock Parish Council as it is cheaper and therefore represents better value for money to its community.
112	L&F PC is a rural parish which share a border with the city. Our residents feel part of our community, not as part of the city. Being part of a non-political parish benefits our residents greatly, as does our parish newsletter and website which are directed to our residents' needs.
113	Concerning Scheme 100 I object because Salisbury City Council is not equipped to manage a rural parish and has demonstrated a complete lack of environmental skill in its management of the city. The community in the local parish is quite different to that of a city. Secondly Ford and Laverstock is not a city parish and would not respond to this approach. 99.3% of residents do not wish this to happen and so the matter should be left alone. We already contribute tax above what should be required to a poorly managed council and yet we have the facilities and countryside (excluding unnecessary development) that Salisbury residents are free to enjoy. Scheme 2 would seem most appropriate to allow Bishopdown Farm back into the local parish, this land was originally part of Laverstock and Ford Parish council
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115	Salisbury & Wiltshire Council at being an absolute waste of space for example the millions of pounds wasted on the five rivers leisure centre that looks no different! or homes 4 Wiltshire the biggest waste of tax payers resources possible. Leave our Parish alone as Laverstock with the added 200 homes from BD Farm!. Long live our guider Cllr McLennan. scheme 100 3.
116	100 - Laverstock and Ford is not anti-Salisbury. We welcome people to come and use our open spaces, and are glad to have schools serving Salisbury as well. But we feel our ability to do that as an independent parish is greater than were we absorbed into Salisbury City.
117	Scheme 100 appears to be money grabbing at its worst. It is unnecessary and most of all unwanted by those most affected by it. Elected people must listen to the people, it must not go ahead. Scheme 2, since moving into this area I have been impressed by the sense of community and I fear that would be diminished if the proposal to merge goes ahead. Scheme 3, this area was part of Laverstock and Ford (L&F) in the past, right the wrong and return it to L&F.
118	Laverstock, Ford and Old Sarum have a strong sense of community which has a far more rural feel than Salisbury. Merger with Salisbury would destroy this community feel and merge two very different area types with different needs, this could negatively effect both areas.
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121	Laverstock and Ford do great job; we don't want or need to move under the city.

122	Scheme 3: We are happy and feel more part of the Laverstock Community than if we were amalgamated into Salisbury City, therefore don't think it should change. A merger would be too big and you lose a sense of local community.
123	1. Salisbury parish has made it clear that they don't think we are paying our way. We all pay the WC council tax and that is almost every service covered. We pay Salisbury for use of the crem and Guildhall. Their parks and car parks are of no use to us, as they are remote from our parish. They have openly said that it all about having our money to take on street cleaning in Salisbury! That's a bit rich, to say the least! Their parish council is political and divided, with delusions of grandeur. No one in their right mind would want to be part of that governance! 2. Bishopdown Farm uses all the facilities at Hampton Park - shops, drs, dentist, vet, local shop, pavilion, green, school, country park. They receive, by request, the Laverstock & Ford Parish Newsletter, delivered 6 times annually and full of all the local news and clubs + events, for local residents. If anyone has to move, it should be them coming back to the parish where e they were originally. 3. No way should Hampton park move out of L&F. They are over 20 years old as an estate and have always been fully serviced and represented by L&F PC. They have representatives on L&F PC, which is non political and always does its best for our local needs, in all our communities.
124	All proposals. We should keep the identity of the parish. The possible extra cost of being taken over by Salisbury will probably not be reflected in the services provided.
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126	Scheme 100 - Laverstock is a well governed parish with a distinctive rural identity but with the benefits of close proximity to Salisbury. This is one of the main reasons we moved to this parish, so we are very much against this aspect, as it could lead to more new house building over green space, etc.
127	The 'area affected' is Salisbury as well as Laverstock.
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129	Comments re all schemes - I purchased my home in Laverstock as I did not want to live within the city area. I value the village of Laverstock and do not know anyone in the are who supports you. Laverstock is clearly separate to Salisbury both geographically and communally. There is no sense in joining them together that is to the benefit of Laverstock residents. We support Salisbury, amongst other things, as business customers and car park payers. We do not I believe 'take' from Salisbury. Becoming part of Salisbury will just mean the Salisbury 'takes' from Laverstock without offering any of the support currently given to them by us.
130	Scheme 100: I am totally against this because the phrase " To Merge" would, in reality, be a Takeover. Further, the citizens of Laverstock & Ford voted on this recently - but are now being asked to do so again, because Salisbury City did not like the result of some 98% against the proposal.
131	I have seen NO CREDIBLE EVIDENCE to justify ANY of the proposed boundary changes, so on paper, the proposals appear to be for political gains and financial incentive rather than any kind of community or environmental benefit. I do, however, feel that Scheme 2 to move Bishopdown Farm to Laverstock & Ford provides for the most credible re-alignment of parishes for the following reasons: There are already good relationships between the two communities; My daughter and others regularly use the Pavillion for Guides and other activities; there is more in common between Bishopdown Farm and Laverstock in terms of green space and semi-rural areas than there would be under Scheme 100.
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135	Scheme 100 Having been brought up in Salisbury I chose to live in Laverstock as an adult for the rural aspects, village life and sense of community. Making Salisbury council larger does not mean it will be better. Bigger is not always better as is well known. If Salisbury council are unable to arrange adequate funding with Wilts CC to take over the assets which Wilts CC now wish to off load they should not even consider doing so. Scheme 2&3 Laverstock PC has made a good job of running the parish over the years and all the Residents Count so long may they continue.
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137	We are commenting on proposals, Scheme 100, 2 & 3. We have a good strong Parish Council in Laverstock & Ford, which we're sure the residents of Hampton Park would be happy to stay with. There's also more chance of the land to the north of Hampton Park (scheme 3) being properly maintained by those living around it than people in Salisbury who'd never use it!
138	Scheme 100 We are a rural parish and have no desire to be part of 'the city' who have for decades proven to be very poor at managing anything. Why do you think you have the right to ruin our way of life because you want it. We don't want it so leave us alone. The very way this has been dealt with tells us what a disaster joining with 'Salisbury' would be.
139	Scheme 100:- Laverstock & Ford Parish is separated from Salisbury Parish on its western side by the A345 and by the course of the River Bourne. The ridge running east from Castle Hill constitutes a natural boundary between the Ford and Old Sarum parts of L & F Parish and Salisbury Parish. There are community Halls in both Old Sarum and Laverstock as well as local schools and shops, which provide focal points and identity for the parish. The parish is therefore separate and distinct from Salisbury and should remain so. General point:- Your accompanying letter does not mention that the working group you set up previously found in favour of keeping L & F Parish independent. You are therefore hiding the fact that you are biased in favour of Salisbury PC and are in collusion with the PC to get the result you want. Is not the real reason behind this second bite of the cherry, that Salisbury wants the extra income from the increased Council Tax which will arise? And of course, if the merger goes ahead it will ensure that the houses at Longhedge will also be taken into Salisbury. I would appreciate a response to this comment but I doubt I will get one.
140	SCHEME 2: Bishopdown Farm was originally part of Laverstock & Ford PC and should be returned having more in common with Hampton Park, Riverdown Park & Ford. Preservation of historic links is very important. SCHEME 100: This is a cynical proposal to remove 'effective and convenient' local government from parishioners in a county 'where everybody matters' according to the slogan. This proposal will sadly only benefit Salisbury City & Wiltshire Council, and is totally unacceptable!
141	Scheme 2: Bishopdown Farm was originally part of Laverstock and Ford PC and should be returned having more in common with Hampton Park, Riverdown Park and Ford than with Salisbury City. Preservation of Historic Links is priceless. Scheme 100: This is a cynical proposal to remove 'effective and convenient' local government from parishioners in a county where supposedly, according to the slogan, 'everybody matters'. Sadly this proposal, if implemented, will only benefit Salisbury City and Wiltshire Council, which is totally unacceptable.

142	Scheme 100: I disagree because people who live in Laverstock CP already have a pride in an inclusive community and voluntary activities which will cannot be improved by merging with the very different area represent the city of Salisbury itself. Under this proposal the existing systems for meeting our local needs will be lost. There will be a serious risk that they will be overlooked by a council whose main responsibility is for the historic and beautiful city of Salisbury. Scheme 2: I believe that this is the best option. It unites the two sections of Hampton Park and ensures that their needs are considered at the same time as the new development at Riverdown Park which will be sharing many services with Bishopdown Farm and Hampton Park. This scheme also continues to recognise the very clear difference between the needs of the areas covered by Laverstock CP and those in, or close to, the centre of Salisbury. I am confident that if this option is chosen people living in Laverstock CP will continue to take pride in their local area and activities, while continuing to wholeheartedly support activities in the city centre. It also ensures that we will be represented by local councillors who genuinely and fully understand the
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144	Scheme 2 - I feel that the whole of the Bishopdown Farm area should be part of the Laverstock and Ford Parish to help maintain the sense of local identity as this has proved effective in the past.
145	Scheme 100 I totally disagree that Laverstock and Ford should become part of Salisbury, we would loose our rural and semi rural appeal, we already have a very strong inclusive community and an excellent voluntary sector and our local authority deliver excellent services. Should we become part of Salisbury all this would be lost and I believe that Salisbury could not and would not a better job. The parishioners of Laverstock and Ford welcome any visitors from Salisbury or surrounding areas to come and enjoy what we have to offer free of charge, I say this because I feel this is about Salisbury wanting more cash to squander. Scheme 2 & 3 Moving Bishopdown Farm from Salisbury to Laverstock and Ford would strengthen our community further and create a parish that would enable our local authority to deliver enhanced quality services.
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148	Scheme 100, 2 and 3 Bishopdown Farm was originally part of Laverstock and Ford Parish and wish very strongly to return. Hampton Park, including Riverdown, have been part of L&V from the outset, 21 years ago. Residents have no wish to move to Salisbury. All the above communities take pride in being part of a semi-rural/ rural setting, free to develop what is in the interest of the people of our parish, rather than have restraints imposed on us by 'outside' forces.
149	Schemes 2 and 3. I wish Laverstock & Ford Parish to remain independent of Salisbury and as such stay as an independent parish in a rural area with a village identity.
150	The parish council is run by local people living in the area with a knowledge of local problems as they arise which could not be matched by Wiltshire council making decisions fro afar.
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152	These are comments on all 3 schemes. We have lived in Laverstock for over 20 years having lived in many other parts of UK previously. Throughout these entire 20+ years, our local Parish Council has been highly active and virtually non-political. It has always acted decisively and usually effectively in promoting the interests of local residents and the long term interests of our parish (both great and tiny); always with an outstanding degree of local consultation and financial management. I am quite sure that if merged with the Salisbury Parish Council, our specific local issues would be submerged in the plethora of other important issues generated by the other Salisbury Wards with which the Salisbury Council is necessarily involved. Laverstock & Ford Parish Council has a very distinguished track record, and the inclusion of the recently developed estates at Bishopdown Farm and Hampton Park into Laverstock Parish would be both logical and cost-effective.
153	100. As Barrettes and David Wilson Homes insisted we had to be responsible for the roads, drains, communal grass areas and lighting in this development, I am assuming that if are denied our request to stay within the boundary of Laverstock and Ford that the proportion of our Council Tax that goes towards the cost of maintaining our estates will be deducted from our council Tax? Residents in Bishopdown and the other estates in Salisbury have these items taken care of by the Council, we should not have to pay it twice! We do not have the convenience of living on the edge of town and should be treated the same way as Winterbourne and Porton are as a village. We like the community feel of Laverstock and are happy with our own Councillors. We contribute to Salisbury by paying extortionate parking fees even to visit the dentist or go the the bank. We feel the Council is using us as a cash cow and has no consideration for the people involved. We don't see messy verges and expensive parking in Trowbridge like we have in this part of the County, perhaps if you want more money you should look at that first of all?
154	Just leave Laverstock, Ford, Hampton Park and Bishopdown Farm to continue as they are. Salisbury residents are welcome to visit at any time. We do not charge. They can visit the Riverbourne Farm. Their children attend schools. Just leave us alone please to continue as we are and have done for many years.
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156	Schemes 1 and 3. These schemes will do nothing to develop localism nor will they effect any increase in a sense of community, in fact they will have the opposite effect. The true motivation behind the proposals is to generate an increase in the income received by Salisbury City. Furthermore, there is no guarantee that any of increased funds will be used to benefit or develop the unique rural facilities within Laverstock and Ford.
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158	Scheme 100: Looking at the map there is a clear, logical separation of Laverstock from Salisbury due to the natural boundary of the river and the man made railway line. I really value our distinct rural community identity between the river and the chalk downs and DO NOT WANT to become part of the Salisbury parish.....we are not Salisbury.
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160	scheme 100 We enjoy a semi rural environment. Incorporation with Salisbury would mean a loss of local democracy with a very effective parish council working for Laverstock. Green spaces need to be protected.

161	Moving Hampton Park and Laverstock into the city will destroy the strong sense of local community and pride in living within these unique, semi-rural, on the edge of the city, locations. The proposal to move Bishopdown Farm (where I previously lived before moving into a new house at Riverdown Park) into the Laverstock and Ford parish makes complete sense, given the close sense of community identity within the whole Bishopdown Farm/Hampton Park/Riverdown Park area (given things like residents in all areas attending the same school, using the same local shops and facilities, etc.). Frankly, when we lived in Bishopdown Farm it felt like we were far more part of the Laverstock and Ford parish, given things like the provision of a L&F parish newsletter to our home, rather than part of the Salisbury parish. Moreover, in my view, the local parish council have done and (if allowed) will continue to do an excellent job governing and looking out for the people who live within this unique parish.
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163	Salisbury City Council's website consultation ONLY allows you to record your support for the proposal. It doesn't tell you how you can record your dissent, or how to respond to the County council's consultation. The assumption is that everyone who replies to the Salisbury City Council supports the City Council's proposal. This process is flawed and will produce a completely distorted result. The views of City residents are unimportant in this matter, as they are not the ones who will lose their parish council. It is the views of the citizens living in the affected parts of Laverstock, Old Sarum, Ford and Hampton Park whose views should count. If they want to be part of the City, then so be it. If not, then the boundary should remain unaltered. Paul Sample
164	Scheme 2.shows an O.S.Boundary line running from west to East which SHOULD continue north of WOODVILL Rd & JEWELL CLOSE to link with the O.S.Boundary line which is following the railway line at the Boundary of St. Thomas`s Farm, thus including Bishopdown Cottages within the cartilage of Laverstock where they belong.
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166	Scheme 100. It makes sense economically for Laverstock to merge with Salisbury. The views of the Salisbury residents are just as important as those of the Laverstock residents and (so far) do not appear to have been taken into account (until this survey).
167	Scheme 100 To merge L & F Parish with Salisbury will take away the strongly established sense of community we have in a semi rural parish and we will be 'swallowed up' into part of a much larger City Council area. I can see no expectation of any improvement such a boundary change would bring with regards to leadership, quality of service etc. We would lose our identity for which we would have to pay a substantial increase in Council Tax. Schemes 2 & 3 It makes sense to return Bishopdown Farm to Laverstock & Ford Parish Council and to retain Hampton Park so all areas come under the same Parish as before. Please listen to the wishes of the people involved in this survey and do not discount the previous recommendation.
168	I strongly disagree with Scheme 100,2 and 3. The only reason that Salisbury want to take over Ford and Laverstock Parish Council is that they will receive more money. The Ford and Laverstock Parish Council get things done where as we would end up at the bottom of the pile at Salisbury Council as the area would be far too large for 1 council to work handle all the problems etc.
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170	Scheme 100. It is a complete anomaly that Laverstock should be regarded as a separate community. If that is allowed why are not Harnham and Bemerton not regarded as separate communities? One could argue that Ford is such a separate community as it is detached from the rest of Salisbury, but not Laverstock. The only reason that Laverstock residents want to remain a separate parish is that they currently pay a much smaller precept than Salisbury residents whilst enjoying all the benefits of easy access to the City.
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174	I live in the Salisbury City Council area. I do not believe that we have heard what the case of the Laverstock and Ford Council is. We have been encouraged to support the merger proposal - and it seems sensible. But if people have opposing views then we do not know what they are. How can anyone make a decision without this information?
175	Schemes 2 & 3 seem to open the likely possibility of developing even more built up area than we have now. There is the strong suspicion that there are therefore ulterior motives. Perhaps more consideration should be given to future developments being built in smaller [village/town] groupings, with fields between, creating a far more pleasant environment for all - and occupying no more land area than large conurbations.
176	Scheme 100, 2, 3 Although not a resident in the parish, I visit frequently. I have attended meetings and listened to the arguments. I have also listened to speeches made by councillors and the public. The local paper, online, is also a source of information about other things such as asset transfer, My observations are as follows: 1. It is very clear that Laverstock & Ford parish has a very strong sense of identity and the people living within it, both identify with it and overtly wish to protect it. My personal thought is that if in 122 years it is still working well - perhaps as good as it has ever been - why destroy something against the will of the local people? 2. The most interesting aspect is that Laverstock & Ford Parish is very large and has four distinct communities. Looking at their website, the parish plan and the parish council minutes, it is very clear that the parish council truly represents the communities and treats them as 'individual' and 'distinct'. Each of the communities is represented on the parish council by choice. No one community is over subscribed to gain power. 3. The parish was mandated to take on and protect green space. From their minutes over a long period, it is very clear that this is exactly what they
177	Scheme 100. I object to paying over £10 per month extra in Council Tax. My husband already pays £186 per month and that is quite sufficient.
178	Scheme 2. We were asked to consider things such as local landmarks as part of our decision making process. With this in mind, I also took into account that we cannot see the Cathedral spire from Hampton Park or Bishopdown Farm, which seems a reasonable enough reason to not feel part of the city.
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180	Scheme 100 :- Identity :- I live in Laverstock near Salisbury and have done for 40+ years. When our parish came under the umbrella of the old District Council boundary I did not consider myself a Salisbury resident. My personal social focus has been mainly in Laverstock as has that of my children with Playgroups, Scouts, Guides, Gardening Club etc. We have several other groups based in Laverstock Governance : - Laverstock & Ford Parish Council with 13 councillors and 1 part-time staff working with our community groups is a more financially efficient form of administration than the Salisbury template of 20+ councillors and 50+ staff. Merger would mean 4 Laverstock & Ford representatives in a group of 20+ councillors resulting in disunity at a greater cost. Wiltshire Council became a unitary authority in order to reduce costs and administer the County in a financially sustainable manner. This proposal, re-instating a District Council in all but name would be a backward step.
181	I think merging the parish into the city will take away the rural identity of our community. Laverstock and Ford Parish council are brilliant as it is.
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183	With reference to Scheme 100 Laverstock and Ford Parish Council are doing an excellent job by any standard, this is recognised by Salisbury City Council. Our Parish has a unique and totally different identity from the City and we are a forward looking and self sustaining community.

184	I do not want to merge into the city council. I strongly support having Laverstock & Ford as an independent parish and really feel it would be the WRONG thing to do causing many problems for EVERYONE. I must say that it was a silly choice to have brought up this offer, I shouldn't have even had to consider this survey as it is clear what we must do. LEAVE US AS AN INDEPENDENT PARISH! I hope you have considered my opinion to be the right one. Emma
185	Scheme 100 - We moved to Laverstock out of the city intentionally to be part of a village community and enjoy being part of a rural/semi rural parish near but not in Salisbury. When visiting Salisbury, we either walk or pay to park in one of the many (expensive) car parks. We support Salisbury businesses by buying from their shops or frequenting the local bars and restaurants. Laverstock has a strong village identity which we don't want to lose, but visitors from Salisbury are always welcome to enjoy our facilities.
186	It is important that the governance of the parish is controlled from within and not by individuals with no link to the local community.
187	Scheme 100 Laverstock & Ford is not part of the city. To say so is ridiculous. Have you ever tried to walk there from the city centre? There is a real sense of community and a separate identity because of the distance away from the city. We should be proud of our semi-rural parishes and encouraging them to develop themselves. Scheme 2 Bishopdown Farm are already considered as part of the parish, receiving the Parish newsletter and using the Hampton Park facilities. They should officially be part of the parish Scheme 3 Hampton Park is part of our parish and has been for 21 years. Stop trying to divide us and destroy our community values. Shame on you.
188	Scheme 100. Absorption of any element of Laverstock & Ford, Milford Parish - including Bishopdown, Hampton Park and Riverdown - into a greater Salisbury Parish would degrade the present community ethos and civic pride. The present parish (including the foregoing elements) is an efficiently run and cost-effective organisation, whereas the proposed merger would be a classic example of 'bigger is not always better'. English history was successfully built on a cohesive parish system, and we should strive to keep it that way.
189	100. I have no confidence whatsoever that enlarging Salisbury Parish Council's area of responsibility and castrating a viable and efficient Parish Council (representing Ford, Laverstock and its incorporated areas) which has its finger on the pulse of local affairs, is approachable and both pro- and re-active will improve local governance. Salisbury has proved incompetent in running it's own affairs - qv Salisbury Vision, the Market Square, Guildhall refurbishment and Bus station fiascos, the Maltings redevelopment, parking, traffic, support for small businesses (I could go on and on) - so I have absolutely no desire to see them messing up my Parish. Salisbury Council has a grossly inflated view of its importance carrying on with outdated and expensive things like Mayor making which belong to a bygone era whilst failing to move the town into the modern age.
190	The current parish of Laverstock and Ford is a cohesive community that between it has the right services and infrastructure to serve the population. There is a strong sense of community with voluntary groups which meet the community's needs. If this parish were to merge with Salisbury the strong sense of local community will be lost and the good work of individuals and groups will stop.

191	Scheme 100. The reasons given in support of Motion 27 (Inclusion of Laverstock & Ford Parish into Salisbury Parish) are not borne out by the facts. Laverstock & Ford is a long-standing and financially efficiently-run rural Parish Council dedicated to delivering on the issues important to its residents. Its all-inclusive ethos ensures good communication via its Parish Newsletter and community participation in the running of the Parish through its open meetings which take place in local community facilities. Major services, eg welfare, education, waste disposal, libraries, etc, are provided by Wiltshire Council; Laverstock & Ford residents using services provided by Salisbury Council, eg Crematorium, pay for these at the commercial rate. Laverstock & Ford residents also support retail and commercial enterprises within Salisbury, thus bringing business to the City. Clearly, therefore, Laverstock & Ford residents are not subsidised in any way by Salisbury residents. Laverstock & Ford is a good model of a forward-thinking Parish and is quite rightly proud of its heritage and achievements. IF IT'S NOT BROKE, WHY FIX IT?
192	We are a semi rural parish with a strong sense of identity please allow us to maintain that and not become part of a city. We do not want it. Salisbury's motivation is financial.
193	Schemes 100 and 2 We have lived at Hampton Park for 19+ years and have been very happy with Laverstock & Ford Parish Council. As a new build all those years ago we were immediately welcomed as part of the Parish and they took an interest in the area's needs. Joining Salisbury City Council will not make any additional improvements to our current situation. Costs for us will rise. We feel that this is merely a land grab and a cash making exercise by Salisbury City Council particularly in view of the extra 500 homes in the process of being built adjoining Hampton Park.
194	Laverstock should be allowed to remain as it is outside of the City of Salisbury and a VILLAGE. We are a rural Parish near but not part of the City, with a lively and active population. We welcome hundreds of school children to our village everyday and our Community Farm is accessed by many groups from all over the area including the City. It is not democratic to impose boundary changes on us.
195	I would like our village to remain outside the boundary of Salisbury City. I would wish it to continue as a village and do not agree with the boundary changes.
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197	A slightly larger Laverstock parish council will make it more viable. Being swallowed up into a very large Salisbury pc may cause us to loose our influence in local matters.
198	SCHEME 100: Creating a 'super parish' will benefit neither Salisbury nor Laverstock & Ford in the long term, we welcome many Salisbury Residents to our parish to use our leisure and amenities and of course when accessing the 5 schools within our parish and their amenities. However, identity is so important to a community and the very different demands of a city parish and a rural/semi-rural parish can only result in a greater burden on Wiltshire Council in terms of arbitration and financial demand. The short-term gains apparent to Salisbury City Council cannot match the long term benefits of retaining the two distinct parishes who have long, established records of independent local governance. As a family who has migrated from Salisbury City to Laverstock & Ford we cannot see how the concept of a parish merger could bring anything but confusion, much greater expense to residents and councils (even considering potential contract savings) and acrimony. Ill feeling always generates a cost implication, bureaucracy and time wasting. As part of a 'unitary authority' we have suffered a huge reduction in the overall offer and quality of public services, which demonstrates admirably that in the long term bigger is not better.

199	As a young person (aged 24) I tend to neither give much attention to geographical/administrative boundaries or engage with them in a meaningful way. But I have travelled and lived both in the South of England, Middle England and Northern Ireland and have noted that where there are larger administrative centres (such as Birmingham) the local area tends to suffer from a 'mass homogenisation' effect, which involves loss of character and identity. I think this would happen if Salisbury and Laverstock & Ford combined. If Salisbury wants to retain its young people and be a City where they want to stay and work/live then there needs to be strong distinction between a City, its semi-rural suburbs and rural neighbours. Character and distinctiveness also make Salisbury attractive to tourists and visitors. I dont think that a merger would offer any attraction to young people and young families, in particular for whom the amenities of the City have the widest appeal b ut whom in return provide the low income workforce to enable these amenities to function - if Salisbury became bigger and therefore spread its resources thinner, alongside the influx of the maturer outlook of Laverstock & Ford (where I currently live) I'd move.
200	Scheme 100 The expansion of housing in the Ford and Laverstock areas has greatly increased demand on SCC services and influences the quality of life in Salisbury. These areas should be contributing to city services and have a say in the running of the city council.
201	Scheme 100. Laverstock Parish Council do so much for the local area (farm, boardwalk to name but two). I feel we have a real sense of community in our parish and that our parish council are always looking out for our best interests. The council are friendly and approachable (even at weekends) and always willing to listen to local views. In my view all of this would be lost if our parish were merged with Salisbury.
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203	Scheme 100 - Laverstock Parish Council look after the local residents interests very well, they are always doing something to improve our parish. The farm is a great success story. There are no advantages that I can see to this proposal other than to increase revenue. It would be real shame if this proposal went through and counter to the general view that government should be local.
204	Scheme 100. I do not wish to be part of a city. The only point to this will be THE CITY increasing their revenue which is not acceptable. There is great pride in our Parish, what right does greedy Politics have to do with this?
205	In every aspect, the identity and cohesion of a rural or semi-rural community (such as Ford & Laverstock enjoy) is at complete odds with the identity of an urban community. Therefore, the governance of such areas by a city council is entirely inappropriate, and will ultimately be detrimental to both communities. If the proposal is based on population and therefore the bigger the unit the more cost effective, then the inclusion of the residents of Bishopdown, whose distance from the city centre means their sense of identity is likely to be more semi-rural than urban, makes total sense.
206	The Parish of Laverstock and Ford would be enhanced by the inclusion of properties in the green hatched areas. We have a thriving community with local doctors, dentist, pharmacy and vets. There are two very good shops and there is a great community spirit. There are sports facilities and clubs too. We have a parish magazine which keeps everyone up to date with what is going on in the community and useful phone numbers and adverts for local tradespeople. There is a nice villagey about the area and it's good to have local parish councillors who are aware of the area and the people.
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209	Laverstock and Ford are fine as they stand. Please leave well alone. Any Salisbury resident is very welcome to come over and enjoy what Laverstock has to offer.

210	The following comments apply to the Laverstock parish scheme and its proposed alternatives. My family and I have lived in Laverstock for most of our lives. It's a rural/village community and we're very proud of our parish. We're proud to be close to but not in Salisbury and we would love to welcome back Bishopdown Farm into our parish. We're sick and tired of having to campaign to SAVE our parish from being swallowed up by Salisbury. The vast majority of parish residents do not want to be part of Salisbury, we want to keep our own unique identity. We welcome the residents of Salisbury to our village, to share our facilities such as our wonderful farm, but we do not wish to be taken over by them or to be part of the city. That is why we have chosen to live in the Laverstock parish and not in the city itself. Whats more, I am a proud Conservative and a huge supporter of the party however I am hugely disappointed that the Conservative motion has simply ridden roug hshod over our views once again. It is hugely disappointing and we really feel that we don't have a voice at Wiltshire Council. We simply want to be heard, respected and left alone.
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212	Scheme 100 The community at laverstock has been united as a village for many years and able cared for by a non political group of committed local councillors representing all areas of the parish.
213	Scheme 100 will result in a loss of a sense of community and a complete loss of influence concerning local issues. I cannot see any benefit to the residents of Laverstock and Ford as a result of this proposed takeover. Local democracy should stay local and not be subsumed.
214	I believe that Ford and Laverstock parish council represent the parish community very well, I do not believe that Salisbury will recognise and represent our community equally as well, this has been demonstrated a number of times recently especially with planning applications where Salisbury supporting additional over development of our rural area in direct opposition to the Ford and Laverstock view. I also note that Salisbury have been surveying their community with a loaded question set intimating an unfair use of community resource and the precept, this indicates to me that Salisbury cannot be trusted and be unbiased and offer fair representation of our parish. I do not identify myself as a Salisbury resident.
215	Our Parish Council - Laverstock and Ford - represent us very well, and accurately represent our views as local residents. My past experience of Salisbury City Council as that they categorically DO NOT have our interests at heart, and have actually treated our representations as a parish with contempt. I therefore DO NOT want to be represented by them. Furthermore, their recent poll of City residents aimed at inducing a -'yes, lets consume Laverstock and Ford parish into the City' is biased in its questions, and, despite being told by the working party, that the decision will not be based on the precept, they suggest that residents of Ford and Laverstock are freeloading on services funded by city residents. For the record, I would like to state, that I have no interest in Salisbury Christmas lights, the carnival or St George's Day, do not use the parks or playparks nor the allotment, I never have, and never will, enter the Friary Community Centre, nor the Bemerton Heath Health Centre, but probably will be a patron of the crematorium at some time in the future!
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218	Further thoughts on the proposed merger of Laverstock and Ford Parish with Salisbury City Council (Scheme 100) The Guidance on Community Governance Reviews (Department for Communities and Local Government 2010) states that 'Parishes should reflect distinctive and recognisable communities of interest, with their own sense of identity. Like neighbourhoods, the feeling of local community and the wishes of local inhabitants are the primary considerations.' It seems curious therefore that this proposal has been out forward since in a survey conducted in 2014 99.3% of residents voted to remain within Laverstock and Ford Parish suggesting that there is no local support or demand for the proposed change. Since the proposed 'merger' of Laverstock and Ford Parish with Salisbury City Council has not been sought by Laverstock and Ford Parish Council this move actually seems rather to constitute an abolition of our council and distinctive identity. The guidance states that in cases of the abolition of a council should only occur where there was 'clear and sustained local support for such action'. Even if this is seen as a grouping this 'needs to be compatible with the retention of community interests. It would be inappropriate for it to be
219	I believe that Salisbury should be a united body not small factions such as Ford And Laverstock having separate controlling parish councils. One united council would stop the growth of selfish, self preservation of some aspects of the parish council to cater for the few instead of the majority. Unity would engage the whole community to work as one. Scheme 1 is the only way forward
220	Scheme 100 - Parish/ City Councils have limited power, so the most important thing to me is that Wiltshire Council does a good job and I am represented locally by a Parish Council that is distinct . Option 2 puts Bishopdown Farm in with Laverstock - that feels like a distinct and natural fit. This option should also include Old Sarum in with Laverstock.
221	Scheme 100. The wishes of the residents of Laverstock, Ford, Hampton Park and Old Sarum must be paramount. Everyone that I speak to wants us to remain independent of Salisbury City with their party political Council and massive overheads. Clerks, assistant clerks, assistants to the assistant, press officers etc etc. I can count the folk who think otherwise on one hand, excluding city councillors that is.
222	Laverstock & Ford Parish has a strong sense of community, identity and pride with a very effective and caring Parish Council doing a magnificent job. It has a great history. The loss of Salisbury DC to Unitary Authority was bad please don't make another mistake by killing off Laverstock and Ford PC
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227	re. Scheme100. We have lived in Laverstock/Milford for 46 years because we want to live in a village community. We have shops, schools, a church, a pub, sports facilities/social club.Many organisations meet successfully in our own village hall. Now we have our COMMUNITY farm. There are grass areas and a river between us and the city, a boundary for sure! We value our own Parish council, let us remain as we are . Thank you!
228	There is a strong community identity in Laverstock & Ford which, in my opinion, should be preserved. If the village was to become a small part of Salisbury City Council that would be lost. We have an excellent Parish Council which serves our community well and I think this should definitely continue.
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230	Laverstock & Ford PC is run for the community and develops good community projects a good sense of community
231	Laverstock & Ford Parish Council are non political nad manage the community developments for the residents of the parish it is not about raising money from additional charges on residents to pay for the maintenance of assets transferred from WCC to SCPC
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233	SCHEME 100 -Laverstock and Ford is growing (population will become similar to Malmesbury's) and sustainable. -Parish council is accessible, efficient and effective, and engenders community spirit (eg through parish newsletter). -Parish council offers distinctive, separate voice to Salisbury council, eg on major planning issues. -Merger would amount to reduction in say on very local matters, as they would have to be considered by Salisbury council in the interests of the city overall. -I have clear sense of comfort and security as I cross the city boundary and return home. -I am not dependent on Salisbury for shopping, social and cultural activities - Southampton offers more facilities and places like Andover and Romsey are easily accessible - or even my GP or pharmacy. - Salisbury is already too big to be a parish and effective at grass roots level.
234	In respect of scheme 100: Please note the following points in respect of the adopted Wiltshire Core Strategy: •The Settlement Strategy, Core Policy 1 within the Core Strategy, defines 4 'tiers' of settlements – 'Principal Settlements', 'Market Towns', 'Local Service Centres' and 'Large and Small villages'. •Salisbury is defined as a 'Principal Settlement', and therefore a primary focus for development. [WCS Core Policy 1] •Laverstock and Ford are defined as a 'Small Village' [Core Policy 23]. According to the Core Strategy 'some very modest development may be appropriate at Small Villages, to respond to local needs and to contribute to the vitality of rural communities'. [WCS para 4.16]. •It is acknowledged in the Core Strategy in respect of Salisbury that 'the administrative boundaries around the city have led to a large proportion of the development allocations in this Core Strategy being located outside of the boundary of the city. Some are, for example, located on new greenfield sites in the adjoining parishes which are within the Southern Wiltshire and Wilton Community Areas. These allocations are, however, considered to contribute towards the requirement for housing and employment for Salisbury and are included within this
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238	Laverstock & Ford Parish Council is ran very well and the size of the Parish currently is good, yet the addition of the houses at Hampton Park (Scheme 2) would be beneficial to Laverstock and Ford, as most facilities that are managed (Greentrees school etc) are already servicing those residents. The main plan of Salisbury City council taking over all of Laverstock and Ford Parish Council will totally ruin the local identity of all within Laverstock and Ford Parish currently. There is simply no need to even consider moving boundaries. There are very limited benefits with any of the schemes.
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241	Scheme 100 - I live in a village that looks like a village, feels like a village, acts like a village and IS a village. I am not in a suburb. I have no advantages to being near the city - it costs a lot to go there and park and, frankly, I can get everything I need right here, close to home.
242	Scheme 100 - Laverstock & Ford is a rural parish and we want it to stay that way. Our Councillors live in the area and understand what our community needs. We do not want to join Salisbury CP so please leave us alone to develop our parish ourselves.

243	Re : Laverstock & Ford Parish Council – CGR Proposal 100 Residents of this parish pay the same tariff for WC council taxes as all other county residents, in the same manner. A significant majority of facilities are supported primarily by WC funding rather than SC. If we attend events we pay, the same as any other attendees. People come from miles around to see the Christmas lights, Olympic celebrations and watch the armed forces on Remembrance Day parades – do we all have to live inside the parish to share in laudable, high profile events which bring kudos and visitors to city? These are part of the tourist remit of a city, not a mandate for obligatory subscription. In Laverstock and Ford locality, with its constituent parts, we genuinely wish to remain as a separate, collaborative, politically independent, predominantly rural parish which is adjacent to a fine city with many attributes and heritage of it's own. We have our own heritage here – summarised very helpfully in the Parish Plan. This community view has formed the main strategy of the agenda of the PC for some years now. New residents are pointed to this via the PC website, I saw it before I chose to live here. Within that are a number of strands of work, which have been
244	I spent my working life protecting the R Avon & its tributaries. In 1976 I was relocated to Salisbury and moved to Laverstock because of its rural nature being a long thin ribbon along the east of the R Bourne. It has three natural boundaries, R Bourne, the railway line and the A30. In line with weather forecasts, winter temperatures drop much lower than in Salisbury and the low parish precept helps with the higher heating bills. The average property price is higher than in the City and Wiltshire gets enough money from us through the Council Tax bills particularly when the occupancy is low and mainly of older people. Lay off our Parish Council we love, them they do a great job.
245	Laverstock & Ford Parish Council hve done a brilliant job improving the area in accordance with the wishes of the residents. They should be allowed and encouraged to continue this good work
246	Voted against L&F in SC but not accepted as you want £300K tax and won't stop until you get it. L&F works for the parish, keeps community informed of progress of local issues in a free local magazine. Putting L&F in SC is against our wishes and interests. I already pay full tax as a few feet over the boundary. These forms should have asked do you want to be in or out of SC without 21 boxes to tick. Confusing ordinary and elderly people so they don't vote or don't understand what they have voted for is a shabby way of doing things. It's time you started treating people fairly, using money wisely, ensuring this historic city is cared for instead of driving people away with high rates and high parking charges. Take 'No' for an answer this time, stop wasting money you have got trying to pressurise residents into doing what YOU want.
247	100. The residents of Laverstock & Ford currently enjoy all the facilities provided by SCC but pay nothing towards them. This is unfair, particularly on low income families in Salisbury. Laverstock is closer to Salisbury than large parts of Harnham & Bemerton. It just makes sense.
248	I very much feel that scheme 100 to merge some of Laverstock & Ford parish with Salisbury City Council would have a very damaging effect on the identity of the smaller parish. This would just create a larger city council and lose the character of 'village community life' Salisbury would engulf the essence of the beautiful, characterful, individual community of the parish. The parish has worked well by itself for so long, creating community open spaces for parish residents to use. Which is where children play and dogs are walked, we have no day to day need to use city centre parks or open spaces. Parish newsletter to keep residents upto date and feel involved in the parish. We very much live in the 'countryside' of Salisbury why merge to just create a bigger city? This will lose the attractiveness and character of Salisbury as a whole, as it will become a bland, faceless city. Keep the character of the individual parish. Laverstock and Ford parish Council does an amazing job of building community spirit as the Parish is not too large, I fail to see how Salisbury City Council would achieve the same sense of community spirit and involvement with such a large amount of residents. This is not being carried out for the right reasons, it's not being
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250	All proposals but mainly 100 Laverstock and Ford parish Council is the best way to represent the local views. They are very well run and and not influenced by unhelpful political bias or financial inefficiencies in the way a larger Council is.

251	I would like to see the small greenbelt area retained and I think Salisbury council should give the option to say NO on their Salisbury Together, without a NO this should be totally ignored.
252	Schemes 2, and 3. I live at Bishopdown Farm in the in the green hatched area on scheme 2. It seems non sensical to me to split Bishopdown Farm from Hampton Park as we both share the same facilities such as schools, surgery, pharmacy, dentist, veterinary practice and shops. I was also surprised to learn that the area which I understood to be Bishopdown Farm is also split as only the lower end closer to London Road currently appears to be in Salisbury Parish whereas the upper end is not. We receive a regular Parish magazine from Lavestock Parish indicating a whole host of items effecting the Parish (including Bishopdown Farm area) whereas the news from Salisbury Parish is scant. To me, Lavestock has always shown a genuine interest in this area than Salisbury Parish and it seems clear to me that Salisbury Parish is trying to extend its size and population purely for financial reasons. Secondary schools which children are most likely to attend are also based at L avestock so I believe there is a stronger connection with this Parish than Salisbury Parish. I therefore consider that Scheme 2 should be adopted.
253	Having attended the Wiltshire Boundary Review Committee Meeting (Wednesday 18th May) in Laverstock, it was very disappointing that not one of the Councillors who put forward Motion 27 were present at the meeting to state their case. I am aware they attend the meeting in Salisbury the previous Monday which speaks loudly on how much interest SCC really have in the future of L & F Parish and its residents. This leaves an impression rightly or wrongly with Laverstock residents that SCC interests really lie in keeping their urban residents happy and L & F will become insignificant in the wider SCC scheme representing only a very minor proportion of its overall residents and becoming a poor relation to their urban counterparts living in the City. As the majority of SCC Councillors will be from the City our Urban group of councillors will get out voted constantly. Merger with SCC will be a negative step for Laverstock residents that at this time have a well run Parish that meets our local needs and is not political - we want to stay independent.
254	Scheme 100: Laverstock has a strong sense of geographical identity that has not been recognised. It is a separate settlement from Salisbury city it is not a suburb of it. Laverstock is a village separated from the city by the railway line, green land and sits on the east of the River Bourne. It therefore has a separate identity, sense of place and 'as is' the Parish Council serves that community and its interests. The review should also consider the contribution that existing groups make to the Laverstock and Ford community as well as the distinct nature of those groups. It should also take into account how efficiently the parish is managed. Scheme 2: The boundary does not appear to be easily identifiable.
255	With regard to scheme 100, my husband, David Ward and I feel very strongly how important it is for Laverstock to retain our own Parish Council. We are very well represented and our Parish demonstrates a genuine sense of community spirit and cohesion. As has been very evident at both this week and last week's meetings, Laverstock & Ford residents, do not feel confident in the ability of Salisbury City Council to represent our best interests. Their case was not helped by the way in which certain councillors have conducted this review. My only regret is that Andrew Roberts' patronising and inaccurate approach prompted some unfortunate responses from the floor, which are NOT representative of the Laverstock & Ford community. Libby Purves recently made the observation on Midweek that people need to feel they belong. The residents of Laverstock & Ford have made it very clear that we feel we belong in our current Parish. I spoke at last night's meet ing and among other points made the plea for Wiltshire Council to recognise that our response is 'Localism in Action' – PLEASE LISTEN. I will email a copy of the points I made to the Electoral Services Team in case this is helpful for the Working Group in noting my comments. With
256	I can't see any reason to make this change. The local community of Laverstock are well served and the community spirit is good. This change appears to offer noting to the community of Laverstock and appears to only serve to increase the revenue of Salisbury City Council.
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258	Leave our rural Parish Council alone!!!! I have no desire to pay for Salisbury Council's over inflated ego.
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260	Scheme 100, the total inclusion of L&F parish within Salisbury is wholly inappropriate. Laverstock, Ford and Old Sarum represent significant and growing communities distinct from the City and have to date been effectively managed by L&F PC as is. There has been no strong or rational case presented for this inclusion which would appear only to increase costs to and decrease the representation and influence of the residents of the L&F Parish.
261	Scheme 100 The arguments for merging Laverstock with Salisbury are totally fallacious, unfounded, undemocratic and would destroy a well run parish. Laverstock is mercifully free from party politics and Councillors work together to do their best for everyone in the parish. I value this immensely. No evidence has been produced to substantiate claims that Salisbury residents subsidize Laverstock in any shape or form. In fact the effect of a meger would be that Laverstock residents would fund and underwrite Salisbury. Laverstock's green spaces would be entirely at risk as it would be considered an urban area. Residents have already made their opposition clear and unambiguous and Salisbury City Parish council has no grounds for pressing on with this proposal. It is a naked, unilateral land and cash grab that is undemocratic and will create an historic wrong. Leave us alone. Scheme 2 It makes perfect organisational sense for Bishopdown Farm to be entirely within the Pa rish. It would enhance the community spirit, civic pride and governance and befits a village mentioned in Domesday when New Sarum was but fields. I strongly support and endorse this change. Scheme 3 This merely a variation on the land grab theme and I
262	One parish council bullying another to gain its assets is not democracy. Residents of L&F should decide on their future NOT SCC or Wiltshire Council. It is the Unitary authority process all over again and look where that has got us!
263	With all the new housing in Old Sarum, there needs to be more timely planning of services and facilities in the area. (All proposals - but hopefully 100 can deliver this more effectively)
264	Scheme 3 This area is part of a rural community adjoining a country park. Its' interests have been brilliantly looked after by the current parish council. All decisions have been made for the benefit of the local community. Inclusion of the area into Salisbury City would inevitably result in decisions being made with the interests of the city rather than the local area being made because of the make of the newly formed council.
265	Scheme 100 is entirely the wrong proposal. Salisbury City cannot be considered a "parish" as it is too large to be described as such. Although not part of this proposal, the solution is to allow other areas - eg Harnham and Bemerton - to be parishes in their own right, with the City Centre forming a "central parish". A scheme could then be agreed between all the parishes to create a "federation" covering "Greater Salisbury" to provide agreed key services. Ultimately this could pave the way for a "South Wiltshire Authority" and dissolution of the current Wiltshire Unitary Authority, which is too large and impersonal. Scheme 2 helps residents in Bishopdown Farm to be formally aligned with the local community. The end of my rear garden forms part of the boundary between Salisbury and Laverstock. In the past, I have had to deal with 2 parish councils on certain matters, as neither seemed to know who was responsible for what. Personal experience has shown that we have a greater affinity with Laverstock and Ford Parish. Therefore it make sense for the houses on Bishopdown Farm to be transferred to Laverstock and Ford. We have no link, geographic or otherwise, to Bishopdown Estate, apart from a single footpath.

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267	100. I have lived in L&F P/C all my life and have no wish for W/C to join us-no confidence in W/C at all.L&F P/C do an excellent job and I wish them to continue to do so. 2. Hands off Bishopsdown (please note this is the correct spelling) Farm they belong to L&F P/C. Please don't listen to the moaners who complained we don't have a Doctors surgery - we don't need one - good grief they only havw to go less than a couple of miles to Bishopsdown Farm where there is a surgery - those sort of people need to live in Salisbury and leave us to enjoy our lovely parish - we (my husband Alan as well) wish TO REMAIN as we are now - NOT joined with W/C Salisbury. Thank you.
268	100 2 AND 3 I DO NOT AGREE WITH ANY OF THE PROPOSALS PLEASE RETAIN THE STATUS QUO
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274	Before commenting on the schemes, I would like to correct a couple of statements made towards the end of the public meeting in Salisbury on 9 May. Firstly, it is not true to say that Laverstock & Ford PC did not support the Hampton Park community from the early days – it did. For example, when the residents no longer wished to run the Community Centre, the Parish Clerk stepped in for a period of time until a new group of residents formed a management organisation. And when this group wound up its activities in 2012 because of insurance issues, a company was formed and a parish Cllr stepped in to become one of the 5 Directors to manage it (and initially carry out the day-to-day running). Also it was incorrect to say that the SCC has not been involved in the redesign of the Hampton Park Country Park. Laverstock & Ford Cllrs, together with a design specialist, spoke with the City Clerk in the early days when an initial drawing of the proposed ru ral redesign was first available. The Clerk was content with what he saw. SCHEME 100 Motion 27 from the Nov 2015 Wiltshire Council meeting called for the Working Group to 'investigate and consult on the merger of Laverstock and Ford Parish into Salisbury City
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277	Salisbury Council have proved time and again to serve their own interests and not those of the rural community.
278	I PRESUME THAT IF THE PARISH IS LARGER OUR RATES WILL COME DOWN AS THE LOCAL COUNCIL WILL GET MORE INCOME FROM SO MANY MORE HOUSES. IF NOT THEN I CAN'T SEE THE POINT OF MERGING.
279	100 - I DO NOT WANT A RISE IN COUNCIL TAS. I AM HAPPY TO ACCEPT THAT WE ARE ROUGHING IT!! I LOVE LIVING ON THE LOWER SLOPES OF OLD SARUM AND ARE PROUD TO LIVE IN AN OLD WATER MILL

280	100 - Ford is much better off as it is. It is not, and I believe never has been, part of the city. To agree to scheme 100 would in the end further destroy Wiltshire's rural heritage.
281	100- Why has the question being asked for a second time? staying as it is gives the area greater community identity
282	100 - I want to stay as part of the Laverstock and Ford Parish. They have served us well whereas Salisbury City Council are more concerned with city centre issues and less with rural ones. Leave us alone.
283	100- I began with the perception that Old Sarum was in effect a suburb of Salisbury, but I can honestly say it is more akin to the rural communities where I have spent much time previously. Understanding quite a bit about parish councils, local councillors and local government I don't understand the drive for change, Area boards work well if run well
284	3- on 100 sheet - we prefer to stay as we are to develop our rural/semi rural parish near but not in Salisbury!
285	100 - PROPOSAL 2 AND 3 WE HAVE STRONG IDENTITY AND COHESION IN L&F PARISH. THE COMMUNITY WORKS WELL TOGETHER AND WE ARE FIGHTING HARD TO RETAIN THE GREEN SPACES WITHIN THE PARISH THAT BENEFITS BOTH L&F AND CITY PEOPLE
286	100 - 1. The boundary of Salisbury with Laverstock and Ford was drawn in 1954. Due to the building since then it is completely out of date. 2. The City of Salisbury is a Parish but WCC is prepared to devolve far more powers. This would be far more effective if the City covered the built up area. There is a vital need for joined up thinking and planning - for example, improving the infrastructure between Old Sarum and the City Centre. 3. Laverstock and Ford Parish should have their own elected members on SCC to help shape the common future. 4. For Band D houses the receipt for L&F is £12.50 and for SCC £105. Is it fair on the deprived parishes of Salisbury? 5. There are several existing "village hubs" within Salisbury like Lower Bemerton and Stratford-sub-Castle who enjoy a vibrant local life and don't feel swamped by the City. 6. Laverstock and Ford is not a discreet community. 100s of children from Salisbury attend St. Edwards, Wyvern and St. Josep hs. Laverstock Church is now linked with St. Marks. 7. Old Sarum is a developing separate community thanks to people like the Rev Penny Joyce. The main support comes from St Francis Church in the City.
287	100 - WHY CHANGE A SUCCESSFUL PARISH COUNCIL WHEN THEY LISTEN AND LOOK AFTER THE LOCAL COMMUNITY UNLIKE THE SCC AND WILTSHIRE CC. I THINK THEY SHOULD LEAVE WELL ALONE, WE ARE VERY HAPPY WITHOUT FURTHER INTERFERENCE
288	100
289	100- Laverstock and Ford parish should remain a rural parish. The atmosphere is lovely, you feel like you are in the country. Please leave us to enjoy our rural status
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291	100- LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH IS SUFFICIENTLY RUN AND MANAGED AT THE MOMENT, FAR SUPERIOR TO SALISBURY DISTRICT COUNCIL SO THEREFORS WE HAVE NO DESIRE TO JOIN THEM
292	100- Laverstock and ford parish is growing sustainable and has a strong sense of local community. Parish council is accessible, effective and good at keeping in touch via parish magazine. We are not dependant on Salisbury for social, cultural and shopping trips. No guarantee funds from laverstock and ford council tax will be adequately distributed for services required here
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296	100 - WE ARE A HAPPY RURAL COMMUNITY,WE ARE NOT BROKEN, PLEASE DON'T 'FIX' US. WE DO NOT WANT CITY STATUS!

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301	100 - Laverstock Parish has a distinct character separated from Salisbury City both socially and geographically from the City. To argue that the parish uses the facilities and amenities of the City which only applies to Laverstock is false. If this were true it would apply equally to all surrounding parishes and villages within a 10 mile radius. This attempted absorption is merely an afterthought to increase financial income for the City Council which, in the past, has not been noted for its planning or management skills.	
302		100
303	100- I am very proud to have lived her 36 years. Laverstock & Ford parish council formed in 1894 is non political and runs very very efficiently by them for the benefit of its residents. their Number One priority. I believe the city council would benefit to a greater extent by gaining laverstock and ford parish council than they would in transferring to Salisbury City council. Larger councils do not always work more efficiently as evidenced by Wiltshire Council	
304	100 - LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH COUNCIL WORKS VERY WELL AS IT IS, THE PROPOSED CHANGE WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE AFFECT ON THIS	
305		100
306	100-there is no merit in the proposed scheme. The laverstock and ford parish council are far better placed to look in the interest of local residents than would be the case if we were simply within a ward or the enlarged Salisbury TC	
307	100 - EACH COMMUNITY HAS AN IDENTITY OF THEIR OWN AND CHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED UNDER THE HEADING OF A TOWN. WHAT IS ALRIGHT FOR A TOWN IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THE LAVERSTOCK COMMUNITY OR FOR BISHOPDOWN FARM AND HAMPTON PARK COMMUNITIES - BEING BASICALLY RURAL	
308	3 - I THINK LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH COUNCIL IS AS LARGE AS IT SHOULD BE SO TO MOVE HAMPTON PARK IS THE CORRECT ONE FOR SALISBURY PARISH COUNCIL. THIS IS ONLY ABOUT MONEY FOR SALISBURY PARISH COUNCIL, WHAT ABOUT ALL THE OTHER VILLAGES AROUND SALISBURY THAT USE ALL THAT SALISBUTY OFFERS, MOST ARE PAID FOR ON A VISIT.	
309	I don't think it is necessary to merge laverstock and ford parish into Salisbury city. IO think it is very important to retain a village identy of ford and feel would be ruined if incorporated into Salsibry. The Roman road makes a natural boundary and the differences between the new build and ford is immense. The new build is high density and far more urban than Ford. I think it makes more sense to merger Hampton park to Salisbury City council. The development belongs to an urban setting and not a village	
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312	100- these rural and semi rural communities are not part of the city and therefore should not be treated a such. Leave the villages and communities outside of the city alone, they are fine as they are!	
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316	100- I live in Laverstock near Salisbury not in Salisbury. Laverstock has always been a village and has been run by a very good council	
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319	100- I value the fact that our parish council makes decisions for the benefit of the people of the parish. Party politics doesn't enter into it. SCC by contrast is dominated by party politics which in my view have no place at parish council level. Would someone from SCC please tell me which services they provide that I do not pay for, I cannot think of any. the people of Salisbury are very welcome to visit our community farm, and walk on the laverstock down and admire the beautiful views. In due course they will no doubt enjoy visiting the country park. We certainly wont be complaining that they don't pay to visit our Parish and its amenities	
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326	100 WE HAVE A STRONG COMMUNITY IN THE LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH AND FEEL THAT BISHOPDOWN FORM WILL BENEFIT FROM MOVING BACK TO OUR PARISH AS THEY ALREADY RECEIVE OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER AND USE THE HAMPTON PARK FACILITIES. PLEASE LEAVE US ALONE TO DEVELOP OUR RURAL/SEMI RURAL PARISH NEAR BUT NOT IN SALISBURY. WE DO NOT WANT TO PAY FOR SALISBURY MISMANGEMENT/POOR NEGOTIATIONS. I LOVE THE CITY OF SALISBURY BUT DONT WANT TO HAVE OUR COMMUNITY SWALLOWED UP JUST BECAUSE THE COUNCIL HAVE PROBLEMS MANAGING THIER INCOME. WHAT'S IN IT FOR US TO JOIN SALISBURY? WILL SALISBURY RESIDENTS PAY LESS COUNCIL TAX?	
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328	100 - THE SURVEY DOES NOT GIVE ANY DETAILS OF COSTS OR SAVINGS TO THE PEOPLE INVOLVED. THIS MAKES ME QUESTION THE VALUE OF THE SURVEY	
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331	100 - laverstock, ford, old sarum, bishopdown farm are not part of the city. It is a different more rural area and has different focus. It should not be merged as we are so different. At old sarum we are 2 miles away from a shop how can we be within the city?	
332	100 - IN MY OPINION THE ONLY REASON SALISBURY WANTS TO TAKE OVER LAVERSTOCK IS FINANCIAL GAIN. SALISBURY PROVIDES NO ESSENTIAL SERVICE TO LAVERSTOCK SO A MERGE WOULD MEAN THAT AS A BAND D COUNCIL TAX PAYER I WOULD GIVE SALISBURY COUNCIL ABOUT £93 PER YEAR FOR NOTHING. SCHEMES 2 AND 3 - SALISBURY COUNCIL SHOULD TRY DECISIONS MADE BY THE RESIDENTS OF THOSE AREAS. I CAME TO LIVE IN LAVERSTOCK IN 1937 AND HAVE SEEN WITH DISMAY HOW DECISIONS MADE BY OUTSIDE COUNCILS HAVE HAD ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE VILLAGE. THIS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN AGAIN.	
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334	100 - LEAVE AS IS PLEASE TO DEVELOP OUR AREAS	
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337	2 - Please leave us alone so that we can develop our rural/semi rural parish but not in Salisbury.
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340	ALL - I THINK THAT WE ALL LIVE IN 'SALISBURY' THAT IS HOW MOST PEOPLE EXPLAIN WHERE THEY ARE FROM. I KNOW LAVERSTOCK AND FORD ARE KEEN TO BE INDEPENDENT BUT I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY, FOR A SENSE OF UNITY AND EASE OF RUNNING IT SEEMS SENSIBLE TO ALL BE PART OF SALISBURY. M THIS VOTE IS LIKELY TO HAVE COST A LOT ALREADY, THIS MONEY COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN BETTER SPENT ELSEWHERE?
341	100 - Have been resident in Laverstock since 1968 - it is a lively strong community and recognising modern developments and ideas has been progressive in all fields of administration. Strongly in favour of this support and vision.
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343	100 Successive councils of Salisbury have failed in their position as caretakers of the city. THEY HAVE FAILED MISERABLY. Salisbury IS CALLED A MEDIEVAL CATHEDRAL CITY, APART FROM SOME OBVIOUS BUILDINGS, NOTHING ELSE IS ADVERTISED, THERE SEEMS TO BE NO OFFICIAL TOURIST GUIDE. What was the shopping centre of a medieval city is now a ghastly site. It is no wonder that any of the parishes involved in the usurping operation wish to be involved.
344	100 - LAVERSTOCK IS A VILLAGE IN ITS OWN RIGHT AND THERE IS A STRONG COMMUNITY FEELING AMONGST ITS RESIDENTS
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348	100 - ALLOW BETTER FUNDING FOR PROJECTS AND EDUCATION
349	100 - I LOVE LIVING ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF SALISBURY BUT I MOVED TO LAVERSTOCK IN 1999 BECAUSE OF ITS SPECIAL SEMI-RURAL CHARACTER AND ITS DISTINCT COMMUNITY FEEL - AND I WISH THAT TO BE PRESERVED. I'M ALSO AN ACTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE MILFORD PRESERVATION GROUP
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354	100 LAVERSTOCK AND FORD HAVE A NATURAL SEPARATION FROM SALISBURY CITY BOUNDARY AND THIS SHOULD BE KEPT. THE PARISH HAS ALWAYS HAD ITS OWN IDENTITY AND IS FINANCIALLY MAINTAINED IN AN EXCELLENT WAY AND THIS SHOULD NOT CHANGE TO HELP FINANCE THE LOSS MAKING SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL
355	100 - just leave things alone, it is fine as it is and all the time and money spent on unnecessary changes is annoying. I was born in Laverstock and it was always separate from Salisbury. I can see no advantages in changing the boundaries. THings need changing in Salisbury not Laverstock.
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358	100 WE CAME TO LIVE IN A VILLAGE NOT A CITY. OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES ARE ALL LOOKED AFTER BY LAVERSTOCK AND FORD AND THAT IS WHAT WE WANT. GO AWAY SALISBURY!	
359	100-WE WOULD NOT GAIN AS A COMMUNITY ANY EXTRA BENEFITS THAN WE DO NOW ONLY TO PAY A HIGHER COUNCIL TAX. 3- BISHOPDOWN HAS ALWAYS BEEN APRT OF SALISBURY THEREFORE HAMPTON PARK WHICH IS IN BISHOPDOWN SHOULD BE UNDER SALISBURY COUNCIL	
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361		100
362	100 - IF LAVERSTOCK AND FORD BECOME PART OF SALISBURY, AN IMPORTANT LOCAL BULWARK AGAINST UNREASONABLE DEVELOPMENT, WHETHER COMMERCIAL OR IMPOSED, WILL BE LOST. LAVERSTOCK AND FORD BECOME JUTS A PART OF A LARGER ENTITY WITH NO DISTINCTIVE VOICE. WHILST IT IS CERTAINLY TRUE THAT RESIDENTS USE SALISBURY SERVICES, THE HIGH NUMBER OF VISITORS TO THE AREA WHO ALSO MAKE USE OF THE SERVICES, YET PROVIDE VITAL INFLOWS OF CAPITAL SEEM NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. AN ARGUMENT FOR INTEGRATING THE PARISHES IT IS, IN MY VIEW, A RED HERRING.	
363	100 - WITH A SMALLER PARISH THE VOICE OF RESIDENTS ARE TAKEN ON BOARD VERY QUICKLY THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN IN A BIGGER PARISH	
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366	100 - I MAY LIVE IN LAVERSTOCK BUT I HAVE ALWAYS FELT THAT I LIVE IN SALISBURY. I WORK IN SALISBURY AND FEEL THAT PEOPLE IN LAVERSTOCK UJSE SALISBURY FACILITIES, BUSES, SHOPS ETC AND ATEND MANY FREE EVENTS RUN BY SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL EG CHRITSMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON, ST GOERGES DAY, BUT DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE COSTS OF THESE EVENTS. I WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO BECOME PART OF SALISBURY.	
367	100 - Scheme 2 seems geographically the most sensible in terms of ironing out the peculiarity of Hampton Parks division. I can see no conceivable advantage to residents of laverstock and ford to scheme 100 and significant financial disadvantages. If Salisbury is reluctant to allow laverstock and ford to become a larger parish, scheme 3 would be a reasonable compromise.	
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369	100 - THE PARISH COUNCIL ARE DOING A BRILLIANT JOB HERE IN LAVERSTOCK, A COMMUNITY I HAVE BEEN VERY HAPPY TO LIVE IN FOR THE PAST 28 YEARS. TO ENLARGE OUR COMMUNITY BY JOINING US WITH SALISBURY OUR IDENTITY WOULD BE GREATLY DIMINISHED. I AM THEREFORE FOR SCHEMES 2 AND 3	
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371	2-LAVERSTOCK IS A VILLAGE WITH A STRONG COMMUNITY FEELING - WE WISH TO KEEP IT THIS WAY AND WOULD STRONGLY RESIST ANY MOVE TO BECOME PART OF SDC	
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373		100
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376	ALL 3 SCHEMES - IT AIN'T BROKE DON'T FIX IT. THE REASON THE COUNCIL WANTS TO BRING LAVERSTOCK AND FORD IN SCC IS TO WE WILL PAY MORE COUNCIL TAX FOR NO BETTER SERVICES	

377	2 on 100 sheet - although not elected the parish council is very effective and fully representative of all parts of the parish, working to bring cohesion to all parts whilst each still keeping their individuality which I feel will be lost if it becomes part of the city which will result in fewer people representing it.	
378		100
379	100 - laverstock has its own historic identity - keep it	
380	100 - DUE TO THE INCREASING LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH VIA OLD SARUM AND LONGHEDGE VILLAGE BUILDING THAT IS TAKING PLACE, I'M SURE COMMUNITY PRIDE, LOCAL DISTINCTIVENESS, QUALITY SERVICES WILL CREATE THE RIGHT SIZE PARISH WITH POSITIVE AND GOOD LOCAL LEADERSHIP. NO NEED TO INCREASE FURTHER	
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383	2 Scheme 2 Right or wrong we fell more part of the Laverstock village than of the City community. Being on the outermost reaches of NE Salisbury we have had a good engagement and leadership from this parish council	
384	100 - would leave Laverstock and Ford parish members with the costs of living in the City but with few of the benefits particularly for the elderly. 100 and 2 - Laverstock and Ford parish, though a somewhat strange shape, has the amenities, local leadership and strong sense of community.	
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392	100 - No more housing please - particularly on the airfield!	
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397	2 Scheme 100 we have lived in Laverstock for 53 years. During this time the village has changed considerably due to the building of many new properties. To support these communities the village provides a good balance of amenities, ie an excellent shop, pub, church sports and social club. In addition we have a village hall that hosts many clubs and activities. All these are run by people who care about Laverstock as a village. One of our most prized thing is the Community Farm which is a great success, being used by both villagers and beyond. We have an excellent newsletter which keeps every householder informed of local matters. All these are run by volunteers. Our local councillors work hard for the village life that we have here. We want to keep it this way - Laverstock village - separated from the City of Salisbury by green fields and the river.	
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401	2 Scheme 2. Community identity. Effective governance. L&F parish have taken the trouble to include us in their events, newsletter and sense of community. We feel strongly attached to L&F parish, not to Salisbury City Council. The L&F parish council is aware of the views of local people and effectively represents us. The City Council is less aware of our more rural, close-knit type of community. Geographically we are close to the city but no road links join the housing areas directly, we are completely separate so this makes perfect sense	
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404	100- regarding scheme 100, my husband and I are very happy for Laverstock to continue to be a parish. It works very well and we do not want to be taken over by Salisbury	
405	100- we feel it is important to keep our own individual identity as Laverstock village and Ford. Keeping a control over our parish affairs in a manageable size area and within our local community	
406	100- waste of time and money, do the right thing and give up	
407	100 - I have lived in Laverstock for 40 years. We have always been well looked after by our parish council. They are caring and omitted people who have the interests of their people at heart and give no allegiance to political parties. I firmly believe that governance at local levels should not be swayed or aligned to any political parties	
408	100- the parish should be left to develop by itself without the interference of Salisbury. We pride our open spaces and wish to keep them for the sake of dwindling wild life. 2 the land was originally part of Laverstock and Ford 3 this area has been part of the parish for 21 years, I see no valid reason to change this to - only financial gain	
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412	100- I always thought Salisbury had a sense of history. This review would indicate this is not the case	
413	100 - I BELIEVE THIS ACTION WOULD BE BASED ON GREED. LAVERSTOCK ETC IS WELL REPRESENTED BY AN ADEQUATE COMMITTEE WHO HAVE THE AREA'S VITAL INTERESTS AT HEART.	
414	100- DEMOCRACY WORKS BEST IN THE SMALLEST PRACTICABLE UNITS. SINCE THE STATUS QUO WORKS WELL, THERE IS NO ADVANTAGE TO BE GAINED	
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419	100 - having moved into the parish in May 2015 we are aghast at the possibility that the views of parishioners might be so blatantly disregarded. If we thought that becoming part of Salisbury City Council MIGHT HAVE BEEN A POSSIBILITY IT WOULD HAVE HAD A MAJOR BEARING ON WHETHER WE WOULD HAVE MADE OUR DECISION TO MOVE INTO THE PARISH. KNOWING WHAT WE KNOW NOW, REGARDING SALISBURY COUNCILLORS' BLATANT DISREGARD FOR PARISHIONER VIEWS WE WOULD NOT HAVE MOVED, OUR FEELINGS ARE THAT STRONG.	
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423	100 - These area should retain their own separate identify and not be swallowed up by the City Council!	
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425	100 - SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL DO NOT REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF THE LAVERSTOCK AND FORD RESIDENTS AS CLEARLY SEEN BY THIER APPROVAL OF THE OLD SARUM AIRFIELD DEVELOPMENT WHICH HAD SO MANY OBJECTIONS. THEY CLEARLY SEE OUR AREA AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SOLVE THIER HOUSING PROBLEMS AND CASH IN ON DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS	
426	100- I have lived in laverstock for nearly 51 years and have watched the parish grow into what it is today, and still managed to keep a sense of a rural community which is so important. The is has been achieved by the excellent work of our parish council. To be swallowed up by Salisbury city council whose management skills leave a lot to be desired,, if a ring road through the centre of the town and I still remember the road to nowhere and if the dreafult state of the streets and pavements is anything to go by, it is obvious the only reason they wont laverstock is for the extra revenue they would receive to plug the hole in their deficit budget	
427	100 - I LIVE IN LAVERSTOCK NOT SALISBURY. I HAVE NO OPINION ON SCHEME 2 OR 3 AND I'M HAPPY WITH EITHER IF IT KEEPS LAVERSTOCK INDEPENDENT	
428	100 - 1. Please leave us alone. There is a saying, if a system works, don't mend it. We in Laverstock have a perfectly good system so it doesn't need to be changed nor does it need any interference. 2. My council tax is at present £186 per month. For that I receive my dustbin emptied fortnightly (cost £4 per month, the same as the green rubbish collection). A bus pass say £10 per month and a bit of street lighting say £2 per month. Given by me £186 per month, Given by council £16 per month. Discrepancy £170 per month. If this was anybody else but the council you would be having a police investigation for fraud. 3. Following the comments in 2 I do NOT wish to pay more in council tax. You are receving sufficient already.	
429	100 - WHEN ASKED WHERE I LIVE I ALWAYS ANSWER FORD, NOT SALISBURY. HAVING LISTENED TO THE DEBATE ON THE WEBCAST, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE ARGUMENT FOR MERGING IS SIMPLY BASED ON EXPANDING THE TAX BASE NOT EFFECTIVENESS AND CONVENIENCE	
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431	100 - CANNOT SEE ANY BENEFIT WITH WHAT IS ALREADY IN EXISTENCE	
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435	I was born and have lived in Laverstock and would hate it if we were swallowed up by Salisbury . We don't need to grow anymore. We need to keep our independence as a rural parish that is the reason we live here. Leave us as we are.	
436	100 - GOVERNANCE SHOULD TAKE PLACE AT THE MOST LOCAL LEVEL TO ACHIEVE OPTIMUM ACCOUNTABILITY	
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438	100 PLEASE HAVE FORD AND LAVERSTOCK AS A PARISH. THERE IS NO NEED TO MERGE. PROPERTIES IN BISHOPDOWN WOULD BE WELCOME IN OUR PARISH. WE HAVE A UNIQUE IDENTITIY AND SENCE OF COMMUNITY, WE ARE NOT SALISBURY. WE ARE FORD AND LAVERSTOCK!	
439	100- we have a great community in Laverstock and there is no need to develop our rural parish that is near but not in Salisbury. we do not want to merge with Salisbury	

440	100 - Having lived in the parish of Laverstock and Ford since 1973 and serving for a time as a parish councillor, I share the view of many of our residents and neighbour that we wish to remain as a parish with clear geographical frontiers, river and railway. We do not participate of use Salisbury facilities and wish to remain as a Parish.	
441		100
442	2 I do not feel the City Council has a close enough understanding or interest in the local community's requirements and needs. It is too large and priorities lie elsewhere. Local governance and oversight will be more effective and efficient and serve the needs of the community better	
443	just leave all boundaries as they are, why waste money reorganising boundaries. When the monies could be spent on more important issues or services	
444	100- leave as currently is as it works well and has done for 21 years	
445	100 - LAVERSTOCK AND FORD HAS ITS OWN UNIQUE IDENTITY THAT SHOULD NOT BE CHANGES FOR MERGER WITH ANYONE ELSE. 2 - BISHOPDOWN FARM RESIDENTS USE HAMPTON PARK FACILITIES AND WOULD BE WELCOMED INTO THE FORD AND LAVERSTOCK PARISH 3 - HAMPTON PARK HAS ALWAYS BEEN PART OF FORD AND LAVERSTOCK, IT SHOULD NOT BECOME PART OF SALISBURY	
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447	100 - 1. We moved to Laverstock from Salisbury 34 years ago because we wanted to live in a village with a strong sense of community. This did not exist in Salisbury and still does not. 2. Laverstock is treated as a village in respect of its poor bus service and I'm sure this would not improve if Salisbury and Laverstock merged. 3. We deserve to pay a lower rate of parish council tax as we have to put up with all the disruption and inconvenience caused by the schools traffic. 4. We can't see any advantage for us in merging with Salisbury, only disadvantages.	
448	100 - We live in Ford which is a rural/semi rural parish near Salisbury. We do not want to be part of Salisbury so wish to remain as we are.	
449	100 - THE AREAS INVOLVED IN SCHEME 100 IS AS IF GERMANY TOOK OVER CHECHSLOVAKIA IN A LAND GRAB FOR 'LEBENSRAUM'	
450	100 - THIS WHOLE PROPSAL HAS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYTHING OTHER THAN FINANCIAL BENEFITS IN FAVOUR OF SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL SHAME ON THEM!	
451	100 - AS A RESIDENT IN LAVERSTOCK FOR THE PAST 48 YEARS WE HAVE BEEN WELL SERVED BY THE LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH COUNCIL AND WISH FOR THIS TO CONTINUE	
452	100 - Our views are shown by the boxes we have marked. Leave us alone so we are able to continue to be the very contented parishioners that we are.	
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454		100
455	100 - IF we are merged with Salisbury City Council the number of parish councillors representing our area will fall to 4 out of a total of 27 with the merged parish. As currently constituted in 1894, the parish is run very efficiently employing only one part time clerk and is a non political. I t is rune solely for the benefit of the residents. We would lose all these benefits if wc merged with Salisbury cc, and we would pay extra council tax for less representation. it is an undemocratic proposal	
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458	100 - IF THE MERGER WITH SALISBURY COUNCIL GOES THROUGH I WOULD EXPECT TO SEE MUCH IMPROVED SERVICES IN OLD SARUM. WE ARE THE POOR RELATIVE AT THE MOMENT	
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460	100 - I like smaller communities so you know people and feel part of the community.	
461	100 - do not merge us with Salisbury. We want to stay small and manageable with a true local voice. the current size promote true localism our councillors listen to their local residents and are passionate about issues we all understand they are no party political career politicians with loud voices	
462	100 - Leave us alone!	
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464	100 - I WANT YOU TO LEAVE PARISH OF LAVERSTOCK TO RUN OUR OWN AFFAIRS AND INCLUDE BISHOPDOWN FARM WITH LAVERSTOCK PARISH. I HAVE A STROGN DIS-TRUST TO SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL IN FINANCIAL DECISIONS THEY MAKE. I DO NOT WANT LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH TO BE ANY PART OF SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL	
465		100
466	100 - There can be little to commend a council that lacks decisiveness and foresight, the case with Salisbury District, now City. The proposal promises further financial and political muddle. There is a general absence of corporate identity awash in new developments and traffic congestion. From a lovely city, Salisbury is fast degenerating into a dump.	
467	100 - LAVERSTOCK AND FORD ARE VILLAGES, DO NOT FEEL THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO MERGE THIS AREA WITH THE CITY. MERGING WILL MEAN WE WILL LOSE THE COMMUNITY IDENTITY AND COHESION. WE WILL HAVE TO PAY MORE COUNCIL TAX, THE SIZE AND POPULATION OF THE PARISH WILL CHANGE SO FOR THOSE OF US LIVING HER WE WILL NO LONGER BE IN A VILLAGE AND WILL LOSE THE BENEFITS WE HAVE BY CHOOSING TO LIVE IN THIS AREA. SALISBURY AND SURROUNDING AREA ARE LOST ALREADY BEING PART OF WILTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	
468	100 - LAVERSTOCK AND FORD HAVE THROUGHOUT HISTORY BEEN SEPARATE INCLUDING THE OLD WILTON AND RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL DAYS. LAVERSTOCK AND FORD ARE VILLAGE COMMUNITIES. LAVERSTOCK BEFORE THE CITY OF NEW SARUM. LAVERSTOCK AREA USED TO REACH TO STRATFORD SUB CASTLE. WE MIGHT THEREFORE PROPOSE THAT LAVERSTOCK MIGHT TAKE OVER SALISBURY SINCE WE RUN OUR AFFAIRS MORE EFFICIENTLY AND ARE NOT SEEKING TO SWELL OUR INCOME BY A TAKE OVER BID.	
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472	100 - LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH IS NOT PART OF SALISBURY CITY. IF I WANTED TO LIVE IN THE CITY OF SALISBURY I WOULD MOVE THERE. I PREFER TO LIVE IN A MORE RURAL ENVIRONMENT WHICH HAS ITS OWN DISTINCTIVE COMMUNITY AND AMENITIES E.G. A VILLAGE FEEL, VILLAGE SHOP, SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB, VILLAGE SCHOOL (PRIMARY) AS WELL AS THE SUPERB COMMUNITY FARM PLUS THE PUB. I LOVE BEING NEAR SALISBURY AND ABLE TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF LIVING SO CLOSE TO A CITY BUT I WANT TO LIVE IN A RURAL/SEMI RURAL ENVIRONMENT I.E. LAVERSTOCK VILLAGE. I THINK THAT IF LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH IS ABSORBED INTO SALISBURY WE WOULD LOSE OUR DISTINCTIVE COMMUNITY IDENTITY AND LAVERSTOCK AND FORD WOULD JUST BE SUBSUMED BY THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS IN SALISBURY CITY. LAVERSTOCK AND FORD HAVE A VERY ACTIVE AND VOCAL PARISH COUNCIL WHICH HAVE ALWAYS BEEN EXCELLENT ADVOCATES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF LAVERSTOCK AND FORD. LAVERSTOCK AND FORD HAS A STRONG COMMUNITY FEEL WITH SEVERAL EVENTS BEING ORGANISED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR E.G. PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE, THE VILLAGE FUN DAY, THE COMMUNITY FARM DAY, PEOPLE LIVING IN LAVERSTOCK HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF IDENTITY AS LAVERSTOCK VILLAGERS. IT HAS ITS OWN DISTINCTIVE IDENTITY WHICH WOULD BE LOST IF IT WAS CONSUMED BY SALISBURY CITY
473	100 - ANY MERGER WOULD REDUCE THE DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATION. CURRENTLY 123 COUNCILLORS UNDER MERGER - ONLY 4
474	ALL SCHEMES - LAVERSTOCK AND FORD HAS ALWAYS MAINTAINED ITS OWN SEMI RURAL PARISH SERVICE ITS LOCAL RESIDENTS WELL, SO LEAVE US ALONE TO CONTINUE WITH THIS. THE ARGUMENT THAT WE USE THE CITY'S FACILITIES FREE DOESN'T HOLD UP AS ALL VISITORS FROM ACROSS BRITAIN AND ABROAD USE THEM FREE. WE ALL PAY WILTSHIRE COUNCIL RATES AND IF PARKING IN SALISBURY, PAY THE HIGHEST PARKING CHARGE IN WILTSHIRE!
475	100 - BY ALLOWING LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH COUNCIL TO BECOME MERGED WITHIN THE CITY BOUNDARY WILL ONLY DIMINISH THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY. ANOTHER CONCERN IS THAT INCOME AND RESOURCES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO LAVERSTOCK AND FORD WILL ONLY BECOME SECONDARY TO THE NEEDS OF SALISBURY. I FEAR THAT OUR TAXES WILL BE RAISED TO PAY FOR THE WILDLINESS OF RUNNING SALISBURY COUNCIL IF IT WERE TO BECOME LARGER AND LAVERSTOCK AND FORD WOULD NOT NECESSARILY SEE ANY OF THOSE BENEFITS. HAVING OUR OWN LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES WHO TRULY UNDERSTAND AND WORKS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IS A MUST.
476	100 - THIS IS ALL ABOUT MONEY NOT PEOPLE'S WISHES
477	100 - I WANT LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH TO REMAIN AS IT IS AND NOT BECOME PART OF SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL. WE HAVE LIVED IN LAVERSTOCK FOR NEARLY 41 YEARS AND LOVE IT AS IT IS. WE WANT IT TO RETAIN ITS IDENTITY AND INDEPENDENCE AND TO CONTINUE TO FOSTER ITS COMMUNITY SPIRIT BY WORKING TOGETHER AND GETTING THINGS DONE WITHOUT EXCESSIVE INTERFERENCE FROM OUTSIDE BUREAUCRACY AND RED TAPE. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR PARISH AND ALL IT STANDS FOR
478	100 - WE HAVE PRIDE IN SALISBURY BUT WE ARE VERY PROUD THAT WE ARE A VILLAGE THAT HAS MANAGED ITSELF SUCCESSFULLY FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS. WE ALL FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR VILLAGE WE TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN OUR VILLAGE. WE WISH YOU WOULD LEAVE US ALONE AND TRY AND SORT OUT THE MESS THAT YOU ALL HAVE CREATED IN SALISBURY. YOU REALLY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THE PEOPLE OF SALISBURY WANT. YOU JUST SEEM TO BE MORE CONCERNED OF YOUR OWN IMPORTANCE
479	2 100 I believe that Laverstock and Ford have an independent way about them away from Salisbury District, and should remain so. 3 I think that the new houses should be included into Salisbury District Council as they are more [akin?] with the City than they are Laverstock and Ford
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481	2 Scheme 100 - no reasoned justification has been made to warrant merging the two. What's the purpose? Both councils work perfectly well as they area. Pointless bureaucracy to merge when there is no compelling case. The questions are curious - they are hadly a reliable barometer to test this key issue why there should be a merger / boundary changes	
482	100 - I DO NOT WISH TO BE PART OF SALISBURY CITY IF I DID I WOULD MOVE INTO THE CITY. I WISH TO REMAIN IN THE PARISH OF LAVERSTOCK AND FORD NOT GOBBLED UP AND BE JUST ANOTHER NUMBER SO SALISBURY CAN GRAB MORE MONEY FOR THIER OWN COFFERS. I HAVE GREAT PRIDE IN OUR PARISH ADN WISH TO BE LEFT ALONE	
483	2 Salisbury is a relatively small city; it doesn't make much sense to me to have one area (ie Laverstock) separate when all the other areas are together.	
484		100
485	2 All aspects of Laverstock and Ford Parish council are open, caring and capable and most of all know their area and its people. 2 A loer council tax would enable me to spend and support venues in Salisbury	
486		100
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488	Having only been in this area for 4 months I cannot be sure about the impact of any of the three proposals. However, I don normally prefer to keep communities small and local as this is more likely to provide the needs of the residents and to listen to their views and concerns. Incidentally why change the boundaries at all?	
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494	100 - I SEE NO VALUE IN EXISTING RESIDENTS OF THE LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH BEING MERGED WITHSALISBURY CITY UNDER SCHEME 100. THIS OPTION WOULD DETRACT FROM THE CURRENT FOCUS ON PARISH ISSUES WHICH SERVES THE AREA SO WELL. WE WOULD BE 'LOST' WITHIN THE SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL. SCHEME 2 - WOULD BE A POSITIVE MOVE, CREATING A MORE COMPLETE PARISH FOR BOTH EXISTING MEMBERS OF THE PARISH AND THOSE BROUGHT INTO IT VIA THIS PROPOSAL SCHEME 3 - APPEARS TO JUST DETRACT FROM THE EXISTING PARISH COMMUNITY AND WOULD ADD LITTLE VALUE TO THOSE RESIDENTS TRANSFERRED TO SALISBURY CITY.	
495		100
496	100 and 2 I personally have been a happy resident of laverstock for 59 years Currently our forward lookand and efficient laverstock & ford parish is managed by a good, keen and sincere cross section of non political volunteers who care, as I do, for our rural also semi rural parish. It must remain as it is near, but not in Salisbury city. Salisbury with it congestion and high pollution, dense traffic and high charges for most facilities as soon as the boundary is crossed - not for me. Laverstock and ford parish is free, welcoming and friendly and with its fresh air local well used facilities, long may it remain that way.	
497	100 WE ARE A VILLAGE COMMUNITY AND HAVE NO WISH WHATSOEVER TO JOIN SALISBURY CITY	
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503	100 - I am very concerned about a possible increase in council taxes and therefore cannot agree to this	
504	100 - I HAVE NOT COMPLETED SECTIONS 7,8,9 AND 10 BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A VIEW ON THE BOUNDARY CHANGES AFFECTING HAMPTON PARK AND BISHOPDOWN FARM. HOWEVER I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH COUNCIL MERGING WITH SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL	
505	100 - please leave our community alone to develop our rural/semi rural parish near but not in Salisbury. Salisbury residents do visit Laverstock and enjoy themselves free. The parish precept is not part of the governance criteria	
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508	100 - I WOULD LIKE TO REMAIN PART OF LAVERSTOCK AND FORD AS THE PRESENT COUNCILLORS HAVE WORKED LONG AND HARD TO MAKE THE PARISH AS GOOD AS IT IS SO SCHEME 2 HAS MY UNANIMOUS VOTE	
509		100
510	SCHEME 2 - LAVERSTOCK AND FORD HAVE AN EXCELLENT PARISH COUNCIL WITH STRONG LOCAL INVOLVEMENT I RUN A MEMORY SUPPORT GROUP FOR PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA IN THE VILLAGE FUNDED BY WILTSHIRE COUNCIL AND THE LOCAL PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE SUPPORTIVE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO RETAIN A 'VILLAGE ATMOSPHERE' IN ORDER TO SUPPORT VULNERABLE RESIDENTS	
511	100 - LAVERSTOCK PARISH HAS A VERY STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY AS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE VOLUNTARY INPUT INTO RIVERBROUNE COMMUNITY FARM. WHY IS THERE NO MENTION IN THIS DOCUMENT OF THE PREVIOUS WC WORKING PARTY RECOMMENDATION TO RETAIN LAVERSTOCK'S SEPARATE STATUS? WHY IS THE COUNCIL IGNORING THIS?	
512		100
513		100
514	100 - AS A RESIDENT OF 66 YEARS I PREFER TO KEEP LAVERSTOCK AND FORD AS A SMALLER PARISH AND NOT BE PART OF SALISBURY DISTRICT COUNCIL	
515	100 - FORD HAS ALWAYS BEEN A RURAL AREA CLOSE TO BUT NOT PART OF SALISBURY. WE WELCOME THE RURAL FEEL AND DO NOT WANT FURTHER URBANISATION OF OUR PARISH. WE ENJOY NIGHT SKIES WITHOUT THE INTRUSION OF STREET LIGHTING. WE ENJOY UNMADE NATURAL PATHS - FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS. WE DO NOT WANT TO BE PART OF SALISBURY CITY, WE WANT TO REMAIN SEPARATE, A RURAL HAMLET AND PART OF THE LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH.	
516	100 - LAVERSTOCK IS A SEPARATE ENTITY WITH ITS OWN STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY, ITS OWN FACILITIES I.E. CHURCH, VILLAGE HALL, PUB AND ITS PARISH COUNCIL. ITS OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES ARE VIBRANT AND WELL SUPPORTED I.E. EVERGREEN CUBS, SCOUTS ETC, WI. IT HAS ITS OWN PARISH MAGAZINE. NOT LEAST ITS COMMUNITY FARM IS A FLOURISHING VENTURE. IT ALSO HAS ITS OWN SHOP AND TWO TAKEAWAYS.	
517	100 - LAVERSTOCK AND FORD IS VERY EFFICIENTLY RUN AND IN NO WAY WILL AMALGAMATION BE BENEFICIAL TO LAVERSTOCK RESIDENTS	
518		100
519		100

520	100 LAVERSTOCK AND FORD HAS FUNCTIONED VERY WELL UP UNTIL NOW. GOOD SENSE OF COMMUNITY, REGULAR LOCALLY ORIENTATED NEWSLETTER ALL GIVE A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT. BOOSTS QUALITY OF LIFE ESPECIALLY FOR THE OLDER GENERATIONS WHO FEEL A BIT ISOLATED IF THEY CAN'T GET OUT MUCH. PEOPLE WHO FEEL PART OF A COMMUNITY LIKE LAVERSTOCK AND FORD MAY BE LESS OF A BURDEN ON THE CARIGN SERVICES IF THEY FEEL BETTER IN THEMSELVES - LESS PRONE TO DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY SO MORE HEALTHY OVERALL. SMALLER COMMUNITY UNITS ARE BETTER THAN HUGE CONGLOMERATES.	
521	100 - THE SERVICES IN THE CITY AREAS ARE GETTING VERY POOR. THE SELLING THE SERVICES TO BELFORD BEATY WAS A DISGRACE AND LOOKS LIKE SOME PERSONS MUST HAVE HADA VERY NICE BACK HANDER. I CANNOT TRUST THE PERSENT LEADER SO PLEASE LEAVE THE BOUNDARIES AS THEY STAND	
522		100
523		100
524		100
525	SCHEME 100 IS LOGICAL. WE SAY THAT WE LIVE IN SALISBURY IF ANYONE ASKS, IT REMOVES A SET OF BUREAUCRACY. 2 SMALL COUNCIL WILL BECOME 1. THE MAP FOR SCHEME 100 CLEARLY SHOWS THAT INSTEAD OF 2 ODD SHAPE JIGSAW PIECES WE CAN HAVE A ROUGH CIRCLE AROUND THE URBAN AREA OF SALISBURY WITH NO ARBITRARY BOUNDARIES	
526		100
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533	100 - LAVERSTOCK AND FORD IS A SEMI RURAL PARISH WITH DISTINCTIVE AMENITIES - WHOLLY INAPPROPRIATE TO MERGE WITH CITY. MERGER WOULD LEAD TO A LOSS OF COMMUNITY INFLUENCE OVER ISSUES SUCH AS AIRFIELD DEVELOPMENT FOR THOSE MOST AFFECTED. LAVERSTOCK ANF FORD RESIDENTS PAY FOR SERVICES AND PARKING IN CITY JUST LIKE VISITORS FROM FURTHER AFIELD. CITY RESIDENTS BENEFIT FROM AMENITIES SUCH AS THE COMMUNITY FARM FOR FREE. LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH COUNCIL HAS PROVED ITS ABILITY TO EFFICIENTLY RUN A VIABLE PARISH. ISSUES SUCH AS VERY SLOW INTERNET CONNECTION WOULD BE EVEN LISEE LIKELY TO BE ADDRESSED WHEN ITS A SMALLER MINORITY AFFECTED	
534		100
535		100
536	100 - COSTS TO THE RESIDENCE	
537	100-Parish Councils should not be elected on party lines. I cannot see how this will benefit residents of Laverstock and Ford. Parish Councillors should not get expenses. The area of Laverstock and Ford is large enough for a Parish council to manage, any larger and I feel Old Sarum will not get a look in when decisions are made. It will not be long before Lavistock and Ford has a large population than Salisbury	
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540	100 - WE ARE AT A LOSS AS TO WHAT BENEFITS THE RESIDENTS OF LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH WOULD GAIN BY BECOMEING PART OF SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL!	
541	100 - WE HAVE ALREADY VOTED TO STAY AS A PARISH. THE VOTE WAS 90% PLUS NOT TO JOIN SALISBURY	
542	100- Leave us alone	
543		100
544	100-I purchased a home in a village called Laverstock. I do not want to become part of a parish being gradually eroded by Salisbury city council	
545	100-Council has just gone up when inflation is going down??! If we join Salisbury council it will go up again! JOKE!!	
546	I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON SCHEME 100. LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH COUNCIL ARE ALL FOR THE COMMUNITY AND HAVE A BRILLIANT TRACK RECORD OF LOOKING AFTER THIER PARISHONERS. SALISBURY COUNCIL HAVE NO INTEREST OUTSIDE THE CITY CENTRE ADN ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN THE MONEY TO SPEND IN THE CITY. I RARELY GO INTO THE CITY, IT COSTS FAR TOO MUCH AND IF I MUST, I PAY THE SAME AS ANY VISITOR. I LIVE AT OLD SARUM, A VERY RURAL COMMUNITY WITH FIELDS SURROUNDING ME. OUT HISTORY PREDATES SALISBURY BY MANY THOUSANDS OF YEARS. THE CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO BUILD ON THE LOCAL AIRFIELD, THEY DIDN'T ASK THE LOCAL COMMUNITY WHAT THEY THOUGHT, SO MUCH FOR THEM CARING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS OUTSIDE THE CITY. WE HAVE A EXCELLENT PARISH COUNCIL WHO ARE ALL FOR THE COMMUNITY AND A BADLY RUN CITY COUNCIL WHO ONLY CARE ABOUT USING US TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE CITY CENTRE. OVER 99% OF US THAT VOTED AGAINST A MERGER. I THOUGHT WE LIVED IN A DEMOCRACY OR DID MY DAD FIGHT FOR NOTHING	
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549	100 - AS A PARISH WE HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF LOCAL COMMUNITY WHICH MAKES LAVERSTOCK FEEL A VERY SMALL AND FRIENDLY PLACE TO LIVE. THIS IS WHY I DISAGREE WITH THE PROPOSAL TO MERGE LAVERSTOCK AND SALISBURY AS IN SCHEME 100	
550	100-Whatever is decided it makes sense to unite the 2 parts of Bishopdown instead of splitting them between two different parishes	
551	LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PC REPRESENTS THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. IT SHOULD REMAIN AS IT IS AND NOT BE SWALLOWED UP BY SALISBURY	
552	PLEASE LEAVE ALONE TO DEVELOP OUR RURAL/SEMI RURAL PARISH, NEAR BUT NOT IN SALISBURY. THANK YOU	
553		100
554	100 - MOVEMENTS OF PROPERTIES AT HAMPTON PARK OR LAVERSTOCK AND FORD TO MERGE WITH SALISBURY Ciry WOULD NOT IMPROVE THE PRESENT SERVICES CURRENTLY PROVIDED TO THE EXISTING PARISHES. MOST SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FROM WHICH THE CURRENT COUNCIL TAX IS EXTRACTED. MEDICAL, POLICE, FIRE AND REFUSE SERVICES IS ALREADY AREA BASED AND NOT THE SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY OF SALISBURY CITY. I NOTE SALISBURY CITY RECENTLY SUPPORTED THE OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION TO BUILD HOUSING ON OLD SARUM AIRFIELD WHICH IS OUTSIDE THIER REMIT. I ALSO NOTE HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE IS A COUNTY RESPONSIBILITY AND IS NOT A SALISBURY CITY ONE. MOVEMENT TO SALISBURY CITY WOULD NOT PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO LAVERSTOCK AND OLD FORD PARISH	
555	100- I love things as they are.	

556	100-Old Sarum is developing a strong sense of identity and community which is essential in view of forthcoming developments in the area. A sense of distinctiveness and appreciation of the needs of a community would not be well served by integrating with the city - to make Laverstock and Old Sarum essentially suburbs of Salisbury would harm the development of strong village like communities in these areas of new development which is important to the maintenance and rural character	
557		100
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560	100 - LAVERSTOCK SHOULD BE LEFT AS A VILLAGE AS IT HAS BEEN FOR MANY YEARS!	
561		100
562	100-	
563	100-Laverstock and Ford are villages. We do not want subsumed into Salisbury City	
564	100 - LAVERSTOCK AND FORD IS A PARISH COUNCIL AND SO SHOULD REMAIN A PARISH COUNCIL AND ALL THE RESIDENTS OF LAVERSTOCK AND FORD ARE PROUD TO LIVE HERE. SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL HAS BEEN TOLD BY THE RESIDENTS ALREADY AND ALSO BY THE WC WORKING GROUP TO LEAVE US ALONE. THIS IS ALL A WASTE OF TAX PAYERS MONEY 'OUR MONEY' SO LEAVE US ALONE!	
565	100-	
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571	100-A city that has no central police station, no support for the local football club. We in the South of the county have no say what is happening in the rest of the county.	
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573	100- I was born and brought up in Salisbury and although lived elsewhere in various places spent majority of my life here. I have lived in various parts of city. I moved to Laverstock 18 months ago. There is nothing to stop Salisbury residents from elsewhere enjoying e.g. walks in this parish, children attend schools here etc. As a Laverstock resident I still contribute to Salisbury e.g. by working 2 days a week in city centre charity shop, supporting Salisbury businesses of the market etc.	
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575	100 - LAVERSTOCK AND FORD IS A THRIVING COMMUNITY WHERE I HAVE LIVED FOR THE PAST 38 YEARS. IT DOES NOT DESERVE TO BE SWALLOWED UO BY SALISBURYS LARGE UNITARY COUNCIL	
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579	100 - THE MAP DOES NOT SHOW THE NEW OLD SARUM ESTATE. WHY NOT!! IS IT WE DO NOT MATTER? HOW CAN WE EVEN CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL WHEN WE ARE NOT EVEN ON THE MAP!! GET IT WRIGHT	
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581	100 - THERE IS A CLEAR DISTINCTION FOR PEOPLE, SOME CHOOSE TO LIVE IN URBAN AREAS AND OTHERS SMALLER COMMUNITIES. SMALLER COMMUNITIES OR VILLAGES DEVELOP THEIR OWN CHARACTER AND INFRASTRUCTURE THAT MAKE THEM UNIQUE AND DESIRABLE. WE ALL PAY OUR COMMUNITY CHARGE WHETHER WE LIVE IN TOWNS OR VILLAGES SO QUALITY OF SERVICES SHOULD BE THE RIGHT OF EVERYONE	
582	100 - the parish of Laverstock as it exists at present and has existed for many years works extremely well and has a distinct personality. It is different from Salisbury City but complements it. Laverstock has a good sense of local community with many families having lived there for their whole lives. If they move they stay in Laverstock. If it aint broke don't fix it!	
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585	100-Return Laverstock to original boundaries	
586	SCHEME 100 - LAVERSTOCK AND SURROUNDING AREAS SHOULD BE KEPT SEPARATE FROM THE CITY OF SALISBURY TO PRESERVE THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE AREA. SCHEME 2 - BISHOPDOWN FARM SHOULD BE MOVED TO PRESERVE THE COHESIVE NATURE OF THE AREA SCHEME 3 - IT WOULD BE A RETROGRADE STEP TO SEVER THE STRONG LINKS OF THE AREA BUILT UP OVER DECADES	
587	I elected to live in a semi rural parish and not in the city environment so hands off Salisbury city council. The Laverstock and Ford parish council support very strongly the interests of the Parish, being very motivated and pro-active with all aspects of the parish. Also they are very efficient and effective representing value for money. Both Bishopdown Farm and Hampton Park are naturally part of the Laverstock parish so they belong by right to the parish. The above comments are for all 3 proposals.	
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590	100-Salisbury council do not do anything here, apart from emptying the rubbish bins fortnightly. We have been Laverstock and Ford forever and there is no need for it to be changed. If it is not broke don't fix it	
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594	100- We bought our house in Ford in 1990 to live in the country and be governed by the local parish. we strongly resent being moved from Parish to City.	
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601	100 - WITH THE ALLEGED INDIFFERENT LEADERSHIP FROM COUNTY HALL IN TROWBRIDGE, I UNDERSTAND THAT AN ENLARGED SALISBURY CITY PARISH WOULD REFLECT MORE THE WISHES OF RESIDENTS. THIS SHOULD BE A MARKED IMPROVEMENT AS MY LIFE REVOLVES AROUND WORK AND PLAY IN THE CITY. WHAT IS THERE IN LAVERSTOCK? HOW ABOUT A BETTER BUS SERVICE FOR A START! THANK YOU	
602	100 - I am very concerned that local democracy will suffer should Salisbury take over Laverstock. Laverstock PC is an example of efficient friendly and cost effective local government. It appears to me that the same cannot be said for Salisbury town council	
603		100
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607	The Salisbury Council fail totally to protect local interests on planning for housing and particularly on roads. I have no confidence in what they do for FORD	
608	100- Leave well alone - why upset residents just for the sake of it. In my experience any changes made i.e Petersfinger Road have had a detrimental effect	
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614	Keep the identity of Laverstock & Ford. Been a resident of Laverstock for 30 years - enjoyed many aspects the village has to offer ie local schools, church and village hall where many clubs provide services etc to the community for all ages. The Bourne Community Farm is growing stronger each year providing many educational and social events for local residents and visitors from a wide area. people have strived long and hard to keep rural life alive, please respect the wishes of this local community	
615	100 - Leave our village alone	
616	100-I've lived here 47 years for me Laverstock is Laverstock and Bishopdown is Bishopdown separated by the railway line. If it wasn't for the schools it would be a truly sleepy village. Whilst we have to move forward in life I believe Laverstock and Ford should be left as it is and perhaps a third parish created. With all the new houses planned over time. So maybe it should be Laverstock, Bishoptown and Ford as a new parish.	
617	100- I strongly believe that Laverstock and Ford should continue to develop outside of the City of Salisbury. I believe that If the village is subsumed into the city it will loose its unique identity and character.	
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621	100-We have been here before and made it perfectly clear that we wish to be left alone by Salisbury. Whilst we love th city we also love having our own parish and independence. Near but not in salisbury	

622	Scheme 2. Bishopdown Farm and Hampton Park will lose their identity if swallowed up by Salisbury City Council. The council does not have best interests of residents at heart but only wish to increase council tax.
623	100- Laverstock Resident have a strong sense of belonging to the village of Laverstock and sense of community. This would be lost and not felt if Laverstock was merged with Salisbury
624	100-
625	100- Laverstock & Ford has a very strong local community and deserves to remain as is.
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627	Scheme 100 - The proposal is solely based on financial gain for Salisbury. Who in Laverstock and Ford is in favour? No one! Our parish council is effective and efficient - just look at the mess SCC has made of Salisbury City centre to see the difference. L&F wish to retain its identity & community & govern itself. Scheme 2 & £ - it makes sense for all Hampton Park to be moved to SCC - the current split reduces the cohesion of the local community & services.
628	100-There are geographical and historical reasons for keeping the separation of Laverstock and Ford from Salisbury city. The river Bourne, meadows and railway embankment provide a clear demarcation for the current boundaries, as far as the major part of L&F are concerned. Laverstock has a strong and effective social community spirit and governance within a semi rural setting, which has led us to a deliberate choice to reside outside the city boundaries.
629	For all three proposals. We do not want to be part of Salisbury Parish. We are Laverstock & Ford. We do not want to subsidise Salisbury through taxes ect. We do not want their ridiculous parking schemes. We want to keep our identity as it is.
630	SCHEME 100 - THE RESIDENTS OF LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH DO NOT CONSIDER THEMSELVES TO BE PART OF SALISBURY. THYE HAVE A DISTINCTIVE AND DIFFERENT COMMUNITY AND ARE EFFECTIVELY REPRESENTED AND SERVED BY AN EXCELLENT PARISH COUNCIL. WE HAVE OUR OWN AMENITIES, ATTRACTIONS AND INTERESTS AND WISH TO REMAIN CLOSE BUT SEPARATE FROM TEH CITY OF SALISBURY. WE MAY CHOOSE TO VISIT SALISBURY FOR SHOPPING OR ENTERTAINMENT, BUT WE COULD EQUALLY VISIT AMESBURY OR ANDOVER AND THER IS NO QUESTION OF BEING PART OF THIER LOCAL COUNCILS!
631	Laverstock (including Milford) and Ford are villages. We no longer have a post office or a doctors surgery or a police station. There are no police officers assigned to us. The people who live in this parish choose to do so because of the quiet countryside environment. So far we have managed without complaint and without the so called "amenities" of Salisbury city. We only as to be left to live our lives in peace.
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633	The proposal to amalgamate Laverstock with Salisbury is purely for financial gain only. In fact I think its a cheek to even think we would be better off. Your council is too often found to be sitting on their hands and dither too much about important decisions. Our parish is doing very nicely thank you and long may it continue. Laverstock is a lovely village quite capable of looking after itself
634	100- We are happy with our present council. Bringing Salisbury into this would mean new councillors whom we have no knowledge of and do not know our present council is doing a good job and helping to improve facilities. If we became part of Salisbury all this would disappear and any improvement would never happen.
635	100-Please leave us alone to continue to develop our semi-rural parish which is a contented, successful community
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637	All Three proposals- We have a strong civic community governed by a thoughtful communicative Parish council. We do not feel part of Salisbury and would much prefer the current set up continued. The alternatives are designed to resolve the city's mismanaged Financials situation and would have a devastating impact on our well managed community lifestyle.
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640	100 - Laverstock parish should be independent of Salisbury 2 & 3- I strongly feel that the properties at Bishopdown Farm be moved back with LFPC and Hampton Park be moved to stay as the land was LFPC in the first place. Our local councillors are in tune with the parish and the identity should be left alone.
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642	I AM COMMENTING ON ALL THE PROPOSALS AS A VERY STRONGLY HELD OPINION AND POSITION. I REJECT PROPOSALS 100 AND 3 ON THE BASIS OF HAMPTON PARK REMAINING PART OF LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH. HOWEVER WITHIN THIS BOUNDARY CHANGES A FURTHER CHANGES SHOUDL HAPPEN - OLD SARUM AND LONGHEDGE SHOULD BECOME PART OF SALISBURY OR ANOTHER PARIOSH OF FORM ITS OWN. THIS WOULD MAINTAIN AND PROMOTE THE KEY ASPECTS OF LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH BEING A RURAL PARISH WITH THE SIZE THAT REFLECTS THIS AND GEOGRAPHY. NEW PARISH WOULD BE CALLED LAVERSTOCK, FORD AND HAMPTON PARK PARISH
643	we are a flourishing parish with a keen sense of community. This semi rural parish has the key services of shops doctor, vet, pub, sports club, an active busy village hall, a well run community farm and a very good parish news letter. We have a good community sprit and a keen sense of identity which would disappear if we were swallowed up by the big city next door. Salisbury citizens benefit from the use of our more rural ways and spaces, our downs and parks, our farm and our wish is to keep our identity
644	Laverstock & Ford Parish Council has, and still continues, to operate very effectively and efficiently over a number of years and therefore has a proven history. Merger with Salisbury City Council would serve no practical purpose for L&F residents. In fact unifying areas into larger units makes services more remote & using the unified Wiltshire County Council more inefficient and less effective
645	100-Laverstock and Ford has a distinct community feel and the feeling of the village that borders Salisbury rather than being part of it. It has been managed as a parish well in my opinion up to this point and I see no clear reason why is should be consumed into Salisbury - It appears to be a financial proposal with no benefits for the residents having been put forward.
646	All schemes - The Parish of Laverstock, Ford , Hampton Park, Riverdown Park and Old Sarum have in place a very effective and efficient parish council. as set up under the local government act in 1894 with Voluntary parish councillors from all working on a Non Political basis and is solely run by local people for the benefit of local people. Should the parish be absorbed into Salisbury City we would lose the local identity and just become a 'lost' part of the city with no local identity. I object VERY strongly TO THE ABSORTION INTO SALISBURY CITY. BUT STRONGLY SUPPORT THE RETURN OF BISHOPDOWN FARM BACK TO THE PARISH
647	100- I feel that the present system works well so why change. This survey and any subsequent changes must be costing finance that the council (WC) can ill afford. Lets just leave things alone. As the Americans say 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it'.
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649	100- Laverstock and Ford needs to be independent and not part of Salisbury. Strong local community and better developed by ourselves.
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651	please leave Laverstock as it is. We have a wonderful sense of community. We do not want any intruders from other councils.
652	100- 12 years ago I moved here from a small village because Laverstock was a village on the outskirts of the city not part of the city and really would not like to be part of the city.
653	100- point 7 - not affected by this proposal.
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657	100-We chose to live in Laverstock because it is a vibrant village. It is well run by a dependant council composed of dedicated volunteers who all live in the parish and have the interest and wellbeing of the community at their heart. A fine news letter is delivered to each home every 2 months giving news of the councils business and all the many activities that happen in the village. The village hall was recently opened and the Old Sarum community centre are all well used by clubs and youth organisations e.g. Woman's institute, gardening club, scouts, playgroup. The community forum is a valuable asset to the village. It holds regular events such as open days, cream teas, barn dances and concerts. It has opened many walks and nature trails in the parish. Many of the residents are Friend of the Farm to financially support their activities whilst others do voluntary work. Laverstock sporta and social club is a thriving club running sports teams for all a ges and organising charity events. We strongly urge you to reject the Salisbury city council proposal to take over the Laverstock and Ford Parish. Remember 99.3% of Laverstock residents expressed the desire to stay separate from salisbury
658	100- Laverstock and Ford need to try and keep their own identity. It already feels we are merging into a suburb of Salisbury City and we were originally villages. The relentless addition of school huge buildings has changed enough already.
659	100-I wish to remain in the Laverstock parish as it seems to have worked very well up until now and can see benefits no benefits in becoming part of Salisbury
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661	100- Please leave Laverstock parish to govern itself and maintain semi rural feel.
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667	100- Do not confuse Laverstock with Harnham, Bemerton and Bishopdown. Laverstock is a separate and distinct stand alone village not part of Salisbury - if you really want to "make a difference" lower Salisbury parking charges.
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669	100-We enjoy Laverstock as an integrated and friendly community with good links with Salisbury but links does not equate absorbtion. There is no need here for a change o governance or alteration to our local services, especially any changes to our council tax 2 & 3. Can't speak here for people who live in Ford, Bishoptown and Hampton parish but we do seem to share a number of community facilities already - why change
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671	100-We really do not want our parish to inherit anything from SDC. The appalling state of Salisbury assets are not something SDC should be proud of - Taking on more responsibility will merely increase the burdon of responsibility which they are not good at
672	100- We have a good Parish council who care about our villages and works hard to provide a clean and pleasant environment. Ours is an ancient rural parish with a strong community spirit and should remain so. WE DO NOT WISH TO BECOME PART OF SALISBURY.
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674	100- The seven factors listed in parts 6,8 & 10 already exist, thankfully, in Laverstock and Ford parish. The unprincipled are in earnest pursuit of funds and the end justifies the means - £300,000!
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677	100- Laverstock has a strong and effective parish council acting on behalf of the residents without political influence. The population has repeatedly expressed its wish to remain as a separate parish. Examples of effective governance are the community farm, the parish newsletter, accommodating the schools, Laverstock football club and with a strong social influence.
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680	100-I wish us to be left alone to develop our rural parish
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683	100-With so many possible developments taking place on this side of the city Laverstock and Ford residents need strong effective local governance which represents their views
684	100- Note - not nearly having information on the actions of the parish council it is difficult to make meaningful decisions regarding whether the status quo should be changed. Any decision is a guess. Maybe joining up the proposed areas would make sense from the geography of the areas concerned more a part of Laverstock and Ford than Salisbury.
685	100-In terms of scheme 100 my very strong preference is to leave things as they are and allow Laverstock and Ford to develop our own parish close to but not in Salisbury. In the (hopefully unlikely) event that this does not happen I would be stongly in favour of Bishoptown farm coming closer to Lavistock and Ford (scheme 2) as there are obviously advantages to both doing this. I am completely against the scheme 3 proposal
686	100- We want Laverstock and Ford parish to stay as it is. We see no benefit to us in merging with Salisbury. The only gain would be for Salisbury residents having extra revenue to do as they please in their area, not ours.
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688	100 - FORD WILL LOSE ITS IDENTITY AND SIMPLY BECOME A SUBURB OF SALISBURY AND ALL THE COSTS INVOLVED
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690	100-I am strongly opposed to the proposed merger of Lavistock and Ford Parish council with Salisbury city council. The proposal and its timing is clearly a cynical move by Salisbury city council to increase its annual income so that it can take over the assets that Wiltshire council want to hand back to it. The reasons they have given in support of the merger don't stand up to scrutiny. In my opinion there are parallels here with what happened when we lost Salisbury District council to Wiltshire council. Supposedly "good" reasons were put forward as to the advantages of scrapping Salisbury district council but what was the outcome? Our councillors might have influence on Wiltshire council but they can be easilt out voted on local issues Laverstock and Ford are separate from Salisbury and deserve to have their own parish council which understands and can respond to local needs. If this merger goes ahead we will lose a very good parish council and it will be yet another blow to local democracy Scheme 2 - I am in favour of scheme 2 as the land was originally part of Laverstock and Ford Scheme 3 - I disagree with scheme 3 as Hampton park, including riverdown, has been part of Laverstock and Ford parish since the outset
691	100- We chose to live in a village - yes a village very close to a town, but nevertheless, a village with a distinct personality and the advantages and disadvantages of life in a community separate from the city. if 99.3% of us want to remain a separate parish, surely our wish should have some weight and we should make the decision.
692	100- 1) Laverstock has a strong sense of being a distinct community. 2) we are kept well-informed about local issues by our parish council. Our council seems to be effective and well led. 3) Salisbury's whole approach seems uninvited and high-handed.
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694	100- This scheme is put forward solely to provide additional tax payers/income to Salisbury. It offers absolutely no benefits to the residents of Laverstock and Ford. Laverstock and Ford is not a part of the City and it is well served by its parish councillors as a rural parish. no attempt has been made by Salisbury City Council to consider the impact of this scheme on the residents of Laverstock and Ford. the only factor mentioned is to gain additional income to be paid by the residents of Laverstock and Ford parish council. 9, together with the overwhelming majority of residents in Laverstock and Ford (from my conversations) are strongly opposed to this scheme.
695	100- I live in the country not the city, a move into the city would mean no effective way of making life better for my parish as we would be out voted at every move. The council did away with S.D.C. and you would be recreating the old S.D.C. with its mismanagement, overspending etc. the need for more money for the city is what the city want.
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697	100 THE INCLUSION OF THE MORE 'RURAL' L;AVERSTOCK AND FORD pc INTO THE MORE URBANISED SALISBURY CC IS MERELY A DEVICE TO PROVIDE SALISBURY CC WITH EXTRA INCOME. THE ABSORBTION WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE MORE RURAL CHARACTER OF LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PC. I AM SURE THAT THE ENLARGED SCC WOULD NOT LOOK FAVOURABLE INTO PROVIDING MORE AMENITIES/IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE TO THE MORE RURAL LAVERSTOCK ANF FORD PC AREA. ANY INCOME FROM THE CURRENT HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AT OLD SARUM, LONG HEDGE AND HAMPTON PARK ETC WOULD BE BETTER USED BY THE EXISTING LAVERSTOCK ANF FORD PC. SCHEME 2 - THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE SCHEME PUT FORWARD IS SCHEME 2 AND I'M NOT TOO SURE ABOUT THAT
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701	100- I believe that we are well served at the moment with Laverstock and Ford having their own identities. We are separated from Salisbury by a hill and have a passionate and effective councillor to represent us.

702	100- I feel that by combining our area with the city area our needs will be collectively lost as the needs of the city would be seen as more important. Living in Old Sarum and living in the city are very different experiences and the parishes should be separated or kept separate to reflect this.	
703	100- The proposals put forward is partly for Salisbury City parish council to make money to pay off their debts it has nothing to do with the welfare of the residents of Laverstock and Ford parish council.	
704	100- As a resident of Laverstock I feel I do not have the right to agree or disagree with proposals affecting Bishopdown Farm or Hampton Park residents.	
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715	100- 1. Cities are constantly swallowing up parish to their own ends meet. 2. I've lived here 20 years + and now Salisbury cc want to embrace/gobble up Laverstock and Ford parish within their boundaries. Time will bring in Old Sarum and Long Hedge as well - it's a no brainer to the SCC penny pinchers CC with no better facilities they are constantly reducing year on year. Time to leave I suspect.	
716	2 As a resident of 20 years I have felt more a member of Laverstock and Ford than Salisbury City. I can rarely recall the information sent by Salisbury City whereas I receive regular quarterly information form Laverstock and Ford. As a Laverstock and Ford resident I feel I would have a committed backing to local issues and an identity which I don't feel I have with Salisbury City	
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718	100- Laverstock and Ford should stay their own parish. SCC only want to change to make more money. Most of us do not use the facilities in Salisbury so why should we be joined together. Leave things alone.	
719	100 WE NEED TO BE LEFT ALONE TO DEVELOP SEMI RURAL PARISH AND NOT BE A PART OF SALISBURY CITY. I PURCHASED MY HOME IN 1987 BECAUSE OF ITS AREA AND BEST PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE. IF I WISHED I COULD HAVE MOVED TO THE CITY WITH ITS EXTRA COMMUNITIES BUT I CHOSE LAVERSTOCK BECAUSE OF WHAT IT IS AND HAS BEEN UNDER LAVERSTOCK AND FORD COUNCIL	
720	100- Leave well alone. Except have scheme 2 as part of Laverstock.	
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722	2 I find very effective parish concerns about the area it controls. The community puills together over various issues and resolves its own problems without other factors intervening. We do not want people outside of the parishes telling us how to manage our problems as we can do it more effectively ourselves. It feels that Salisbury is like Big Brother wants everything it can get. No thanks.	

723	100- 3. If SCC get this proposal passed you gain as it seems like common sense to me, they have all the new builds at Hampton Park, with tax added income they obviously need. 2. Laverstock will be better off with the new builds at Old Sarum and Long Hedge which gives them added income. Everyone gains something? 100. "Always a village".	
724	100- Just leave the communities of Laverstock and Ford as they are.	
725	100- LAVERSTOCK ADN FORD INCLUDING OLD SARUM IS A LARGE PARISH IN ITS OWN RIGHT, EFFICIENTLY RUN BY A DEDICATED TEAM OF PARISH COUNCILLORS LOOKING AFTER LOCAL ISSUES. WILLING TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS ON LOCAL ISSUES I.E. INCREASED AND SPEEDING TRAFFIC ON THE ROMAN ROAD THROUGH FORD.ALL THIS GOOD WORK WOULD BE 'WATERED DOWN' IF JOINED WITH THE LARGE SALISBURY PARISH COUNCIL. LOOK HOW SALISBURY HAS SUFFERED BEING A SMALL PART OF A LARG UNITARY AUTHORITY. DO NOT L&F SUFFER THE SAME FATE.	
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728	100 - WE HAVE AN ANCIENT PARISH WITH OUR OWN HISTORY. WE HAVE RAILWAY AND RIVER BOUNDARIES WITH SALISBURY. WE HAVE A VILLAGE SCHOOL, SHOP, HALL AND PARISH CHURCH. ALSO A SPORTS AND SOCIAL. WE VALUE OUR PARISH COUNCIL. THE SCHEME TO JOIN SALISBURY WOULD TAKE ALL THIS AWAY. I SINCERELY TRUST THAT THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN. WE VOTED OVER 99% TO STAY INDEPENDENT, PLEASE LET IT BE THAT WAY	
729	SCHEME 2 ALLOWS THE AREAS LARGELY BEYOND THE RAILWAY LINE TO CONTINUE TO BE AB AREA SOMEWHAT SEPARATE FROM SALISBURY CITY AND TO RETAIN ITS ATMOSPHERE OF A SMALL VILLAGE. I CAN SEE NO ADVANTAGE TO THE CURRENT RESIDENTS OF LAVERSTOCK AND FORD TO BE JOINED WITH SALISBURY CITY	
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731	100 - WE ARE HAPPY WITH OUR SEMI RURAL PARISH. THERE WOULD BE NO ADVANTAGES TO MERGING WITH SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL	
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733	100 - WE WILL END UP PAYING MORE COUNCIL TAXI IF WE MERGE WITH NOTHING TO GAIN. WE DON'T HAVE A POLICE REPRESENTATIVE HERE OR EVEN A POST OFFICE OR PHARMACY. LOCAL COMMUNITIES ARE FINE AS THEY ARE, ITS JUST A CHEAP SKATE WAY OF INCREASING REVENUE FOR THE ONE COUNCIL'S COFFERS. THINGS THAT GET BIG DON'T IMPROVE!! THERE ARE NO ADVANTAGES TO LOCALS WHATSOEVER	
734	100 - I HAVE LIVED WITH MY FAMILY IN LAVERSTOCK FOR 24 YEARS AND I FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT OUR VILLAGE SHOULD BE LEFT ALONE AND ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AS A RURAL/SEMI RURAL PARISH NEAR BUT DEFINITELY NOT IN SALISBURY	
735	These moves are unnecessary, they will raise our Council Tax charges.	
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737	2 As one of the first residents to live in Bishopdown Farm (1993) I have experience of Laverstock parish council. The councillors on the parish council have provided exemplary service and advice in all matters. I now live in mt third property in the area (the second was in Hampton Park)and strongly desire to be remaining with the Laverstock parish council. This is a rural and semi rural area and provides much needed opportunities for the young and not so young to enjoy a countrydie experience and better quality of life. I hope that it will be allowed to continue	
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748	100- Laverstock and Ford have previously made it very clear that they wish to retain the present structure. The Laverstock/Ford Parish Council is effective in community governance and identity because it collects and responds to local opinion in a way the S. District Council does not. Scheme 2 develops this to build the local community.	
749	100- I consider that the existing Laverstock and Ford Parish is run in a very efficient manner keeping over heads as low as possible. The ancient villages of Ford and Laverstock now have their own strong community facilities and there is a great sense of local pride. The nature/character of these villages should be preserved as separate from the city of Salisbury. The rural aspects of Laverstock and Ford make it not appropriate for inclusion within the city.	
750	100- It is the complete opposite of "localism" i.e. residents choosing what is best for their locality to transfer Laverstock and Ford into Salisbury. Laverstock and Ford is a very well managed Parish Council and scheme 2 Bishopdown Farm is best served to join Laverstock and Ford Parish Council. Scheme 3 Hampton Park fits geographically into Laverstock and Ford. This together would make Laverstock and Ford Parish Council a very active and efficient PC.	
751	2 Bishopdown Farm, Hampton and Riverdown Parks are essentially one estate. Laverstock and Ford seem to have the interests of local people at heart - including a commitment to deliver facilities which developers were told locally must be included in their plans. Houses were sold(sometimes at a premium in certain parts of the estate) largely because those facilities were promised. Diverting money to other projects is something we have come to expect of Salisbury District Council and should they continue to receive income from the Bishopdown Farm properties this could happen leaving Riverdown Park residents in particular without promised facilities	
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753	2 Having lived in Bishopdown Farm for 19 years we feel our community identity is, as part of the parish of Laverstock and Ford and not Salisbury. There is a distinct boundary between "Old Bishopdown" and the new areas of Bishopdown Farm and Hampton Park as there is no link road joining them, only one small footpath. We therefore feel geographically closer to Laverstock and Ford and would welcome and support the move as proposed in scheme 2	
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755	2 I think local identity is important and decision making and civic pride and values are more meaningful and valid done locally by people who live in Laverstock and Ford. The larger organisations become, the more small things that matter become lost and subsumed. Small is beautiful and I would like to properly be part of an independent Laverstock and Ford parish council. Thank you.	

756	2 Very impressed with the clever and appropriate scheme 2 which would formally acknowledge our local situation and Laverstocks strong local leadership. Whilst the amenities of Salisbury are valued its community governance cannot match Bishopdown Farm's more rural natural blending with Laverstock Parish Council.
757	2-on 100 form At least weith this schme we keep our village identity in laverstock. I moved to the village as I wanted to be part of a community. Our local council know sour needs and managed us well Salisbury city council is a large community - the council is too busy as it is to cater for our village needs
758	I will make them at the open meeting
759	100 - Laverstock and ford parish council have served us tirelessly and well over the years and I don not believe that Salisbury would do such a good job. All they want, no disrespect to the them - is our money. We are a rural community bounded by farmland - we are not a suburb of Salisbury. We have a unique character which would be eroded by joining salisbury
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766	100 - the residents of Laverstock choose to live here because it is a village and not part of the city. The same applies to ford. There may not be as many facilities available to these villages but the residents have made that choice and I believe that by merging with Salisbury will not provide any benefit and will instead land us all with a heft increase in council tax. We are semi rural let us stay that way!
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768	2 I consider myself and family as belonging to the parish of Laverstock. St Andrews church Laverstock is my community place of worship and where all my family worship. I have lived in the Laverstock area all my life and have a strong sense of community / place with it.
769	100 - a sense of local place is ever more important in this homogenised world. I consider myself a resident of laverstock, not Salisbury. Any dealing with my parish council of laverstock and ford have confirmed in my mind the importance of localism, the nearer the better. The feeling of an inclusive very local community is of great value
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772	2 I don't live in Hampton Park so don't feel I should comment for the people living there.
773	2 The main proposal to merge Salisbury with Laverstock and Ford is the one I agree with most.
774	I have lived in the parish of laverstock for some time now. We have a wonderful village live and I wouldn't want to loose this to some organisation so far aware at Trowbridge where Salisbury doesn't matter never mind a small place live laverstock so hands off leave us alone to get on with village life as we know and want to continue

775	100- 1. If Salisbury city/parish council had reacted against unitary council for Wiltshire and become a borough, it would have made sense. 2. We wish to remain rural and not become an urban community. 3. We have improved our areas of this parish consistently and have accepted responsibility for numerous land gains (S106). 4. We have helped WCC meet this areas new homes target. Has Salisbury council? No. Leave us alone.
776	100- I wish you would stop trying to change our parishes when they have worked perfectly well up to now. I have lived in postcode SP4 6DE for 35 years and we don't want to change and get larger and join Salisbury.
777	100- Laverstock and Ford have councillors who are residents themselves and arguably, the best run parish in the area and should be applauded for that. They are aware of the needs of the parish and residents as a whole and can and do act accordingly, unlike any distant representatives could at Salisbury or Trowbridge. we have a community spirit that will be lost if merged with Salisbury and consequently lose so many of its councillors - also, as residents, we would lose all influence on matters concerning the parish and lose our sense of identity and belonging.
778	100- Scheme 2 +3 Properties at Hampton Park and Bishopdown Farm need to be part of Laverstock and Ford Parish Council so that a sense of community cohesion can be built without being 'swallowed' up into Salisbury City council.
779	100- This would be to the advantage of Salisbury city council only. It would be most detrimental to Laverstock and Ford, Milford, Old Sarum, Hampton Park and Riverdown. Leave us alone. We are happy with the way things are with Laverstock and Ford PC which is historical. I do not feel at all part of Salisbury.
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799	2 - The area to the West of Wolverton Drive RTC is already part of Laverstock and Ford Parish and has worked well with the Parish Council in the part over the extra housing to the north. It would make sense for the rest of the estate to be taken in and the countryside gap between it and Salisbury presents a natural border. I do not like the way Salisbury Council has conducted itself over this issue trying to use it to bribe Wiltshire Council over assets. The should be treated separately shame on them. It's about a money grab on the precept.	
800	100 - Lammenting on all three proposals. We are a local, separate village community and want to stay that way. I believe its just the extra money you're after. If that is the case I'll gladly pay extra to be left alone. We are very happy as we are. LEAVE US ALONE.	
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804	3 My preference is to be part of Salisbury City Council area	
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807	3 I strongly disagree with scheme 3, the proposal to move properties at Hampton Park back to Salisbury PC. We have no luck with the City and are well served by a local and locally focused parish council ie Laverstock and Ford. Leave our parish alone.	
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810	3 I am already in Laverstock and Ford CP and would strongly prefer to be in Salisbury Proposal scheme 100 - I note that other villages already in Salisbury still have distinctive characters. I want to be part of Salisbury. I already regard myself more as a Salisbury citizen than aLaverstck and Ford one	
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812	3 Scheme 2 - it seems ridiculous that the two areas of Hampton Park and Bishopdown Farm are separate - residing in Hampton Park we enjoy the community of Laverstock and Ford and feel Bishopdown Farm residents should too. We like being part of Ford / Laverstock - had we wanted to live in a city we would have moved into the city itself. L/Ford are very community minded and it suits us perfectly. So why change. No doubt for economic gain - NO!	
813	3 Scheme 2 I thinkthat I have more of a say in what happens locally staying with Laverstock and Ford. I am kept up to date with newsletters and wouldn't like to be part of Salisbury parish.	
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815	3 We are new to Wiltshire having moved in January. We cannot see any logic in our new development of 500 houses being in L+F parish. It is clearly part of Salisbury. Similarly we are bemused by the idea of L+F regarding themselves as lying outside Salisbury	
816	3 Scheme 2 we value our semi rural lifestyle and are happy that our current councillors represent our community with our best interests at heart. They maintain the heritage of our area whilst considering modern life. By moving the proposed areas to Salisbury CP we feel the area will be too large to deliver services effectively. We would be happy to pay a little more towards the annual parish tax to enable us to stay within Laverstock and Ford CP. Please leave us as we are - we are happy!	
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818	3 L+F parish council do an outstanding job and would continue to do it. I have no faith in Salisbury City Council and its leaders	
819	3 Who wants the change? SDC I think it will cost me more on my council tax, what advantages will I get? How will the change improve communities and local democracy in the parish. You have not explained this. Why fix it if it's not broke?	
820	3 Scheme 100 - anybody from my locality who does not recognise the validity of merging all into one is being disappointingly parochial in their perspective and - to be short - is free riding. All the enormous benefits of proximity to Salisbury City centre which is the clear centre of gravity for all of our lives {... can't read the next phrase ...] I am more than content to pay increased charges to ensure parity of contribution and benefit. Thank you for the opportunity to comment	
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822	3 Scheme 2 - Hampton Park should remain in the Laverstock and Ford parish	
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826	3 On the surface it would appear that decisions are being influenced by the potential to increase revenue from taxation to "gain back" Salisbury assets that were taken away when the unitary authority was formed. We have seen the effect Wiltshire County Council have had on the city and surrounding areas of Salisbury and would not want to be part of a smaller occurrence of a smaller scale but just as bad. I want to remain with Laverstock and Ford parish	
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828	3 The formation of the Wiltshire Unitary authority has been a disaster for Salisbury. The general appearance of the city and the roads are a disgrace. The scheme 100 is purely a ruse by which Salisbury City Council will gain more income to no benefit on the part of those potentially affected. Scheme 2 would improve the management of the area. Scheme 3 is unacceptable	
829	3 As a recent member of the community having moved from Kent, I feel Bishopdown area is quite distinct from Salisbury city. Whilst it makes no sense for Hampton Park to be split between parishes, I feel they are both suited to the Laverstock CP and therefore support scheme 2.	
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831	3 The building of new houses over the last 25 years has meant that areas such as Bishopdown and Hampton Park are contiguous with Salisbury. Local residents of Hampton Park utilise many of the services provided by Salisbury City Council and should expect to contribute to the costs of these facilities.	
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833	3 Really angry that you have not included monetary impact figures (council tax) for those affected by proposal. Also disgraceful to be canvassing for views during food festival from people who don't even live on Bishopdown Farm	
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836	3 These decisions should be left to those elected officials who have all the relevant information not left to the public to make their decisions for them	
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838	3 All three schemes. Salisbury City Council have virtually admitted in the local press that they only want the residents money in the form of tax. As far as I can see that is all they want. Laverstock and ford is a welcoming, local and vibrant community. The idea that it might be swallowed up into a giant faceless council is awful. Please leave Laverstock and Ford parish council to get on with what they do best - serve the residents.	
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840	3 This is deliberately obscure. I want to remain as a part of Laverstock and Ford because it works. The present situation where I am part of Laverstock and Ford works. I feel part of a caring local community. I do not want to be part of a faceless amorphous mass. I want to be part of Laverstock and Ford parish.	
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842	3 Scheme 100 - There is absolutely no need to further centralise government and treat the public in Ford Laverstock Bishopdown as part of Salisbury. They are quite content to remain a part of the semi-rural parish and enjoy it. We should not have to pay increased taxes to cover Salisbury City's financial mismanagement. Scheme 2 - It makes sense to transfer Bishopdown Farm into Laverstock and Ford so that it can use the Hampton Park facilities and enjoy lower taxes.	
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845	3 In the map, the area in my opinion is Laverstock and Fords area, it isn't but should be. 2 Yes this part of Bishopdown Far should be in Laverstock and Ford parish not Salisbury City Council	
846	3 House building design should not be generic, force developers to create multiple designs for each development zone No development on flood plains More schools, surgeries, cricket pitches, exercise areas Housing development should also have good lighting and security systems	
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851	3 I fell that Hampton Park should remain as part of Laverstock and Ford parish council. The parish council have looked after the residents of Hampton Park through all the new development. We are part of the parish as we receive the magazine that keeps us informed of events. I look to Ford, not Salisbury for my sense of community. The Farm is an integral part of this. I do not feel part of Salisbury.	
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853	3 Scheme 2 is the ideal solution in terms of forming a cohesive community and giving BishopdownFarm an undivided situation. Laverstock and Ford currently manage the parish admirably and should be allowed to continue. I consider this whole review a shameful wste of money and resources and the misquoted councillors should be heavily censored (sic!) for not accepting the previous outcome.	
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855	3 Not for Salisbury - too big. For L&F perfect	
856	3 I feel that Salisbury City Council are simply attempting to do a council tax land grab on the communities in Laverstock and Ford. The refusal of them to accept the CCTV scheme from Wiltshire County Council is clearly an attempt at blackmail.	
857	3 As said in earlier questions I echo the local community and effective engagement as well as strong local leadership	

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862	3 Scheme 2 - I am proud to be part of the Laverstock and Ford parish. It is well run and efficient. Everything a parish should be. I feel remote from Salisbury City and far more part of the L and F community There is resentment, that will be ongoing, that Salisbury City see us as a "cash cow". There is no evidence to suggest governance will be more effective or convenient if we are part of the city.	
863		3
864	100 - OLD SARUM IS WELL SERVED BY LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH COUNCIL, THEY KEEP US INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PARISH AND I FEEL INCLUDED IN THE PARISH ENVIRONMENT. I SPECIFICALLY MOVED TO OLD SARUM IN 2014 TO BE 'OUTSIDE' A TOWN OR CITY JURISDICTION SO THAT WE COULD ENJOY A RURAL LIFE. SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL DOES NOT HAVE A GOOD TRACK RECORD IN MANAGING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES WHEREAS LAVERSTOCK AND FORD PARISH COUNCIL HAS AMPLY DEMONSTRATED THAT IT DOES AND BY ITS ACTIVITIES HAS CLEARLY SHOWN THAT IT DOES.	
865	3 Communities work well as they are now. If the merger goes ahead Bishopdown/Hampton Park will lose its identity. The size and population will be too big, Laverstock / Ford work well as it is, especially for the elderly. To merge with Salisbury could be a disaster in the future. We will become lost. If possibly council tax goes up I will not be able to afford to live where I am, as will be too expensive. I work with vulnerable adults. If you don't look after me who will be left to look after the vulnerable. I work a 60 hour week as it is.	
866		3
867	3 The work undertaken by Laverstock and Ford Parish Council has been outstanding over the last ten years Scheme 2 will provide a more unified approach particularly with regards to the County Park and the residents of Bishopdown with Hampton Park.	
868	3 100- A merger of the 2 councils: will undermine the strong L&F community; is not a merger of equals so needs of L&F would no longer be represented; can not be taken for financial reasons as it is simply not right. 2 - to move Bishopdown Farm into L&F; makes a lot of sense as residents of BF have same identity as Hampton Park (geographically and ideologically); would create a good size L&F parish; would allow L&F to retain its rural outlook Overall - Laverstock and Ford is a thriving local community and I wish it to remain so. L&P residents contribute hugely to Salisbury financially) parking, spend in Salisbury businesses etc) but I would like the parish to remain independent.	
869	3 Bishopdown Farm / Hampton Park have a very rural feel about them. They are a very strong community within themselves I consider myself to be part of the community here, not really part of the city centre. I don't follow the argument about the city residents subsidising [??] from Laverstock/Ford/ Hampton Park - surely the same would apply to any villages outside Salisbury who visit the city?	
870		3
871	3 Where will Riverbourne Park be placed?	
872		3

873	2 Scheme 2. Having lived on Bishopdown Farm for over 10 years I and my family have always felt part of the Laverstock and Ford community. We have used many of the local facilities. My children went to the Laverstock toddler group, are members of the Laverstock scout pack. We use the Hampton Park and Laverstock footpath trails. We visit the Laverstock Community Farm. Bishopdown Farm / Hampton Park feels like a village with our own green and local facilities. It has never felt like part of the city of Salisbury. Laverstock and Ford do not feel like they are part of the city. Please do not make them be. Please let us keep our own village identity	
874	100 - sort out the road infrastructure, the portway is becoming a nightmare!	
875	3 All schemes are unacceptable. The existing community identity is perfectly satisfactory. There is no need for change.	
876	3 Scheme 100- This proposal is not about the factors listed. It is about money. Having looked at the responsibilities of SCC, most (Allotments, Bemerton Heath Centre, camping and caravanning, their two car parks, trees, benches, football pitches, cricket pitches, toilets - I use M&S and Debenhams - the Guildhall and twinning) do not apply. I only occasionally go to the markets or the parks and they are used much by tourists. Scheme 2 - the housing area in Bishopdown Farm is clearly closely linked to my area and it should be part of one community.	
877		3
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879		3
880	3 Scheme 100 - we do not have the same convenience as the Friary or the same quality location and do not see why we should pay the same council tax. Riverdown Park residents pay for their own street lighting and maintenance of roads and verges via a private contractor. Why should we pay the same as Salisbury residents. We use the facilities of Salisbury but so do Winterbourn and all the other villages. We like being part of Laverstock and Ford parish.	
881		3
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884	3 Do not change things that work well just for financial gain to SCC	
885		3
886	3 I know that the Salisbury Council tax is higher - we will end up paying more - for what? Are there going to be improvements on the estate - upkeep of the parks / improvements, upkeep of the country park? We have a strong community ethic at the moment and that will be lost	
887		3
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895	3 Scheme 100 - Full inclusion is necessary. If all the population in all areas is using all facilities then it is right that they should all pay the correct rates. Schemes 2 and 3 - These schemes are nonsensical. Splitting an estate, Bishopdown Farm, is madness.	
896		3
897	3 The maps provided do not show the Riverdown Park estate and therefore do not illustrate the full gain / loss of householders under every option. It also very clearly ignores the impact of any change in council tax to the household under each proposal as past charges have not been publicised. As part of the literature was sent to households. A local vote has already been taken. Why are the views of 1003 residents who voted against the L&FPC merger to SCC being ignored? You don't simply remove [?] an election because you don't like the result.	
898		3
899		3
900	3 100 - Laverstock and Ford parish are an interface between city and rural areas. Residents and local parish councils have greater knowledge insight and interest in such needs than dwellers of a medieval city. The area boasts infrastructure, quality facilities, schools and manages semi-rural affairs very well. The inclusion of the country park into the parish is just a continuation of the local management carried out by engaged parishioners and organisations to enhance this outer city area. Scheme 2 will heighten community cohesion and will form a natural boundary between city and rural surrounds Geographically no roads interlink with Bishopdown Farm / Hampton Park than from the London Road, so natural access boundaries already exist	
901	3 Scheme 2 - The representatives of Laverstock and Ford Parish have put forward perfectly sound reasonable and correct reasons for Hampton Park to remain within the parish. They have my full support. Scheme 3 - I strongly disagree with the proposal to move this green hatched area to Salisbury City Council	
902		3
903		100
904		100
905	100 I have lived in the parish of Laverstock for half a century since coming here in my early twenties. I have always found it to be a pleasant place to live. I do not see any need for change in the future and hope that no changes are made to the parish during the rest of my lifetime. I think any changes resulting in the raising of Council Tax are totally unwarranted.	
906		100
907	100 The Laverstock parish has a number of activities run by its residents who welcome other communities to participate in. We feel the proposed changes by SDC would have adverse impact on the parish residents. The parish has been well run by its councillors, with good information passed on to its residents on affairs that impact on the parish. Bishopdown Farm and Ford residents do attend many of Laverstock parish functions. It would make sense to include these areas with Laverstock	
908		100

909	100 All proposals - removal of properties into another group = rates increase for those moved. Laverstock and Ford = removal of properties to Salisbury would mean the rates from Laverstock and Ford going to Salisbury. I have no confidence that money will be sent on Ford, We have little lighting, no pavements, no bus service (except school bus), no shops. I am happy to accept this in exchange for the countryside, not more housing. The funds for Laverstock and Ford should be spent on this area. We need a car to get to town / park and ride / shops / doctors / dentists / libraries - even road edges poor here. We do not belong to the city - we belong to the countryside ie accepting no facilities in return for lower rates. Despite being slowly forced to accept hundreds of extra properties at close proximity no plans have been made for walking access to Hamptons country park - no footpaths made and one access public right of way simply cut off by the builders.	
910	100 Stop interfering. Leave us alone. We are happy as we are.	
911		100
912		100
913	100 With regard to the schemes. I would not like to lose the sense of a village community which Laverstock and Ford still maintains. This would be damaged by increasing its size by a merger with Salisbury or another substantial area.	
914	100 Does it matter - Scott does what she wants!!! WCC are bulldozing again. Fix the roads and improve education (sic) and gain some respect and dignity for yourselves You are here to serve us. Broadband is crap	
915	100 Laverstock is such a lovely place. Its built its own character and community. The hours that were given to start the community farm. The river and meadow walks we now have. It shares. It comes together and goes ahead as a very loving community. Scheme 100	
916		100
917	100 1 - Salisbury City Council only has the powers of a parish 2 - None of the Salisbury City councillors are good enough to be on the Wiltshire Council cabinet 3 - None of the Salisbury City council people have the integrity to fight this appalling decision 4 - The largest town (or city) play no part in the decisions 5 - They simply rubber stamp the cabinet decisions 6 - The Green Belt is being eroded 7- The derelict properties in Salisbury lie empty 8 - Empty properties are left untouched 9 - The Green Belt is not protected	

Additional Evidence against Motion 27 from Laverstock and Ford Parish Council for the Community Governance Review Working Group

A. Additional Evidence With Respect to the Community Governance Review Criteria

1. A sense of civic pride and civic values

Our Parish Newsletter ([link to latest copy](#)) is full of evidence of the civic pride and civic values that exist in our Parish and sustained by our Parish Council. There is a particular focus on our rural heritage, including the historic World War I Airfield, chalk downlands – celebrated annually through the South Wiltshire school’s mini marathon, our country trails and rural greenspaces. The Open Farm Sunday event in our Parish is one of the most popular in the Country with up to 6,000 visitors attending the event from across South Wiltshire.

2. A strong, inclusive community and voluntary sector

We have received five grant applications from different community organisations in the last two months demonstrating the strength of our community and voluntary sector. In one example of the inclusivity that exists, two community organisations each submitted grant claims for equipment and infrastructure (a projector and improved blinds for Laverstock Village Hall) that will be for the benefit of all community groups using the Hall.

3. A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness

In common with all Parishes that lie close to a major town or city, businesses, new housing developments and educational institutions and even housing allocation zones for planning purposes will reference Salisbury as the main geographical location. However this is merely shorthand for “in the Salisbury Area” and does not detract from the strong sense of place that residents, students, workers and visitors in our Parish enjoy. The genuine sense of loss expressed by numerous residents and most recently the school leadership at the prospect of a merger is conclusive evidence of this fact.

4. Effective engagement with the local community

The equivalent of a third our residents as measured by unique visitors currently visit our website during any one month and all residents receive a hardcopy of our Parish Newsletter. Our Parish Plan was developed through two years of consultation including attendance at popular community events, on-line survey and public open meetings. We plan to either revise our Parish Plan or undertake a Neighbourhood Plan once the Boundary Review process has been completed.

5. Strong local leadership

We have effectively engaged with the planning proposals for housing development at Old Sarum Airfield and the new settlements of Longhedge, Old Sarum and Riverdown Park. In all cases, with the exception of the Airfield, we have successfully worked in partnership with the developers to

secure additional resources for our local community and help the developers improve the quality of the resulting settlements.

B. The Legal Basis For A Merger

Motion 27 from the Nov 2015 Wiltshire Council meeting called for the Working Group to 'investigate and consult on the merger of Laverstock and Ford Parish into Salisbury City Parish'. The word 'merge' is described in the dictionary as 'to lose character and identity'. This is certainly not what the vast majority of the other residents in our parish want, a fact that has been made strongly at both public meetings. Furthermore, the common usage of the word 'merge' implies 2 or more bodies or organisations seeing the advantages of merging and all agree to do so. In this case there is only one proponent for this merger – Salisbury City. Our residents and Parish Council totally disagree with the proposal. The bottom line is that this is, in effect, an aggressive take-over bid which, if it should succeed, would lead to the abolition of the parish and its council with the latter wound up and dissolved by a reorganisation order. This action would bring with it all the warnings identified in para 122 of the Guidance for Community Governance Reviews.

C. Inaccuracies In Motion 27

Considering each of the significant points from the Motion 27 in turn:

1. 'very concerned that this has not been included as one of the options for consideration in this review'

This statement is incorrect as the Working Group consultation in 2015 did include consideration of the Salisbury City Council's (SCC) wish to incorporate Laverstock and Ford (L&F) Parish within Salisbury City. This proposal was considered but was rejected as they believed there was no case to answer. There have been no significant changes since then, however, regardless of this we are now forced to 'go round the buoy' again.

2. 'Laverstock is very much part of the city; and 3 of Salisbury's 6 secondary schools are located in Laverstock.'

The L&F Parish is set in a pleasant and rural area with many of its own open spaces and is not part of a city. The schools, as well as Salisbury City (SC), serve many villages to the east of Salisbury, including L&F. Therefore, they cannot be considered as SC Schools. Indeed, St Edmunds serves some 44 different communities. They are very much part of the L&F communities and regular meetings take place between the Parish Council and schools on community matters with cups awarded by the Parish Council annually to students. (See letter from the 3 secondary school Head Teachers together with the neighbouring primary school Head Teacher which unequivocally opposes a merger and confirms how well L&F Parish Council works with the schools.)

3. 'Residents of Laverstock enjoy all the services provided by Salisbury City Council yet do not pay for them (they) are subsidised by all the other Salisbury residents. This is clearly not fair.'

Businesses would be the first to recognise that it is visitors to the city who sustain it and not the size of the local population. All who use the Guildhall and Crematorium pay to use them. Parking is expensive and paid for by those visitors that use it and is not a subsidised provision. Significantly, these points are applicable to visitors from surrounding Parishes, other parts of Wiltshire, the rest of

the country and indeed from abroad; therefore, why single out this particular parish? Perhaps in reality visitors can be considered as subsidising the City of Salisbury.

4. ‘Genuine concern that much treasured village identity of Laverstock would be threatened by joining SCC.....’

The L&F communities have a historic background with the origins of Laverstock going back to the Neolithic period with very active pottery kilns in medieval times. Bringing the story up to date, they now have their own Community Farm and will soon have their own Country Park. The Parish Council was formed under the Local Government Act in 1894. The Parish is run in a very efficient manner with only one part time clerk. L&F Parish Council is non-political and run solely for the benefit of its residents. A merged City Parish would mean that the number of Parish Councillors representing the current residents would fall to 4 out of the total of 27 for the merged Parish.

5. ‘To omit this option from the Review would be to perpetuate a democratic anomaly and miss a key opportunity to put right a historic wrong.’

It is not clear why living in a efficiently run parish with a Parish Council which is non -political and run solely for the benefit of its residents can be a democratic anomaly and an historic wrong. Perhaps the anomaly is what is not said; a realignment of boundaries to merge the two Parishes would mean a financial gain to the City of some £300,000 due to L&F residents paying an inflated council tax for the pleasure of sitting within a changed SC boundary.

6. ‘There is no longer a viable distinction between the two parishes ‘

The rural aspects of L&F and its distinctive facilities ensure that it is not appropriate to merge the Parish with a city. These features, combined with the ability of its Council to run it efficiently, ensure that L&F Parish is a viable independent parish.

D. The dearth of SC Parish residents who spoke in favour of Motion 27 at the public meetings.

It was notable that the few speakers who spoke in favour of Motion 27 at the Salisbury Public meeting were all in local public office or had previously been active in local public affairs. It was clear from the content of the speeches that they had been orchestrated by SCC or their supporting Wiltshire Councillors. In contrast numerous speakers spoke against the merger at both public meetings, putting forward a variety of well thought out arguments through their own volition.

E. The public criticism from the Chair of Salisbury BID re the linking of the asset transfer from Wiltshire Council to SCC to the vote on Motion 27 to merge L&F Parish Council with SCC.

Amanda Newbury, Chair of Salisbury Business Improvement District, commented on the behaviour of SCC in this respect as being “no way to do business”. In contrast we are in early conversation with the BID Chair to co-develop visionary proposals for the Longhedge and Old Sarum commercial areas, the Longhedge commercial area was successfully secured in part through the pro-active engagement by our Parish Council with the Developers for Longhedge.

F. The resignation of the Chair for the Salisbury CCTV scheme citing the “broken politics” which have led to SCC delaying the Asset Transfer process until after Wiltshire Council has voted on Motion 27.

One of the authors of Motion 27, Wiltshire Councillor Richard Clewer, stated it would be “quite wrong” for SCC to link the asset transfer with the outcome of Motion 27 but SCC have made it abundantly clear that this is their intention. On this basis alone Motion 27 should be withdrawn.

G. The lack of letters to the press from Salisbury residents saying they want a merger.

To date there have been no letters of support from SC Parish residents for a merger of L&F Parish Council with SC Parish other than letters from SC Parish Councillors. This in contrast to numerous letters from residents from L&F Parish opposed to the merger.

H. The biased nature of the Salisbury City Parish campaigning leaflet to generate any kind of positive support for the Merger.

This leaflet which has been professionally produced at great expense to SC Parish residents only provides one option for respondents – a positive response for a Merger of L&F Parish Council with SC Parish Council. On this basis we would ask that any “evidence” it may generate is dismissed as irrelevant by the working group.

I. The Capacity of Laverstock and Ford Parish Council to take on more services.

SC Parish Council have made much of their capability to take on services from Wiltshire Council and inferred that L&F Parish Council has less capacity to do so. In fact the reverse is true. L&F Parish Council have a low precept because we are the more efficient Parish Council. We have developed a modern business model of small government supporting a large and resilient civil society. The point has been made by SC Parish Council that we are “living off developer contributions to maintain our community facilities that will run out in time.” Again the reverse is true. We are co-designing our greenspaces with developers so they can be sustainably managed through agricultural systems which are present in our Parish. By presenting opportunities for civil society organisations to take on management aspects of greenspaces and other community facilities, we can generate income for the benefit of the community ensuring that residents will not be burdened by increased taxation, as is the case for the maintenance of the formal, high maintenance greenspaces that SC Parish Council preside over. Furthermore, we plan to look into applying for a major Heritage Lottery Fund grant to further develop our new Country Park services once the Boundary Review process has been concluded. If the merger goes ahead, the combined Parishes would not be eligible to apply for this grant since SCC has already applied for and secured funding for its formal greenspaces under the same grant programme. The point was also made that the expanding role of Parish Councils to take on assets from Wiltshire Council could not be met by our hardworking Parish Clerk alone. We currently have made budgetary plans to recruit an Assistant Clerk in this financial year and would continue to expand our paid staff capacity at modest levels to meet the increasing administrative demands of our work.

J. Our Councillors are democratically elected.

SC Parish Council continues to claim that our Parish Councillors are not subject to the democratic process. This is not true. We are all subject to parish elections, the next one being in the Spring of 2017. Also the point was made that we do not have a full Parish Council. For the record we currently have two vacancies on a Parish Council of 13 with three residents expressing a firm interest in filling these vacancies. We will therefore have a waiting list once the two vacancies are filled.

K. We have the capacity and interest in delivering a Neighbourhood Plan

We have explored the merits of developing a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and been advised by Wiltshire Council Spatial Planners that since we have been so effective at meeting housing needs set out in the current Core Strategy for Wiltshire that there is a strong argument for us not drawing up a NP.

The comment made by a SCCllr at Laverstock that we would have had protection from the Airfield development had we possessed a NP indicated lack of knowledge on the basic facts. NPs were only introduced by the Localism Act in 2011. There was a shake-down period in Wiltshire while the Wiltshire Council decided on the process to be used within the county. Indeed the first one in the country was only adopted in Mar 2013. Regrettably, the South Wilshire Core Strategy which flagged up the 3 areas on the airfield for potential development was adopted in 2012 (having been through the consultation process and obtaining an inspector's approval). This set in train, ultimately, the submission of the Planning Application. Hence the timeframe was against us - any NP we could have produced would have post-dated the adoption of the Core Strategy - it would have been too late!

L. A comment made at the Laverstock public meeting by a SCCllr on democracy

A case was made by a SCCllr that it is not fair or democratic that residents of L&F have no say in how facilities in the City are run, eg the City Hall or the Guild Hall. It is the case that residents have democracy now. They do not want to be part of the City or indeed have any say in the running of these facilities. This is their democratic right – forcing them to be part of the City organisation would not be democratic.

M. Corrections to statements made at the Salisbury public meeting by a SCCllr

It is not true to say that L&F PC did not support the Hampton Park community from the early days – it did. For example, when the residents no longer wished to run the Community Centre, the Parish Clerk stepped in for a period of time until a new group of residents formed a management organisation. And when this group wound up its activities in 2012 because of insurance issues, a company was formed and a parish Cllr stepped in to become one of the 5 Directors to manage it (and initially carry out the day-to-day running).

Also it was incorrect to say that the SCC had not been involved in the redesign of the Country Park at Hampton Park. L&F Cllrs, together with a design specialist, spoke with the City Clerk in the early days when an initial drawing of the proposed rural redesign was first available. The Clerk was content with what he saw.

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Bishopdown Farm – Hampton Park Proposed consolidation

Further to our submission of additional evidence with respect to Salisbury City Council's proposal for the abolition of Laverstock and Ford Parish and its Council through a forced merger, I am writing with the latest thoughts from our Parish Councillors with respect to the less radical Boundary Review options being considered in the area of Hampton Park and Bishopdown Farm.

We believe the Country Park should be transferred to our Parish because of the tremendous amount of work with residents, WC for (who have always made it clear that we were their preferred nominee for the Country Park) and the developer to come up with the rural design which the former are eagerly waiting to see in place. We have spent much time to work with the developer to ameliorate the spoil that was deposited on the site of the Country Park rather than removed by the developer. As a result the new planning application recently submitted by the developer is the culmination of the enthusiasm and efforts of the L&F Cllrs and the continual dialogue over a sustained period with the developer. This is why we feel that it is only right and proper for our Parish to retain the Country Park together with Hampton Park and Riverdown Park. Therefore, it would also seem totally sensible to move our boundary to encapsulate all, rather than part, of the area set aside for the Country Park.

The joining of Hampton Park and the Bishopdown Farm is common sense. Traveling round both of these areas they look like one integrated development with interconnecting roads while this is not the case when comparing Bishopdown Farm and Bishopdown with their clearly different styles and only one single footpath to provide a connection between the two.

We already service Bishopdown Farm residents with our Newsletter, 6 times annually and keep them informed of what is happening in their community. They also use all our Hampton Park facilities – shops, school, doctor, dentist, community hall, village green etc. However, we restate here what we said to the Working Group at our meeting on 1 Dec 2014, we believe it would be sensible for Bishopdown Park to be transferred into L&F Parish but **only if the residents are in agreement**. On this basis the residents would be welcome but should this not occur they would of course still benefit from, and access to, all the facilities located in our Parish. **This reflects our philosophy for the whole of the Community Governance Review.**

Our aims are therefore:-

1. Restore the boundary along St Mark's Path, thus placing the Country Park correctly inside Laverstock & Ford Parish and enabling us to deploy our expertise in rural management to the benefit of residents in both Parishes.
2. Welcome Bishopdown Farm residents from the 334 properties wholeheartedly into Laverstock & Ford Parish, providing they have made it clear this is something they wish to happen.
3. Retain all of our remaining parish boundaries and independence if Bishopdown Farm is not to be transferred into our Parish.

David Burton

Laverstock and Ford Parish Council

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Community Governance Review Working Group

Presentation from
Laverstock and Ford Parish Council



9th May 2016

This Presentation Covers

- The case for Laverstock and Ford Parish Council to continue to serve our residents
- The evidence that our Parish has distinct and strong community cohesion which is strengthening as our population grows
- The value of our services to neighbouring Parish Councils
- Our Boundary Review Proposal

Our roles – How are we doing?

‘Parish councils have two main roles: **community representation** and **local administration**. For both purposes it is desirable that a parish should reflect a distinctive and recognisable community of place, with its own sense of identity. The views of local communities and inhabitants are of central importance.’

Boundary Commission

Community representation



Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

Incorporating Hampton Park & Old Sarum

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PARISH COUNCIL GRANT SCHEME

The Parish Council operates a small community grant scheme. It is funded from income unconnected with council tax.

The Council encourages applications from local community based, 'not for profit' or charitable organisations e.g. voluntary groups, societies, clubs (including new startups), sports clubs, youth clubs, playgroups, and Community Projects.

Click [here](#) for an application form.



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM LAVERSTOCK & FORD PARISH COUNCIL

Community Governance Boundary Review – Latest News

If you wish to stay independent of Salisbury City, make your views known to Wiltshire Council Boundary Review Committee by attending either or both of the Open Meetings below:

Monday 9th May at the City Hall, Salisbury at 6pm

Wednesday 18th May at Wyvern College, Church Road, Laverstock, at 6pm.

Parish residents will also get a letter from Wiltshire Council, outlining the review and containing a survey form and pre-paid return envelope. It is important that you complete and return the survey or complete the survey on-line using the link shown in the letter.

Your parish is under threat. For more details read the newsletter. [click on the cover page on the right.](#)



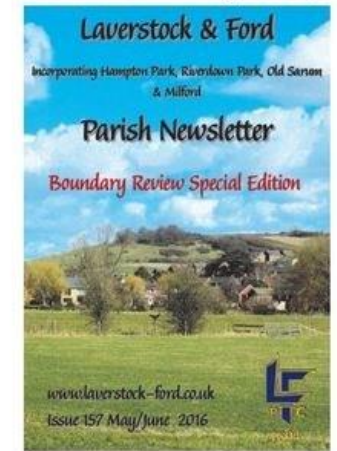
[Read the Salisbury Journal report on the Boundary Review](#)

[Annie Riddle: Play it Wiltshire's way, or no CCTV](#)

Our Parish Plan outlined the need for the following action:

"The Parish Council will continue to secure representation from the four communities

Parish Newsletter May/June 2016



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Services to neighbouring Parishes

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Salisbury YFC

We enjoy lots of meetings from Sheep Shearing and farm visits to talks and skittles. We get involved in the community by helping to clear the snow from drives and car parks. and attending local community events.

We meet regularly on a Thursday at Riverbourne Community Farm in Laverstock .

We have many upcoming events, to find out more contact Chairman James Hibberd 07835534544 or Junior Leader Harriet Warne 07557042229

If you are between 10 and 26 and want to Be part of a club that's run by people just like you? Have a laugh and meet lots of new friends? Put something back into the community and feel good about yourself?

Programme

November 2015

- Wednesday 4th - Stockjudging training @ Rob Hawkes
- Thursday 12th - Skittles
- Saturday 14th - Junior potted sports - Sheldon School
- Friday 20th - County Quiz - Bromham social centre
- Sun 22nd - Netball - Dauntsey's School
- Thursday 26th - Talk - at Community Farm
- Mon 29th - Pre Rally Speaking, Derryhill

December

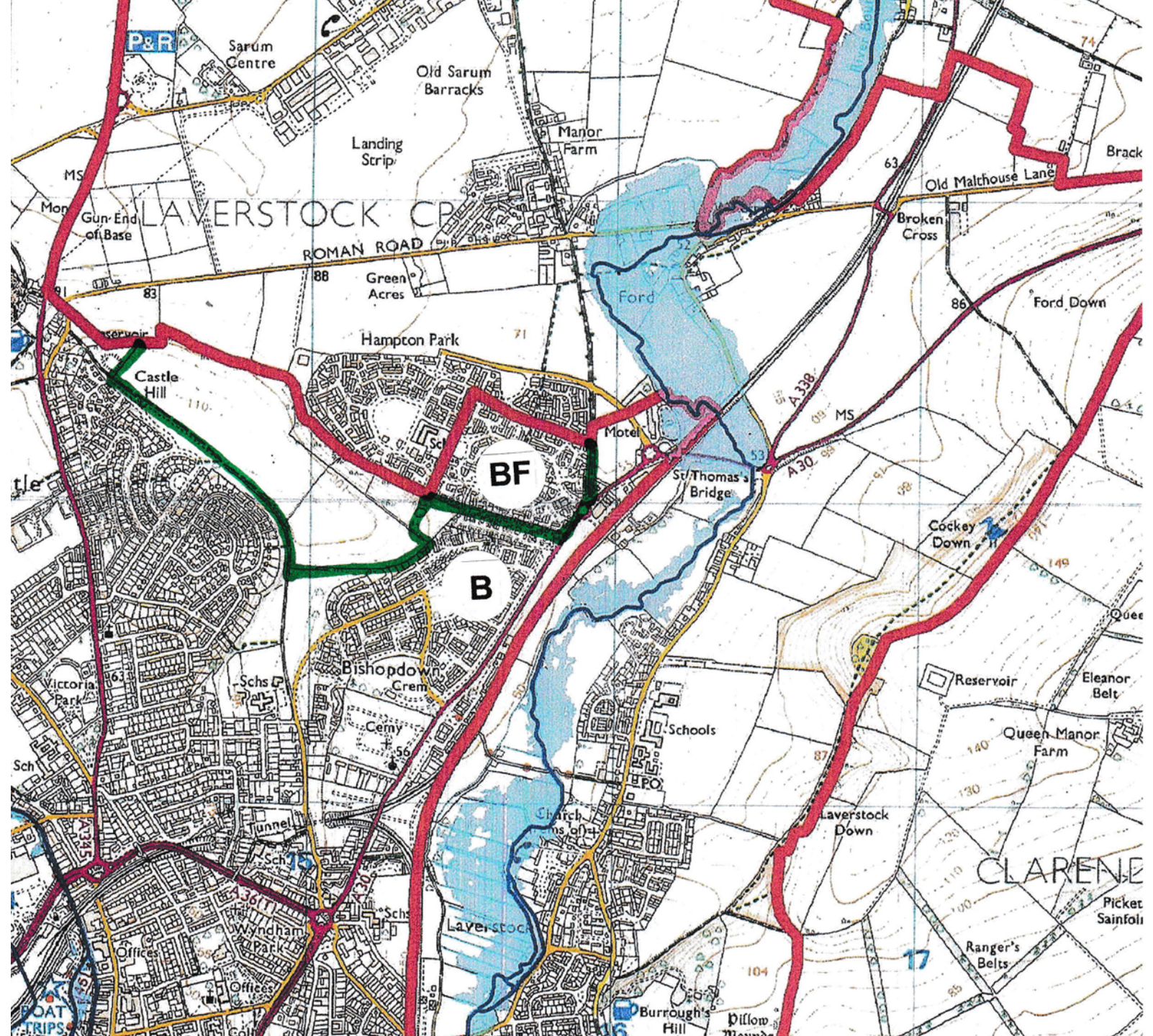
- Thursday 10th - Jnr. Xmas party
- Friday 18th - Snr. Xmas party
- Thursday 24th - Xmas fun



The Boundary Review – Our Proposal



Our Proposal - continued



Path from City Parish to Bishopdown Farm



Conclusion

- Convenient
- Effective
- Strong Community Coherence



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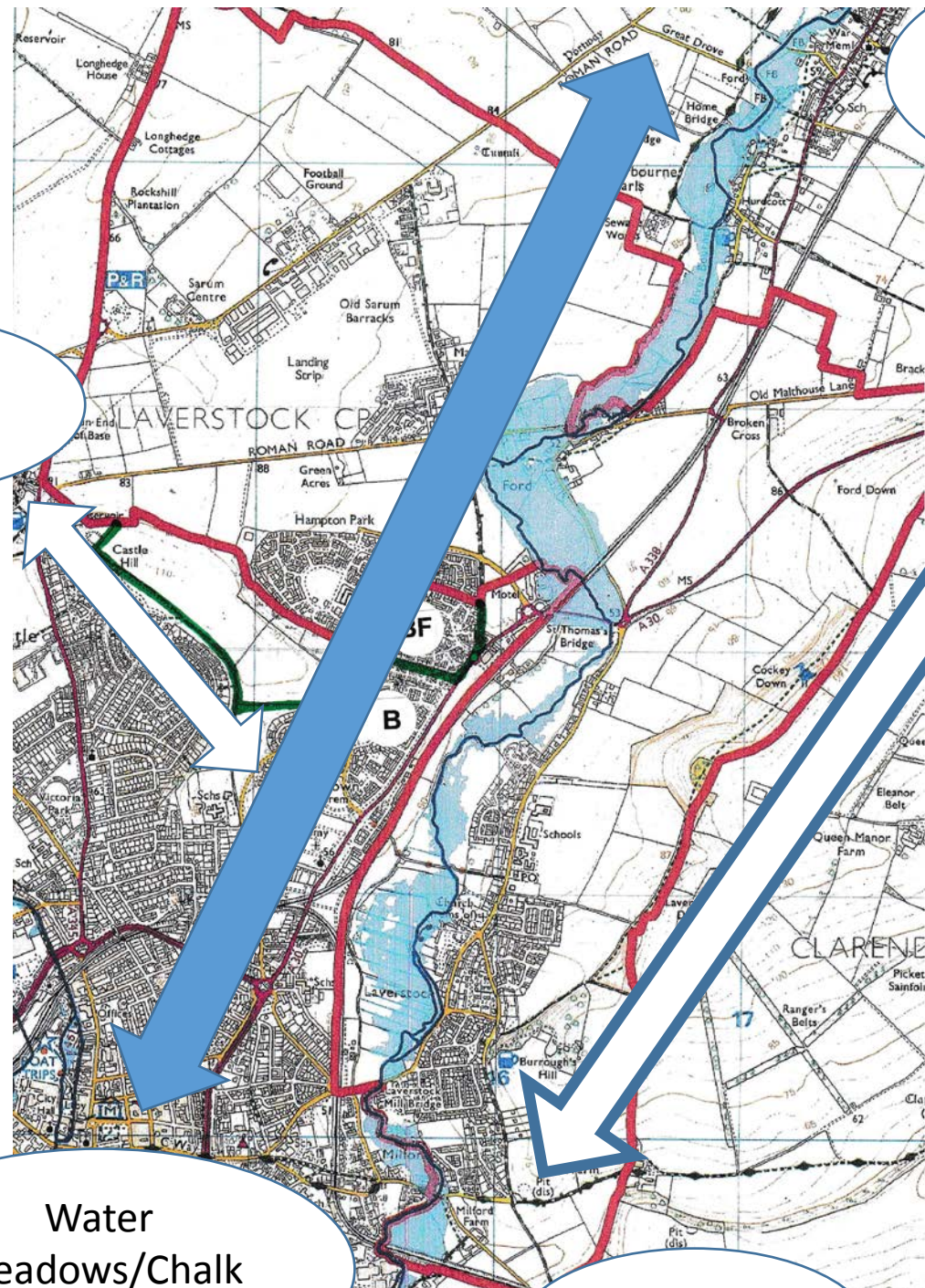


18th May 2016

This Presentation Covers

- The case for Laverstock and Ford Parish Council to continue to serve our residents
- The evidence that our Parish has distinct and strong community cohesion which is strengthening as our population grows
- The value of our services to neighbouring Parish Councils
- Our Boundary Review Proposal

Chalk and Cheese



Water Meadows/Chalk Stream

Chalk Downs

Chalk Downs

Water Meadows/Chalk



Our roles – How are we doing?

‘Parish councils have two main roles: **community representation** and **local administration**. For both purposes it is desirable that a parish should reflect a distinctive and recognisable community of place, with its own sense of identity. The views of local communities and inhabitants are of central importance.’

Boundary Commission



Chalk Downs

City Parish Meetings

Parish Council Meetings here

Community Facilities

2 miles

Community representation



Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

Incorporating Hampton Park & Old Sarum

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Are you planning a Street Party for the Queen's 90th birthday?



Your guide to Organising a Street Party
To celebrate The Queen's 90th birthday!



PARISH COUNCIL GRANT SCHEME

The Parish Council operates a small community grant scheme. It is funded from income unconnected with council tax.

The Council encourages applications from local community based, 'not for profit' or charitable organisations e.g. voluntary groups, societies, clubs (including new startups), sports clubs, youth clubs, playgroups, and Community Projects.

Click [here](#) for an application form.



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM LAVERSTOCK & FORD PARISH COUNCIL

Community Governance Boundary Review – Latest News

If you wish to stay independent of Salisbury City, make your views known to Wiltshire Council Boundary Review Committee by attending either or both of the Open Meetings below:

Monday 9th May at the City Hall, Salisbury at 6pm

Wednesday 18th May at Wyvern College, Church Road, Laverstock, at 6pm.

Parish residents will also get a letter from Wiltshire Council, outlining the review and containing a survey form and pre-paid return envelope. It is important that you complete and return the survey or complete the survey on-line using the link shown in the letter.

Your parish is under threat. For more details read the newsletter. [click on the cover page on the right.](#)



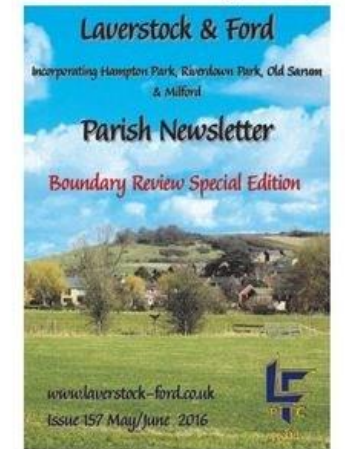
[Read the Salisbury Journal report on the Boundary Review](#)

[Annie Riddle: Play it Wiltshire's way, or no CCTV](#)

Our Parish Plan outlined the need for the following action:

"The Parish Council will continue to secure representation from the four communities

Parish Newsletter May/June 2016



Are you a carer??

Get some support, click picture for more details.



Do you give help and support to a partner, child, relative, friend or neighbour who could not manage without your help?

FREE & CONFIDENTIAL

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- Advice
- Training Opportunities
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- Therapeutic Breaks
- Newsletter
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DROP-IN to 15 New Street, Salisbury every Tuesday 10am-1pm for a coffee and a chat with a support worker

freephone 0800 181 4118
www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk

Community Representation

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Local Administration



Local Administration



Community Coherence

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Services to neighbouring Parishes

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Salisbury YFC

We enjoy lots of meetings from Sheep Shearing and farm visits to talks and skittles. We get involved in the community by helping to clear the snow from drives and car parks. and attending local community events.

We meet regularly on a Thursday at Riverbourne Community Farm in Laverstock .

We have many upcoming events, to find out more contact Chairman James Hibberd 07835534544 or Junior Leader Harriet Warne 07557042229

If you are between 10 and 26 and want to Be part of a club that's run by people just like you? Have a laugh and meet lots of new friends? Put something back into the community and feel good about yourself?

Welcome
Club Info
Anniversary Celebrati
Competitions
Rally 2016
Newsletter
South West Area
NFYFC travel
Photo Gallery
80th Anniversary

Programme
November 2015
Wednesday 4th - Stockjudging training @ Rob Hawkes
Thursday 12th - Skittles
Saturday 14th - Junior potted sports - Sheldon School
Friday 20th - County Quiz - Bromham social centre
Sun 22nd - Netball - Dauntsey's School
Thursday 26th - Talk - at Community Farm
Mon 29th - Pre Rally Speaking, Derryhill

December
Thursday 10th - Jnr. Xmas party
Friday 18th - Snr. Xmas party
Thursday 24th - Xmas fun



Country Parks and Community Farms

Country Park Purpose - *to provide easy access to the countryside for those living in the towns and suburbs.*

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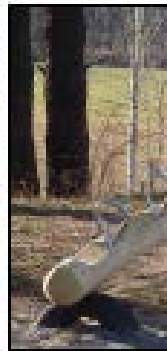
Community Farms – not urban constructs!

Martin
Parish Council



Community Growing Areas and Natural Play

NEAP AND LEAP PLAY EQUIPMENT



Two is fairer than one

Salisbury City Parish

- Cathedral, Guildhall, Poultry Cross
- Cafes, Shopping, Theatre, City museums
- Fisherton Festival, Arts Festival, Christmas Markets

Laverstock and Ford Parish

- Historic airfield, Community Farm, Ancient Monuments
- Countryside trails, Football, Parachuting, Aircraft museum
- Open Farm Sunday, Schools Mini Marathon, Old Sarum Easter Egg Hunt

Conclusion

- Convenient
- Effective
- Strong Community
Coherence



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SURVEY OF LAVERSTOCK & FORD PARISH

September/October 2014

In September 2014, as a consequence of the Community Governance Review, and subsequent to a resolution by Salisbury City Council to incorporate the Parish of Laverstock & Ford into their parish, LFPC commissioned an initial ballot of households within our parish using a combination of both postal and on-line voting. The questions asked were:

- 1. Laverstock and Ford Parish Communities to remain independent of Salisbury.**
- 2. Laverstock and Ford Parish Communities to be wholly absorbed by Salisbury.**

The original ballot submissions have not been retained. Between 85 and 90% were on-line and the remainder were written submissions on a ballot paper delivered by hand to all residents. These written submissions had to be returned via ballot boxes positioned across the parish. The online survey had a setting that only allowed one response from each IP address.

The ballot produced a total of 1010 responses with only 7 indicating a preference for Laverstock & Ford Parish being absorbed by Salisbury City Parish. This was a 99.3% vote in favour of Laverstock & Ford Parish remaining independent of Salisbury and clearly indicated the wishes of our residents.

Residents were asked to record their postcode on the submission. Approximately 48% came from Laverstock, 28% from Ford and Old Sarum, and 24% from Bishopdown/Hampton Park.

Andrew Prince
Parish Clerk
Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

9 June 2016

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**Boundary Review Statement read by the Leader of SCC, Cllr Andrew Roberts at the
Boundary Review Meeting, City Hall, 9 May 2016.**

1. A few thousand residents living in continuous but pleasantly spaced houses, a handful surviving from the pre-1850 rural past, the remainder planned and ordered streets, estates and closes; with two churches, a few shops, three pubs, sports facilities, halls, a primary school; spread along a principal road between a wood-topped hillside and a river, linked across its meadows to the city centre a mile away by two road bridges and a footpath, with uninterrupted farmland stretching away from its outer boundaries.

This is Harnham. Part of Salisbury and served by the City Council.

1850 to 1990 - deduct a church and two pubs, add three secondary schools and you have Laverstock served by Laverstock and Ford Parish Council.

Such close comparisons could also be made between Bemerton and Old Sarum (plus an airfield) but could not be made between any of them and Odstock or Redlynch, Whiteparish or Winterbourne, or any other of Wiltshire's many rural settlements.

2. It is for this reason that SCC continues to support the full merger of the two parishes, which outcome would fully meet the statutory objectives of the current Community Governance Review in the two parishes and for the established governance policies and objectives of Wiltshire Council and the long established approach to administrative boundaries throughout Great Britain.

We do however recognise a possible alternative in respect of the settlement of Ford itself.

3. Since the last review in 1954 development has made the then sparsely populated parish of Laverstock and Ford home to a series of separate settlements that in their form and function are urban extensions of Salisbury.

Those settlements are the Milford extension along Queen Manor Road; Laverstock Village; Hampton Park/Riverdown; Ford and Old Sarum. They have no real collective identity, beyond that constructed around the institution of the Civil Parish. There are few physical connections between them and little reason for residents of one to have more to do with the others than with the adjacent City, which provides their services above the neighbourhood level.

4. Both public and private sectors have long operated in accordance with the physical reality of a single enlarged settlement. As long ago as 1961 the LEA reorganised Salisbury schools by moving three of them to a new site in Laverstock (from Highbury Avenue [Wyvern College]; St Edmunds Church and Exeter Street [St Joseph's – the then senior school element of St Osmund's]).



The City area remains the largest provider of pupils to these schools. Wiltshire Council treated them as so connected that its Divisions were based on a combination – creating a cross-parish Division and attendance at Salisbury Area Board by Laverstock and Ford Parish Council. The Anglican Church Parishes of Salisbury St Marks and Laverstock St Andrews were merged some years ago. And house builders conspicuously advertise Hampton Park, Riverdown and Old Sarum as being in Salisbury. The Core Strategy treats them as a single sustainable entity.

5. This Review offers a rare opportunity for the parish level governance to reflect the current realities whilst strengthening democratic participation and accountability; enhancing the convenience, efficiency and effectiveness of local government and ensuring fairness of participation, access to resources and contribution amongst all residents.
6. Both parishes are fine places to live, enjoying an unusual abundance of green and open space, largely derived from the famous five rivers. But Salisbury now contains more commercial farmland; more meadow; more woodland and more publicly owned open space than Laverstock and Ford. This reflects the transformation of the parish since 1945 by the building of housing and facilities on an urban pattern and scale, with hundreds of houses in multi-road developments. Only Ford is a partial exception to this. The transformation in character is confirmed by the presence of these same identifiers of an urban area – a Community Farm and a Country Park (rural villages have agri-business farms and countryside).
7. Communities of this type deserve and need capable and accountable local government. In the near future both parishes will (hopefully) be considered to be 'developed out'. This will mean the end of developer funded community provision – but not the end of demand. Maintenance funds run out and an area must eventually rely on its own resources. It will not be enough to consult and specify, asking others to provide. Action will be needed. SCC already has very limited reliance on developer funding, the need for which is a double-edged sword. The effectiveness of its governance in the future is secured. Our proposal could do the same for Laverstock and Ford.
8. SCC is and always has been fully elected, like Wiltshire Council. We trust that no elected authority would consider appointment of members to be more democratic. You are also composed of party members. Again, we assume that you do not consider the clear choices that represents as being a bad thing. Although note that I am an elected Independent Leader of the City Council.
9. Wiltshire Council has made its own choices as to what amounts to effective and convenient local governance. Its own existence is testament to the benefits of scale and capacity, whilst its plans for the devolution of the most local services to parishes set an increasing requirement for robust capacity in these parishes. SCC has that capacity. Does Laverstock and Ford?



10. And all residents of both areas have an interest in fairness. Wiltshire Council policy has raised a double fairness issue, if my parish council proposes a locally-funded service to me – should I also contribute to the cost of its provision in other parishes? Wiltshire Council says no – service devolution will eventually be the same for all. But should I contribute to services used in the same way by others – not as occasional visitors but with the regularity of neighbours - if they don't? This is the core boundary question and the underlying logic behind all UK reviews. In a country with ever-growing settlements the answer has always been no. We hope it will also be in this case.
11. And finally a point on Ford. Although it lacks any of the usual (although frequently disappearing) facilities of a typical village, Ford has a pattern, scale and feel that has significant similarities to one. So whilst it would find a welcome home in the City, we see that it could fairly be a separate parish, either on its own or with a rural neighbour such as Hurdcott, perhaps using its old name of Winterbourne Ford, if that is appealing to Wiltshire Council members. Precise boundaries to be agreed, but roughly the edge of the airfield, the edge of the Riverdown development, the river and the existing North East boundary.
12. On options 2 and 3, we would support the inclusion of Hampton Park and Riverdown in the City if the full merger does not occur, and oppose the transfer of Bishopdown Farm to Laverstock and Ford for the reasons above.

I am happy to answer any questions.

Thank You

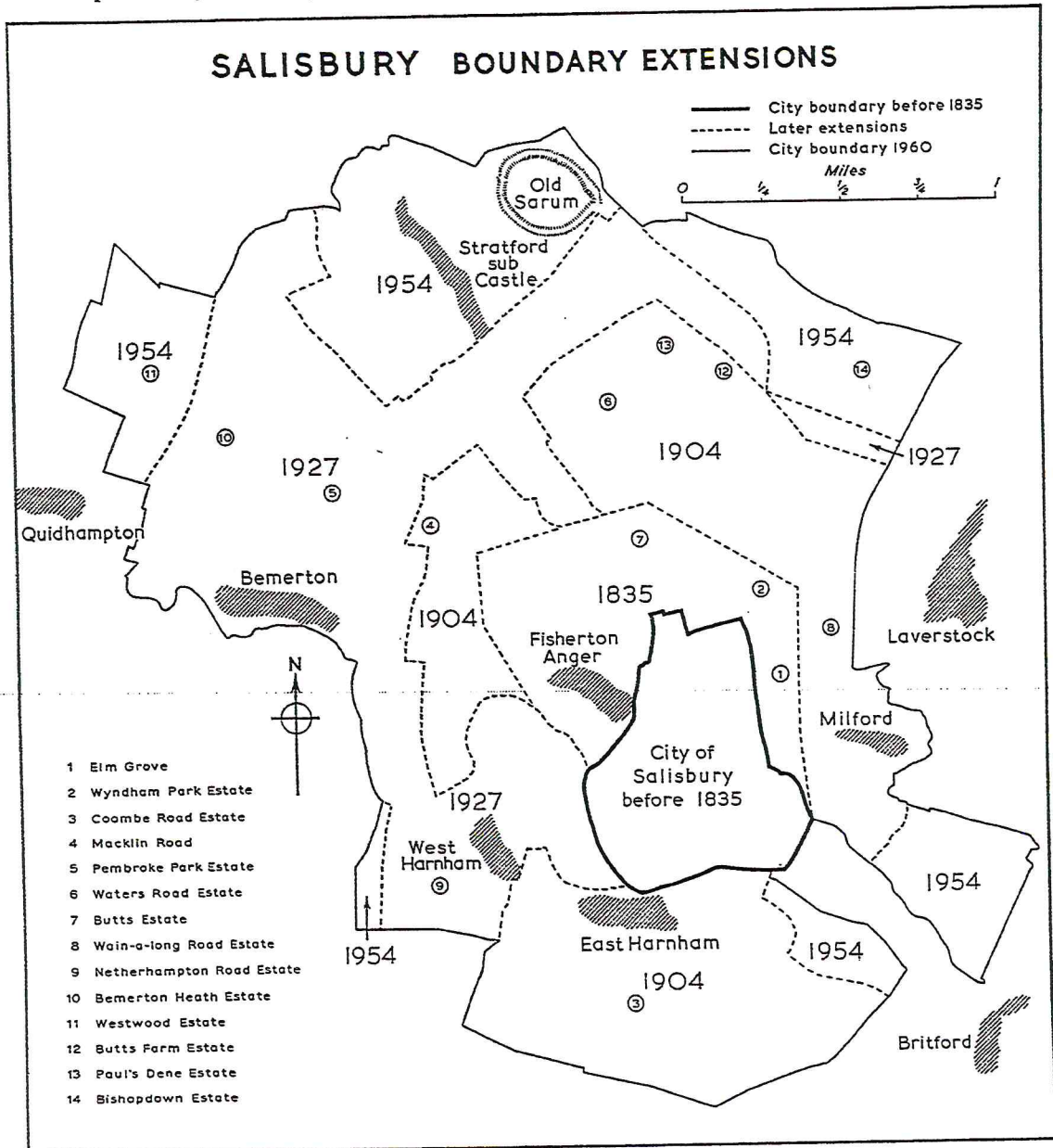
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THE CITY OF NEW SALISBURY

century does not seem to have been a very active building period in this central area, and only one or two blocks of any size, such as that at the east end of the New Canal, were built then. The 20th century has added no outstanding buildings, its contribution being mainly restoration, or rebuilding in imitation of older styles. Probably the most widespread change in the appearance of the central area since 1800 has resulted from the general insertion of shop fronts on the ground floors of the buildings. Most of these are recent, but the shop front at nos. 12-14 Catherine Street is among the few early-19th-century examples to survive.

At the beginning of the 19th century Salisbury still comprised only the liberty of the Close³³ and

the three ancient parishes of St. Martin, St. Thomas, and St. Edmund. In 1835 it was extended to the artificial boundary which had been defined three years earlier for purposes of parliamentary representation, so that the built-up part of Fisherton Anger, and that part of Milford which bordered the city were included.³⁴ These added parts became the civil parishes of Fisherton Anger Within and Milford Within in 1804.³⁵ In 1904 the city was constituted a single civil parish, and extended to include the whole of Fisherton Anger Without and parts of Britford, East Harnham, Milford Without, and Stratford-sub-Castle.³⁶ In 1927 parts of Laverstock, Stratford, West Harnham, and Bemerton were added.³⁷ Finally in 1954 parts of Quidhampton,



³³ The Close was extra-parochial, had its own sessions, and relieved its own poor. Its population from 1801 was returned with the city, although in 1851 it was said that it did not form part of the city: Rammell, *Report*, II.

³⁴ Municipal Corporations Act, 5 & 6 Wm. IV, c. 76.

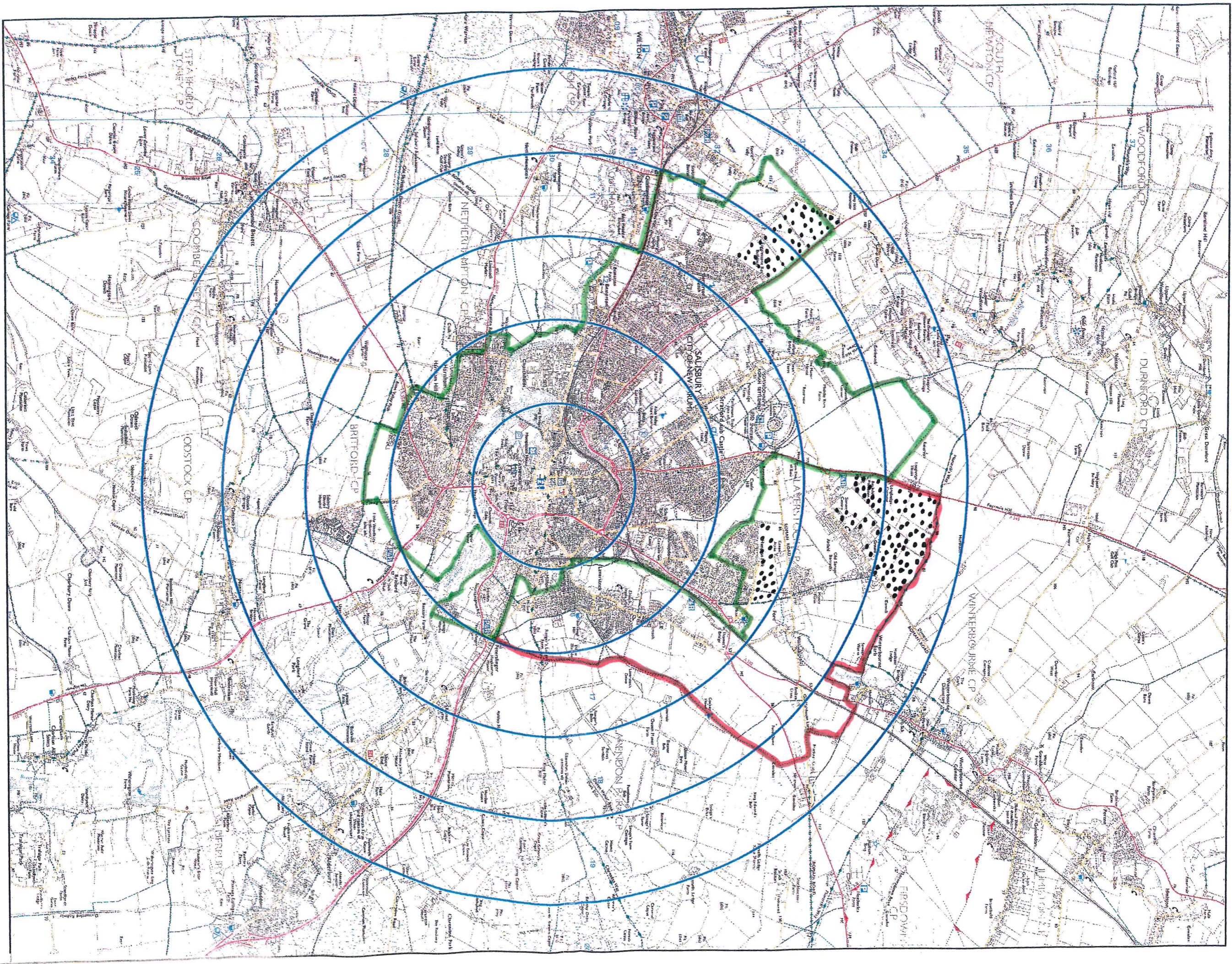
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³⁵ *V.C.H. Wilts.* iv. 356.

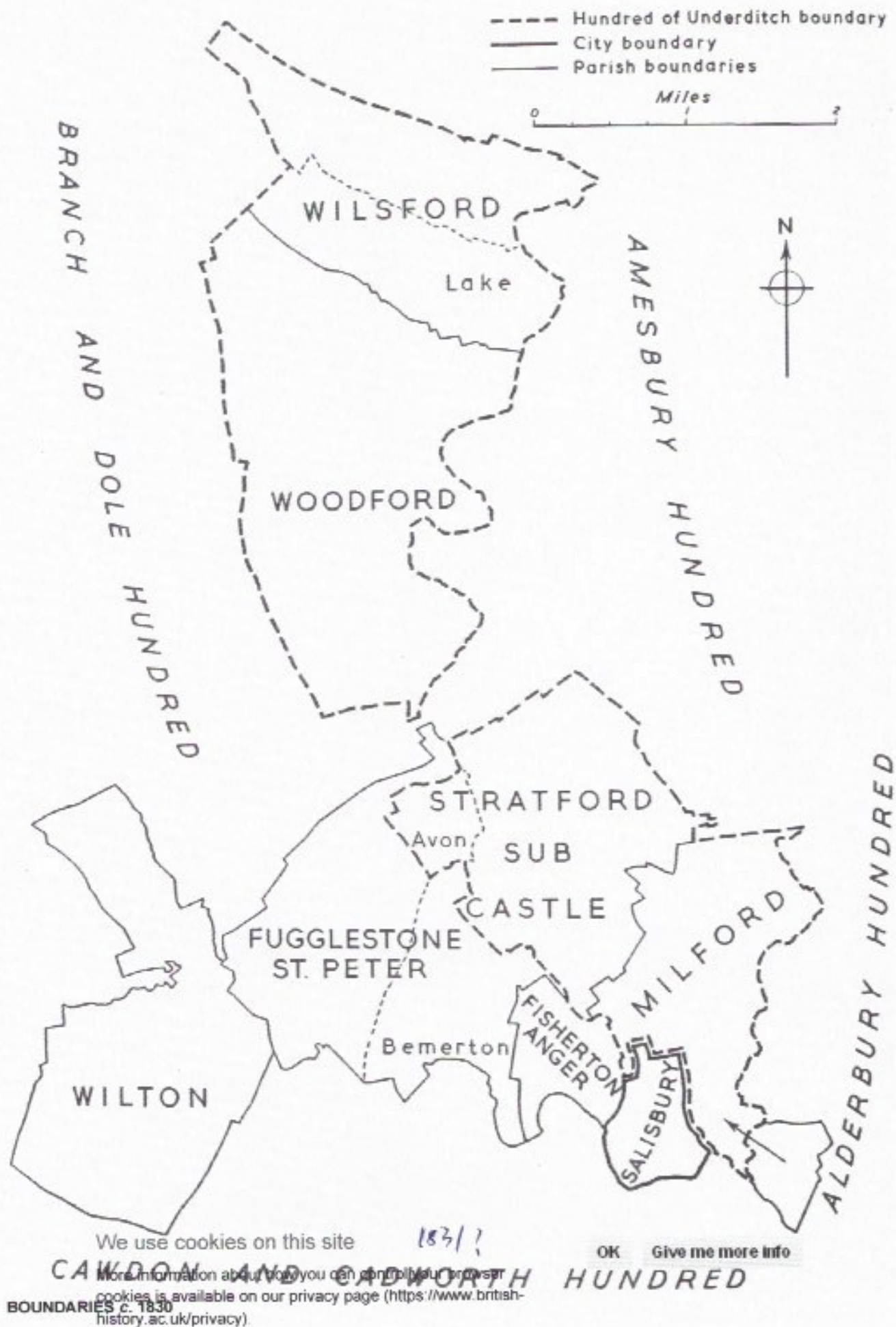
³⁶ 4 Edw. VII, c. 161; *Census, 1911*; cf. *V.C.H. Wilts.* iv. 356, where the date 1905 is given in error.

³⁷ 17 & 18 Geo. V, c. 46.

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Wiltshire Council Community Governance Review – June 2016

Salisbury City Council – Consultation Outcomes:

Dear Sirs:

Please find below the outcomes from the consultations undertaken by Salisbury City Council in respect of the Community Governance Review currently being undertaken by Wiltshire Council. We undertook two separate elements:

1. Market Research on street using an independent Market Research company – Sally Fairall Associates, <http://sallyfairallandassociates.com/>. They spent 5 days out on the streets asking people walking by, aiming to speak to 200 per day. Each person was asked a series of questions as follows, with yes/no answers.
 - a. Would you consider that Laverstock and Old Sarum are a part of Salisbury, in the same way that Harnham, Bishopdown and Bemerton Heath are?
 - b. Do you believe that all taxpayers who live within the current boundaries of the City and just outside should share equally the costs of running the services which everybody uses?
 - c. Do you believe that having democratically elected Councillors is a key requirement for good decision making and accountability in the local community?
 - d. The last review of boundaries was 1954. Do you believe that this review should therefore take account of not only expansion since that year, but should look forward to take account of future development and expansion as well?
 - e. Do you agree that for any growing City, it is inevitable that its boundaries will alter to encompass areas on its immediate edge over time?

Each person was then asked if they did, or didn't, support the proposal to merge the SCC and L&FPC areas and to submit their name, house number, postcode and signature.

Only persons who reside within Wiltshire were allowed to submit their views, anybody from outside Wiltshire was politely turned away. We did not only allow persons from within the current City boundary to respond and so our responses include people from all around the Wiltshire area, including Laverstock.

In the end a total of 1,490 survey forms were completed over the five days with an outcome of:

YES – 80% (76% signed, 4% unsigned) NO – 12%, DON'T KNOW – 8%.

There is little doubt that if more financial resource had been expended at this methodology then the number of responses could have been considerably increased, though it is the view of the Research company that this is a very representative sample and that further, with this level of surveys undertaken, the outcomes to the questions is unlikely to alter by very much.

One further point – in order to be fair, we chose deliberately to undertake the research using the central locations in and immediately around the Market Place. If the research had been undertaken within the main residential areas around the City (Harnham, Bemerton, Bishopdown etc) then in the view of the Research company the “yes” percentage vote would likely to have been much higher and skewed toward this outcome.

2. A leaflet drop to all houses within the City boundary. This asked those households to register their support for the merger of SCC and L&FPC by returning a cut off slip or responding on line via SCC’s website. Unlike the Wiltshire Council survey of L&FPC households, we were not able to provide a sae service due to the prohibitive costs. A total of 412 responses were received supporting the merger (99%), three were received against.

Should you have any queries regarding this information, please do contact me.

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Wiltshire Council Community Governance Review

Salisbury City and Laverstock and Ford Parishes

Salisbury City Council Final Submission to the Review

16 June 2016

Doc 56178

Part 1 - Executive Summary

1. Salisbury City Council (**SCC**) supports the merger of the whole of the two existing civil parishes currently known as The City of Salisbury (**Salisbury** or the **City**) and Laverstock and Ford (**L&F**) into a single new parish to be known as The City of Salisbury (alternatively styled as The City of New Sarum).
2. SCC also supports the merger of the two existing parish councils to form a single new council to be known as Salisbury City Council. It assumes that any merger would take effect after the next scheduled local elections in May 2017.
3. The merger could be implemented by the constitution of a new parish by amalgamation pursuant to section 87(2)(d) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (the **Act**) with a new parish council formed under Section 87(4) or by the alteration of the boundaries of one of the parishes and the abolition of the other under Section 88(2)(b) and (c) with consequential provisions as to parish councils and names. SCC would support whichever method Wiltshire Council (**WC**) considers to be most efficient and effective.
4. SCC considers that the new parish should have wards throughout and an odd number of members between 19 and 29. It has no formed view on the precise number of members or boundaries of wards for the merged entity. Whilst a full boundary review would be the best solution, simply adding 4 members for the unwarded L&F areas to the 23 members for SCC's warded areas – allocated three per ward by reference to the 9 current Wiltshire council divisions, would be an acceptable short-term solution enabling implementation by May 2017 with no impact on WC divisions, if time were to be an issue.
5. SCC considers that a merger best meets the objectives of the Review for the area under review, as the outcome would better reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area and be more effective and convenient than the current two parish arrangement. This Review offers a rare opportunity for parish level governance in the area to evolve to reflect current physical realities whilst strengthening democratic participation and accountability; enhancing the convenience, efficiency and effectiveness of local government and ensuring fairness of participation, access to resources and contribution amongst all residents. Our comments on the objectives and area are in Part 2. Details as to why the objectives are met are in Parts 3 to 10. In summary they are that:
 - a. A merger would create unequivocal and enduring fairness of participation, contribution and benefit.

- b. Both Salisbury and L&F are already amalgamations of multiple neighbourhoods with distinct and very local identities that form parts of a single urban area with an overarching Salisbury identity.
- c. Both areas have changed significantly since the last review in 1954 and merger would reflect their present and near future built reality.
- d. There would be clear green space and a lasting natural boundary around the merged area.
- e. A single entity would improve cohesion, but no neighbourhood identities would be lost. Improved parish level capacity would create an opportunity to enhance them.
- f. The interests of residents in a more democratic and accountable representation would be fully met in practice as well as in theory.
- g. A merged parish council could effectively manage the entire public realm and support all of the communal activities of the area.
- h. Local governance capacity and efficiency would be improved enabling the devolution policy of Wiltshire Council to be implemented with greater speed and effectiveness.

Part 2 – Objectives and Area of the Community Governance Review (CGR)

Section 81(2) of the Act requires each CGR's Terms of Reference (**TOR**) to identify the "area under review". WC's TORs for this review, approved on 24 February 2014, do not expressly do so. However, those TORs do refer in their descriptive sections to "the Internal and external boundaries of Salisbury and neighbouring parishes and associated seating arrangements". The modification approved by resolution of the council on 24 November 2015 (minute 89 refers) expressly referred to both the City and L&F when instituting the current merger and associated reviews. It is therefore clear that the "area under review" is the whole of the two parishes and the interests to be considered are those of the entire area. WC has not consulted equally with all residents in the area under review, but SCC has tried to fill this gap with its own consultation in the City.

CGRs do not have express objectives. They form part of the general law of English local government and fit within its general scheme. The 2010 DCLG/LGBCE statutory Guidance on Community Governance Reviews (the **Guidance**) states that

- Parish Councils "*should be viable in terms of providing at least some local services*" (Guidance, para. 63). This was important in 2010 and is even more so now with more pressure on services and reducing support from central and higher tiers of local government.
- Parish Councils should "*take more responsibility for shaping their area's development and running its services*" (Guidance, para. 65).
- Parishes should be "*well-run, with effective and inclusive participation, representation and leadership*" (Guidance, para. 47).
- Providing "*accountable*" governance and "*strategic, visionary leadership*".
- With "*inclusive, active and effective participation*" by individuals and organisations.
- And "*engagement at neighbourhood level, including capacity building*".

As members know, when considering these issues WC must “*have regard to the need to secure that community governance within the area under review –*

(a) reflects the identities and interests of the community in that area, and

(b) is effective and convenient” (Section 93(4) of the Act).

It is important to note that these are issues to which WC must have regard. This means that they are important but not stand-alone objectives of any review. The wider objectives of local governance identified in the Guidance need to be met when any recommendations are made. No one aspect of the Section 93 criteria predominates and WC must take a balanced view of them. It is difficult to see how the statement in Appendix C of the TORS that “the feeling of the local community and the wishes of local inhabitants are *primary* (emphasis added) considerations in this Review” fits the required balance, particularly if applied to an area less than that of the whole area under review. Citizens’ views and wishes are of course important, but they are not the only factor and in our view WC must, as in all its actions, consider the positions of the majority who do not take part in consultations as well as the minority that do.

The Review must be forward looking and strategic in its considerations. The last equivalent one in the area was in 1954, 62 years ago, following others in 1904 and 1927. The absence of any review since 1954 is partly explained by the abolition of parish government in the City between 1954 and the creation of WC in 2009.

The Guidance suggests that ‘best practice’ is now for a review every 10 to 15 years (paragraph 26), but another lifetime passing before the next is equally likely.

The review therefore needs to consider the interests of future as well as current residents, with the aim of “securing” improved governance for years to come. On boundaries that should “*be and be likely to remain*” easily identifiable (Guidance, para. 83)

The Review’s recommendations “*ought to bring about improved community engagement, better local democracy and result in more effective and convenient delivery of local services*” (Guidance, para. 23).

The Review should also produce governance that makes communities “*cohesive, attractive and economically vibrant*” (Guidance, para. 46)

And it must “*Consider the impact on community cohesion*” (Guidance, para. 53) where a “*key contributor to community cohesion is integration*” rather than fragmentation (Guidance, para. 69) and where a cohesive community can “*meet the challenges and opportunities of their area in a co-ordinated way*” (Guidance, para. 57) with people who “*trust local institutions to act fairly*” (Guidance, para. 70)

So it is not enough that the current arrangements are satisfactory or even good. With all of these considerations in mind we must consider - Can they be better?

SCC believes that with merger they can be.

Part 3 – Some Local History

Salisbury is well known as a planned medieval new town, built in chequers within walls to serve the great new Cathedral that still lies at its heart and gives it a powerful focal point and sense of identity. The original site of the settlement still survives at the Iron Age hill fort, Roman town and Norman castle and former Cathedral of Old Sarum. The new City received its charter in 1227 and stayed within its three parishes, Cathedral Close, walls and ditches for centuries. Rural villages that were gradually organised into church parishes, including Fisherton, Bemerton, Harnham, Quidhampton, Milford, Stratford and Laverstock, surrounded it. By 1835 it had grown beyond its early limits and finally expanded its administrative boundaries to catch up. Throughout this period the land to the east and north of the City was within the parishes of Milford and Stratford, within the Hundred of Underditch (as shown on the map at *Appendix B*). Laverstock parish lay entirely east of the River Bourne, in the Alderbury Hundred, including none of modern Milford, Bishopdown or Old Sarum and only parts of Ford. Its parish council came into existence in 1894 as part of the general spread of such civil councils at that time.

Medieval Salisbury was surrounded by land owned by the Church or great estates (Clarendon, Longford and Wilton) that could not or would not sell freeholds. It therefore first grew where land was available, mostly to the west, first taking in Fisherton parish. In the later nineteenth century it started to grow south, north and east as well, particularly into Milford, which as a result was divided into Milford Within and Milford Without. This growth led to progressive extensions of the City boundary. Their general extent is shown in the map at *Appendix C*, taken from the Victoria County History. The transfers eventually included all of Harnham and Bemerton, large parts of Netherhampton and Quidhampton and much of Milford Without (including Bishopdown) and Stratford. When these parishes were finally abolished (in either 1927 or 1954, the VCH is contradictory on the date) the final urban parts were taken into the City and the then undeveloped remainders were transferred to Laverstock to form Laverstock and Ford Parish. These transfers included Milford beyond the Bourne, the area between the river and railway that is now the site of the River Bourne Community Farm (explaining why the City held the land until transfer on reorganisation in 2009), land north of Bishopdown Farm, the rest of Ford and the Old Sarum airfield site from Stratford.

Since the last review in 1954 development has made the then sparsely populated parish of L&F home to a series of separate settlements that in their form and function are urban extensions of Salisbury.

Those settlements include the Milford extension around Queen Manor Road; Laverstock Village; Hampton Park/Riverdown Park; Ford; Old Sarum. Development included the LEA's move of three of Salisbury's six secondary schools to a new site in Laverstock (from Highbury Avenue [Wyvern College]; St Edmunds Church [St Edmunds School] and Exeter Street [St Joseph's – the then senior school element of St Osmund's]) in a 1961 reorganisation.

Part 4 – Local Geography

A few thousand residents living in continuous but pleasantly spaced houses, a handful surviving from the pre-1850 rural past, the remainder planned and ordered streets, estates and closes; with two churches, a few shops, three pubs, sports facilities, halls, a primary school; spread along a principal road between a wood-topped hillside and a river, linked across its meadows to the city centre barely a mile away by two road bridges and a footpath, with uninterrupted farmland stretching away from its outer boundaries.

This is Harnham. Part of Salisbury for decades and served by SCC.

Change 1850 to 1950 - deduct a church and two pubs, add three secondary schools and you have Laverstock, served not by SCC but by Laverstock and Ford Parish Council.

The ringed map at *Appendix A* shows how both Harnham and Laverstock are located within the same distance of the City centre (between 1km and 2km away) and have otherwise very similar geographies, leading to similar impacts on the lives of those who live there.

Such close comparisons, of characteristics, distance from and relationship to the City centre, could also be made between, for example, Bemerton Heath and Old Sarum (plus an airfield) but could not be made between any of them and Odstock or Redlynch, Whiteparish or Winterbourne, or any other of Wiltshire's many rural settlements, whose size, composition, layout and distance from a major service centre are quite different, perhaps most notably that they are not within easy cycling or walking distance of that centre.

Both parishes are fine places to live, containing an unusual abundance of green and open space, largely derived from the famous five rivers. But the City now has within its boundaries *more* commercial farmland; *more* meadow; *more* woodland, *more* hectares of County Wildlife sites, *more* farmland within environmental stewardship schemes and *more* publicly owned open space than Laverstock and Ford. In both parishes the surviving commercial farmland is concentrated on the fringes and generally farmed from sites outside the parish. Much is designated for development in the near future.

This reflects the transformation of L&F parish since 1945 by the building of housing and facilities on an urban pattern and scale, with hundreds of houses in multi-road developments. Only Ford is a partial exception to this. It has its estate but also roads without pavements. The transformation in character is confirmed by the presence in L&F of those sure identifiers of an urban area – a Community Farm and a (planned) Country Park (rural villages have agri-business farms and countryside).

The consequences of this geography are that residents of the various parts of L&F interact with and use City facilities, including those provided by SCC, in very similar ways to residents of other neighbourhoods such as Harnham, Bemerton, Fugglestone and Bishopdown within the City at similar distances from the centre.

This geography also means that L&F neighbourhoods have little common identity, beyond that constructed around the institution of the Civil Parish. There are few physical connections between them and little reason for residents of one to have more to do with the others than with the adjacent City, which provides their services above the neighbourhood level.

Part 5 – Perception by Residents and Others

Local identity within Laverstock and Ford is fragmented. It exists at a neighbourhood level, for example people say that they live in Laverstock *or* live in Ford – not that they live in Laverstock *and* Ford. Old Sarum residents simply live at Old Sarum. L&F PC's own activities recognise this. Despite the absence of wards its members are consciously drawn from and allocated to the different neighbourhoods.

The confusion of identity has been manifest even in the campaign conducted around this Review. For example the latest L&F PC magazine Boundary Review Special states on page 11 that “The Schools cannot be considered to be Salisbury Schools” (perhaps surprising given their origins and pupil composition) whilst the page 3 Editorial quotes with (deserved) approval the Head Teacher of St Andrew’s School’s letter stating that its mini-marathon is “very much part of the Salisbury Schools calendar”.

Many L&F residents describe themselves as living in Salisbury. They certainly buy houses there, as new houses at Hampton Park, Riverdown Park, Longhedge and Old Sarum have been and continue to be prominently advertised and described as being in Salisbury.

Both public and private sectors have long operated in accordance with the physical reality of treating both parishes as a single settlement. The Anglican Church Parishes of Salisbury St Marks and Laverstock St Andrews were merged some years ago. Voluntary groups, charities, scouts, guides and many others operate without distinction across the parishes. The City Mayor is routinely invited to attend events in L&F, as a local representative, not a visitor. Salisbury Football Club (and before it Salisbury City FC) is based at Old Sarum.

Wiltshire Council treated the two parishes as so connected that its new Divisions created in 2009 were based on a combination – creating a cross-parish Division and attendance at Salisbury Area Board by Laverstock and Ford Parish Council. The Core Strategy treats them as a single sustainable entity. This is not new. As long ago as 1947 the influential book “A Newer Sarum” which set the scope for much local post-war development included Laverstock as a site for a City neighbourhood (since built) and leading local history “Endless Street” referred to Laverstock’s particularly close relationship to the City by the 1980s.

WC's Joint Strategic Assessment refers to the impact of the new housing developments at Longhedge (within L&F) in its Salisbury Area report, but not in its Southern Area report. Indeed, although it makes up the largest population centre within the Southern Area (matched only by Downton) the JSA barely mentions L&F. There are no photos of it and only two text references – once referring to the existence of urban land within the Area (presumably Laverstock) and once referring to its unusually high level of children living in poverty. It appears to be an overlooked anomaly within its own WC area.

Part 6 – Consultation Results

WC will have its own responses to the consultation carried out in a limited part of the area affected by this review. L&F PC carried out a household consultation in the recent past. Its outcome strongly opposed merger, but the consultation was heavily focused on the impact of a merger on precept levels, as has been the whole of the vigorous campaign run by L&F PC ever since, which never fails to emphasise this point. As WC members know, the level of precept is not a relevant consideration in CGRs, although its incidence may be. So who pays to whom matters, but not how much.

SCC carried out its own qualitative surveys in the City. The results are attached at *Appendix D*. They show a level of support for the merger between 80% and 99%, from responses not exclusive to City residents, based on shared identity and common contribution and benefit.

Part 7 - Effective and Convenient

The direction of travel in local government is clear – Parishes must do more, or lose out. The general power of competence has been made available to help achieve this. SCC has this power. Unusually for a parish of its size, L&F does not, as it has insufficient elected members and an unqualified clerk.

Despite having no premises costs, in the last three financial years L&F spent 74% of its precept income on the pay, payroll taxes and office costs of its Clerk – who received a 16.5% pay rise in the period. Other than R2 and s.106 development contributions it has few other sources of income. Not surprisingly it provides few services and has no obvious capacity to take on any that WC may wish to transfer to it.

In contrast two-thirds of City income does not come from the precept. SCC has healthy reserves and regular annual budget surpluses. It has a strong asset base, significant capacity to borrow on favourable terms and the ability to finance and deliver major capital projects through the wide capability of full-time staff, extensive equipment and a permanent home. It is likely that an area subject to new development on the scale of L&F, notably at Old Sarum, will require significant spending on the provision and long-term maintenance of new community facilities. SCC has a proven track-record in delivering such projects. L&F PC does not. SCC can and does own and manage large areas of green space and has the capacity to acquire more.

SCC operates a community grants scheme of significant size. The L&F grant limit is £300. SCC's has made one-off community grants of up to £15,000 and provides on-going core funding and free facilities to several community, sports and arts groups. SCC believes that substantial suppressed demand for community facilities and open space support exists within L&F, which merger would release and allow to be met.

A key element of local government effectiveness is democratic representation. SCC has an all-elected membership. Every ward has been fully contested at every election. The democratic choice given to City residents is real and effectively exercised, with electoral outcomes producing real change. We have been unable to find any record of a contested election for membership of L&F PC. Indeed there are frequently vacancies in its membership, including now.

SCC is represented in larger Wiltshire-wide bodies, giving a voice to its residents within them. L&F is not.

SCC is to be the pilot of a programme of substantial asset and service transfer from WC. The services are significant in size and scope and relate mostly to the public realm of the City, such as grounds maintenance, CCTV and street cleaning. The benefit will be felt by all who use the City's centre and green spaces regularly, which will include residents of L&F. L&F PC will need a major change in capacity and resource if it is to take on its share of these tasks as the WC programme rolls out. Merging with SCC will be the most, perhaps the only, effective way of meeting the challenge and making the most of the opportunities such devolution presents.

Part 8 - Ford

SCC recognises that the hamlet of Ford is a slight anomaly within the anomalous parish of L&F. Although it lacks any of the usual (although frequently disappearing) facilities of a typical rural village, having no church, pub or shop, parts of Ford have a pattern, scale and feel that have significant similarities to one. So whilst it would find a welcome and effective home in the City, we see that it could fairly (if perhaps inefficiently) be a separate parish, either for the first time on its own or by merger with a fully rural neighbour such as Hurdcott, perhaps using its old name of Winterbourne Ford, if that is appealing to Wiltshire Council members. We suggest no precise boundaries, but roughly the edge of the airfield, the edge of the Riverdown Park development, the river Bourne and the existing North East boundary.

Part 9 – The Bishopdown/Hampton Park Options

We hope that the full merger proposal will be approved. If it is not SCC supports the inclusion of all of Hampton Park and Riverdown Park in the City, and opposes the transfer of Bishopdown Farm to Laverstock and Ford.

The reasons above apply with particular emphasis to the administration of three new housing areas planned and functioning as a single neighbourhood with a local school, shop and community hall, reliant on and closely connected to the City. The rest of L&F is separated from it by a River and/or a railway line.

In respect of that part of Bishopdown Farm in the City we are aware that L&F PC have claimed that it has previously been part of L&F parish. Our research has found no evidence of this. The area was certainly in Milford, then Milford Without. We believe it transferred to the City when Milford Without was finally abolished, probably in 1954, when the area to the north, then empty fields but now Hampton Park and Riverdown Park, became part of L&F. The confusion appears to relate to the divisional/ward boundaries of Wiltshire County Council and Salisbury District Council, then Wiltshire Council and how and when they crossed parish boundaries rather than the parish boundaries themselves.

Part 10 – Summary

Our two communities both deserve and need capable and accountable local government. In the near future both parishes will (hopefully) be considered to be ‘developed out’. This will mean the end of developer funded community provision – but not the end of demand. Maintenance funds run out and an area must eventually rely on its own resources. It will not be enough to consult and specify, asking others to provide. Action will be needed. SCC already has very limited reliance on developer funding, the need for which is a double-edged sword. The effectiveness of its governance in the future is secured.

Our proposal could create the same long-term security for Laverstock and Ford, as a merged parish council could do more at a time when higher levels of government will be doing less.

It would be more capable and more accountable, but still 100% focused on a shared local area, rather than distant parts of the County.

The two parish communities are neighbours and full of friends. Their neighbourhood identities would be maintained and activities could be better supported.

All residents would have an equal right to share in the resources of the City, giving them long-term freedom from dependence on development contributions and membership of a capable ‘doing’ authority with unlimited powers to promote well being.

All residents of both areas have an interest in fairness. Wiltshire Council’s policy has raised a double fairness issue: If my parish council provides a locally-funded service to me – should I also contribute to the cost of its provision in other parishes? Wiltshire Council says no – service devolution will eventually be the same for all. But should all who benefit from services in the same way – not as occasional visitors but with the regularity of neighbours – contribute in the same way – financially and electorally? This is the core question underlying all boundary reviews. In a country with ever-growing settlements the answer has always been ‘Yes, they should’.

We hope it will continue to be in this case and that Wiltshire Council will agree with the logic of our proposal and give us an administrative structure that lays the foundations for the collaborative long-term improvement of our whole area.

This submission should be read in conjunction with our submissions to the public consultation events and the wider, earlier whole City consultations. It amalgamates, summarises and in part expands upon those earlier submissions, as well as including specific requests as to the statutory recommendations to be made.

Appendices:

- A. Map of Salisbury showing 1km rings from the centre.
- B. Map showing the Underditch Hundred
- C. Map showing Salisbury boundary extensions since 1835
- D. SCC consultation responses

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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>

Public Consultation on the Community Governance Reviews for Salisbury & Laverstock 18 May 2016 Notes

6pm	WC In attendance: Cllr Stuart Wheeler (Chairman), Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Ricky Rogers. Ian Gibbons, John Watling, Lisa Moore
1	The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting and explained the purpose and procedures of the meeting.
2	Laverstock & Ford gave a presentation providing arguments against the full merger and in support of scheme 3.
3	Andrew Roberts, Leader of Salisbury City Council, gave a presentation in support of the Salisbury/ Laverstock & Ford full merger.
4	<p>Comments from the public against the full merger included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A public vote run by the L&F parish magazine had shown that the majority of residents wished to retain as a parish. • Where do you draw the line, why stop at Laverstock, why not include other neighbouring parishes such as the winterbournes, Idmiston, Clarendon, Britford and Netherhampton. All of which pay their local taxes through Wilts Council tax and PC precept. • The L&F response had come from the people that mattered, the residents, where as the city support had only come from Cllrs and ex Cllrs, reflecting how important the issue was to the citizens of L&F. • Representation in a merged parish would mean that L&F would only have 3 Cllrs out of around 29. This would be like the EU, and could see L&F being outvoted every time an interest of the City came into conflict. • There was a lack of understanding of local needs. • There was no political biased on the L&F pc as it was non partisan and conducts its business purely in the interest of all residents. The City runs on party lines and consequently there would always be subject to outside influence and persuasion. • The success of the River Bourne Community Farm would not have been possible without the support of the L&F PC. The farm was not urban L&F took on derelict land and developed the farm, which had improved quality of life for many residents. • L&F was geographically distinct from SCC – chalk landscape; clearly defined semi rural parish complements Salisbury. • The Parish Magazine – connect residents and businesses; in the

vibrant friendly community.

- Developers advertised the new houses as being in Salisbury; this is why we need our PC to stand up for us.
- We have the new country park at Riverdown.
- WC recognised a genuine case of localism in action.
- A resident in Roman Road asked friends from other parishes outside the city such as Harnham and Stratford Sub Castle whether they thought L&F should be incorporated into the City. Their response was no, and that L&F should fight for their parish.
- Salisbury is urban and we are rural, the differences and needs of the two are completely different.
- SCC struggles to meet its responsibilities; taking on L&F would increase difficulties despite our income.
- Our Cllrs all live within the community and volunteer their services to the community.
- 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.
- A comparison to Hitler's AR tanks rolling through the parish was made.
- The council's strap line 'Where everybody matters' should include us.
- As residents we are very well looked after by L&F PC, many components form our PC. L&F is very cost effective, efficient and an effective public body, it should be allowed to remain so.
- SCC needs 60 staff for 23 cllrs, where L&F has one.
- There had been no discussions with L&F from SCC to plan how we would benefit.
- SCC was wasteful with their finances on the Market square.
- The process here is depressing, 99% of residents wanted to stay independent from Salisbury, but WC have ignored them.
- Comments of the Chairman being biased with Robert Mugabe style politics was made. As an elected cllr, he should listen to the electorate.
- In this parish we offer an alternative form of civil politics. Our records show 7 years of decision making entirely driven by what residents want, not by political persuasion.
- SCC is the aggressors in this matter. We wanted to live in harmony but SCC has forced this on us.
- SCC bid has come from their desire for our funds to finance asset transfers from WC.
- Having originally saying that she would not speak at the debate, immediately before the Unitary Authority took their vote, Baroness Scott said that in her experience parishes such as ours get used to being amalgamated with larger administration. She may as well as said 'its a storm in a teacup, get on with it'.
- The unitary council will vote in favour of the takeover as many WC Cllrs will be obliged to vote as their leader would wish them to.
- It was believed that the future of the parish had already been decided by WC irrespective of the working group recommendations.

	<p>WC Cllr Ian McLennan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After reading the guidance on this process, it states that in previous years before the Act, there had only been 4 requests and 1 application. On pages 120 & 122 it stated that for a parish to be abolished, the first thing to look at was that the residents had called for it and that the parish should be in disarray for a minimum of 2 terms. <p>He asked if there was any point to consider the proposal when this did not apply?</p> <p>The Chairman noted that the Working Group had been specifically mandated to look at the proposal. This point would be looked at by the Monitoring Officer.</p>
5	<p>Comments from the public in support of the merger included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC's can add a tremendous amount of capacity and value, L&F was a well run pc which did good work. SCC also well run and gave a great deal to the community. • The merger would allow residents to take part in public participation and have a say in how local services were run. • L&F could still have the fantastic news letter and meeting rooms. • L&F have the option to share in the great amalgamation of the Salisbury City. • Funding from Central Gov would continue to decrease, leaving the need for more to be done by the community. • In the future fire and flood prevention would need updating and you would look to your parish for those improvements. • If you were a bigger parish you could have developed a Neighbourhood Plan. With more capacity to safeguard key areas you are interested in.
6	<p>John Watling spoke on schemes 2 & 3 and showed a slide depicting the proposal.</p>
7	<p>Comments from the public against scheme 3 included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident living in the green hatched area shown on the slide, noted his disappointment in WC. He was totally opposed to the merger detailed in scheme 3. He did not use the majority of the services listed on the SCC website.

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Roundup and Close.

The Chairman noted that all three schemes would be on the agenda when it reached Full Council.

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.

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The working group would make its recommendation to Full Council In July??
For final decision.

Close: 7.32pm