

## Community Governance Review 2022-2023

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### Information Sheet

#### Area Name – Westbury / Heywood / Bratton

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#### Proposed Schemes

##### WE1 – Proposed by Westbury Town Council

Boundary changes - to incorporate locations close to the border of Westbury where common usage and practice have given places identity that is not compatible with their current location. For example, West Wilts Industrial Estate, where many of the businesses list their location as within Westbury, although they lie in another parish. Also, the chalk figure is popularly known as the Westbury White Horse, although this also lies outside of the Westbury boundary.

##### Reason for Request

1. The boundary should be redrawn so that West Wilts Industrial Estate is included within the Westbury Boundary. This should include The Ham, which is outside Westbury.
2. The boundary on the White Horse be redrawn so that the White Horse chalk figure and recreation land at the top of the hill is within Westbury. But to leave Bratton Fort in Bratton Parish.
3. The boundary is redrawn so that the ex-cement works are totally within Westbury and not split in half as is currently designated and the boundary straightened to give it more sense. To retain Park Lane to ensure the properties remain in one parish.
4. The boundary between Leigh Park and Dilton Marsh, be clarified by designating Mane Way as the boundary mark. To retain a buffer between Westbury and Dilton Marsh (see map below).
5. In addition to the above boundary changes, Westbury Town Council has received correspondence from the Development Director at Hawke Ridge Business Park requesting that the Business Park is included within Westbury.

##### WE2 – Updated proposal from Westbury Town Council

The Town Council has reviewed and revised their submission for the forthcoming review process. At the Town Council meeting held in September 2020, the council resolved to submit the following information to be considered as part of the next Community Governance Review.

The options are listed in order of preference and option 2 was the original town council submission from August 2019 (WE01 above).

**Option 1** Since the majority of properties in Heywood are physically in Westbury, as underlined by Westbury's settlement boundary (Wiltshire Council 2020), we would recommend the parish of Heywood is merged with the town of Westbury.

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**Option 2** Failing option 1, the previous submission (WE01) is adopted with the settlements of Heywood and Hawkeridge being merged with a nearby parish; we would suggest North Bradley.

**Option 3** Failing Option 1 & 2, any governance review should ensure that the reality of our settlement boundary is reflected in any governance boundary so that no land within the settlement boundary of Westbury is outside the governance boundary of the town.

### **WE3 – A counter proposed was submitted by Heywood Parish Council**

As a counter proposal Heywood Parish Council submitted a request for a realignment to the original boundaries of Heywood as they were, when initially the parish was established in 1896. Also, for the boundary to run from the railway bridge on Station Road and along the north side of the Westbury/ Pewsey railway line to the Cement Works / Bratton Boundary.

The proposed boundary changes extending the parish to the south are detailed in the map (ME02) provided below. The existing parish boundary is marked in red and the southern extension marked in green.

Station Road forming the boundary to the south-west and the Westbury/Pewsey railway line being the southern boundary and the parish including the whole of the cement works to the south-east. The two areas in blue to the south of the railway line are those that we would cede to Westbury.

#### Reason for the request

Heywood Parish Council objects to the proposal put forward by Westbury Town Council for the northern expansion of Westbury, and has submitted a counter proposal for the following reasons:-

1. Heywood PC is a warded parish with two wards (Hawkeridge Village and Storrige) and has seven parish councillors. Hawkeridge Village has four parish councillors and Storrige three councillors. The proposal would incorporate the Storrige ward and part of the Hawkeridge Village ward into Westbury leaving the remainder of the Hawkeridge Village ward to form a new Heywood Parish with four parish councillors. Administratively, it would be very difficult for the parish to continue with just four councillors as there will be occasions when not all of them will be able to attend meetings and with only four councillors the quorum principle could not be applied.
2. At present there are approximately 350 houses in Heywood parish and Westbury Town Council's proposal would see 157 of those incorporated into Westbury. This would have a major effect on the finances of Heywood Parish Council which has a small budget. It has a number of annual expenses which cannot be reduced, and the Parish Council would have to seek to substantially increase the council tax paid by the remaining houses in order to maintain its budget.

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3. There is no mention in the Westbury proposal of the children's playground in Hawkeridge Park which is owned by the Parish Council and would be incorporated into Westbury if the proposal was adopted.
4. The recent electoral boundary review carried out by The Local Government Boundary Commission for England recognised the rural nature of the Ethandune division, which Heywood Parish is a part of, and stated that this should continue in the future. The proposed expansion of Westbury northwards into Heywood Parish would change the division's nature as there be pressure for more housing to be built between the present northern boundary of Westbury and the West Wilts Industrial Estate and the Hawke Ridge Business Park.
5. The whole of the Parish of Heywood was designated a Neighbourhood Area by Wiltshire Council in 2016 in accordance with the section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning and Part 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 as amended 2016 and the Parish Council is currently preparing a draft Neighbourhood Plan for the Area.
6. The suggestion that areas should be included in Westbury simply because Westbury forms part of their postal address does not hold water as there are plenty of areas nationally where the postal address does not coincide with the administrative area. Examples of this are Kingston, Sutton and Croydon whose postal address is Surrey and Bromley and Bexley whose postal address is Kent and yet all are part of Greater London administrative area.

### **WE4 – A subsequent proposal made by Bratton Parish Council**

#### Boundary changes

Bratton Parish Council wishes to change the parish boundary with Edington Parish to encompass Fitzroy Farm.

#### Reason for Request

The current boundary of Bratton Parish with Edington Parish, detailed below, is delineated by the flow of the local Brook.

There is a strong affinity between Fitzroy Farm and Bratton, both in terms of social activities (such as the recent Jubilee celebrations, and the annual British Legion Poppy display), and commerce.

The residents of Bratton are regular users of the retail services provided at Fitzroy Farm, which is their nearest premises for Gardening requisites, Nail and Hair dressing, and café.

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Bratton is keen to establish a paved footway between the village and Fitzroy Farm, to better allow safe access to these services. Bratton Parish Council feels that this would both improve the amenity of Fitzroy Farm for Bratton residents and improve footfall for their businesses: a win-win situation. A recent survey made for Bratton's Neighbourhood Plan indicated that this is one of the highest priorities for Bratton residents.

### Road Safety

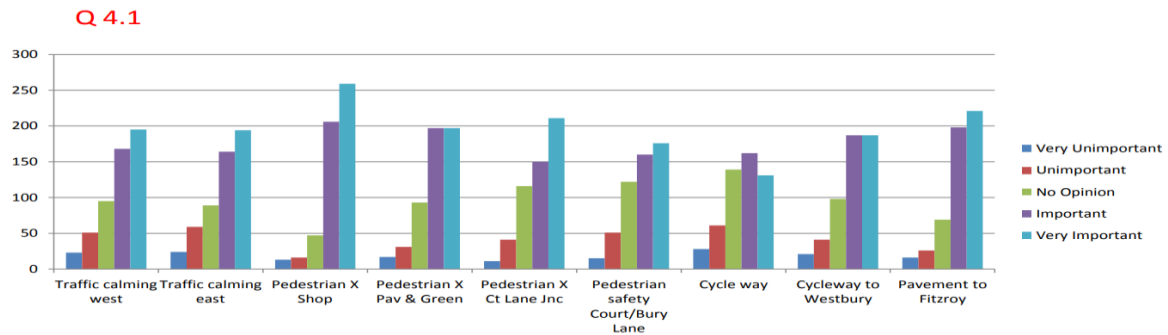


Figure 1 - Abstract from 2019 Bratton Residents' Survey

In order to establish a sensible boundary, Bratton Parish Council propose to follow landscape topology from the entrance to Imber ranges to Sandy Lane, as shown in the attached map. This would also incorporate the properties Ashley Cottage, Springfield Lodge and the part of Luccombe Mill (which is accessed via Bratton's Imber Road) currently in Edington Parish into Bratton Parish.

It is also noted that these premises postal addresses give 'Bratton', not 'Edington', as their abode.

Such a boundary change would also better match the parish boundary to what people would expect from looking at the respective village road signs.



Figure 2 - Edington village sign - opposite Sandy Lane



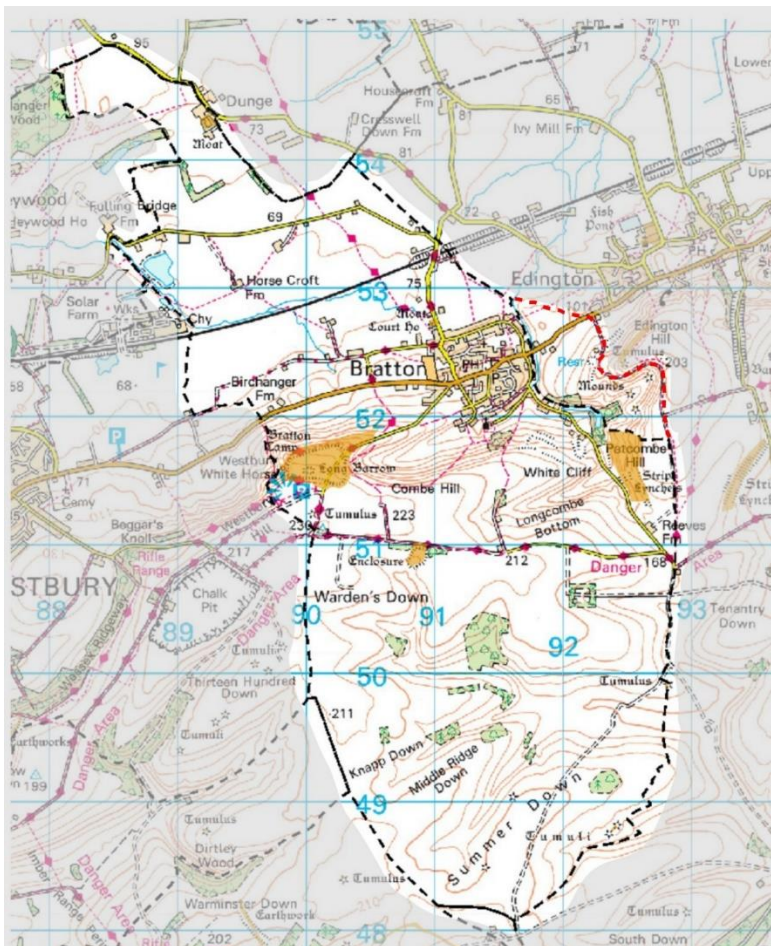
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Figure 3 - Bratton village sign - adjacent to Fitzroy Farm

## Maps of area





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Figure 4 - Detail of Proposed Boundary Change

Alternative approach to the future boundary....



Figure 5 - Alternative Boundary Change - skirting properties mentioned

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### Background Information

#### Parish Electorates - August 2022

Westbury – 12,073 Electorate  
Bratton - 970 Electorate  
Dilton Marsh – 1,528 Electorate  
Heywood – 654 Electorate  
Southwick – 1,633 Electorate  
Upton Scudamore – 247 Electorate

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

Westbury – 12,876 projected  
Bratton - 1033 Electorate  
Dilton Marsh – 1,586 Electorate  
Heywood – 679 Electorate  
Southwick – 1,695 Electorate  
Upton Scudamore – 256 Electorate

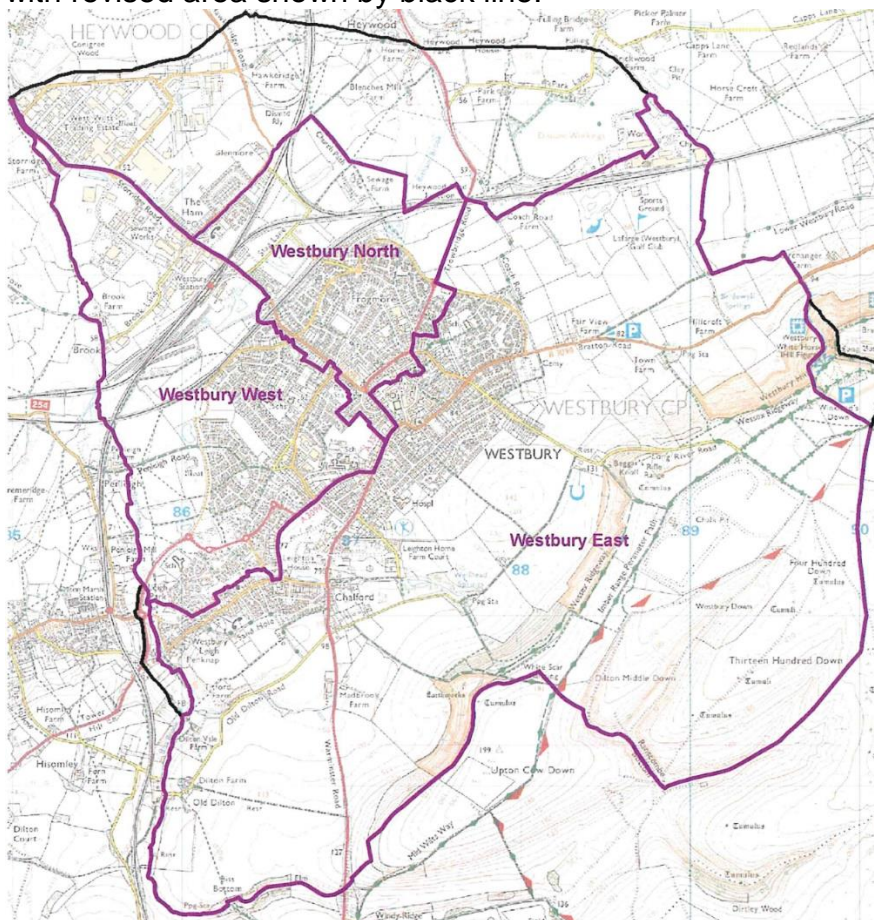
#### Council Tax by Parish, including Police and Fire Precepts

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

Council Tax Schedule 2022/23 (annually)	Band A (£)	Band B (£)	Band C (£)	Band D (£)	Band E (£)	Band F (£)	Band G (£)	Band H (£)
Westbury Town Council	1,456.87	1,699.68	1,942.49	2,185.31	2,670.94	3,156.55	3,642.19	4,370.62
Bratton parish council	1,359.25	1,585.80	1,812.34	2,038.89	2,491.98	2,945.06	3,398.15	4,077.78
Dilton Marsh Parish Council	1,334.75	1,557.21	1,779.67	2,002.14	2,447.07	2,891.98	3,336.90	4,004.28
Heywood Parish Council	1,321.40	1,541.63	1,761.87	1,982.11	2,422.59	2,863.04	3,303.52	3,964.22
Southwick Parish Council	1,325.27	1,546.14	1,767.02	1,987.91	2,429.68	2,871.42	3,313.19	3,975.82
Upton Scudamore Parish Council	1,327.59	1,548.86	1,770.12	1,991.40	2,433.94	2,876.46	3,319.00	3,982.80

## Maps

Map 01 of Westbury - Provided by Westbury Town Council - Existing area in purple, with revised area shown by black line.

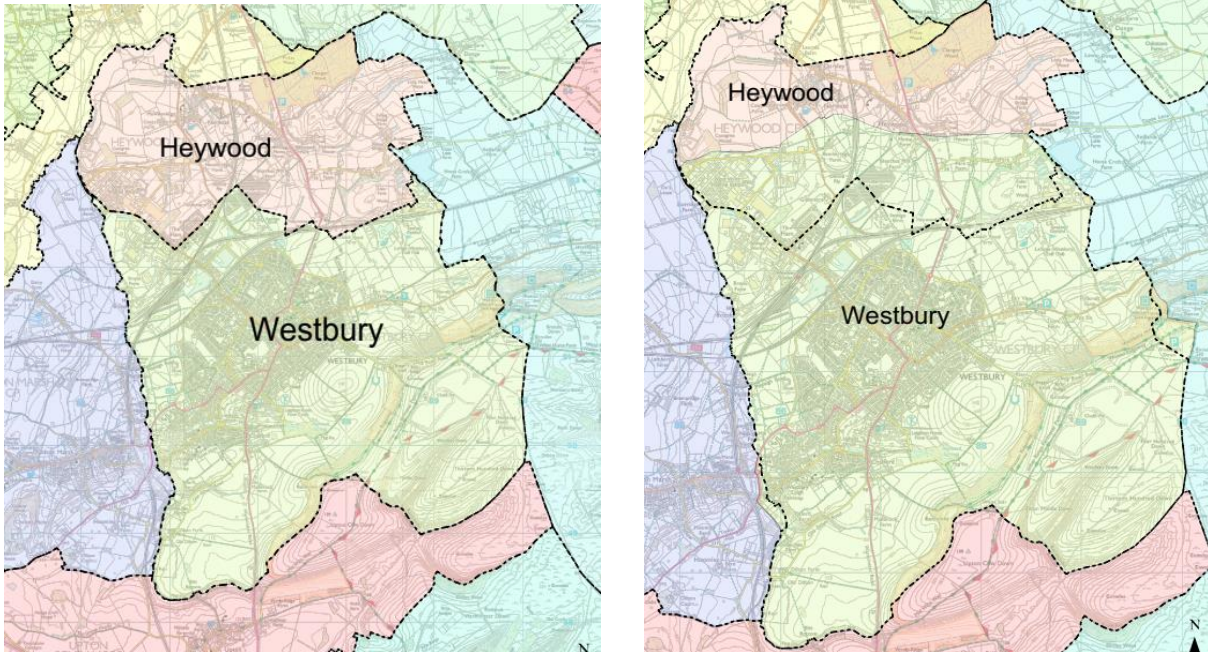


Map 02 - Westbury Current boundary line (left) Map 03 – Westbury proposed boundary (right)

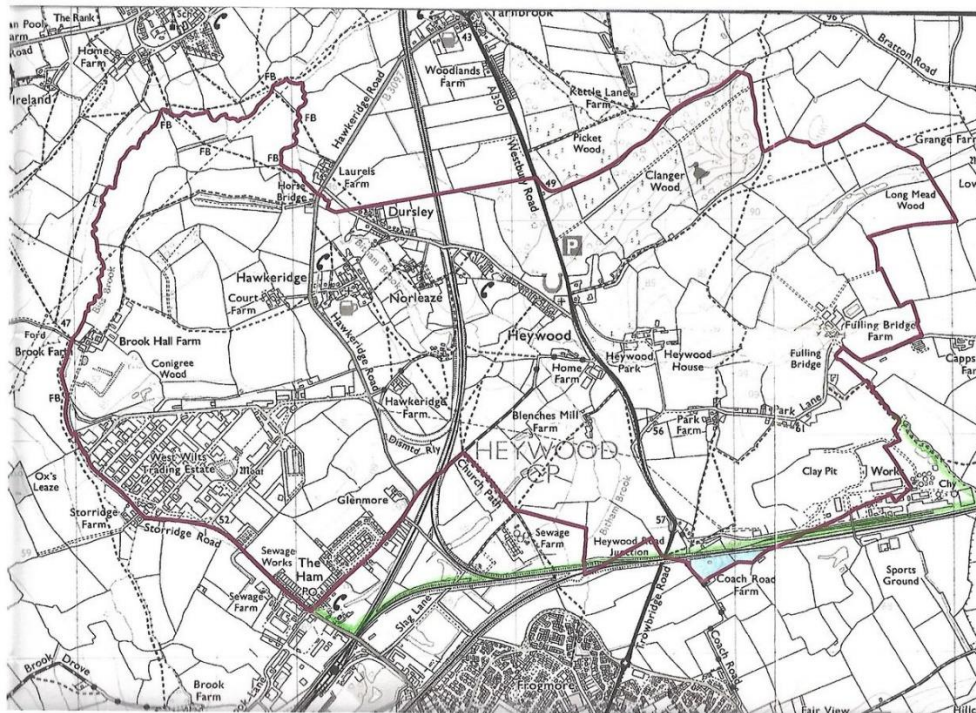


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Map 04 - Submitted by Heywood Parish Council - Showing boundary line proposal

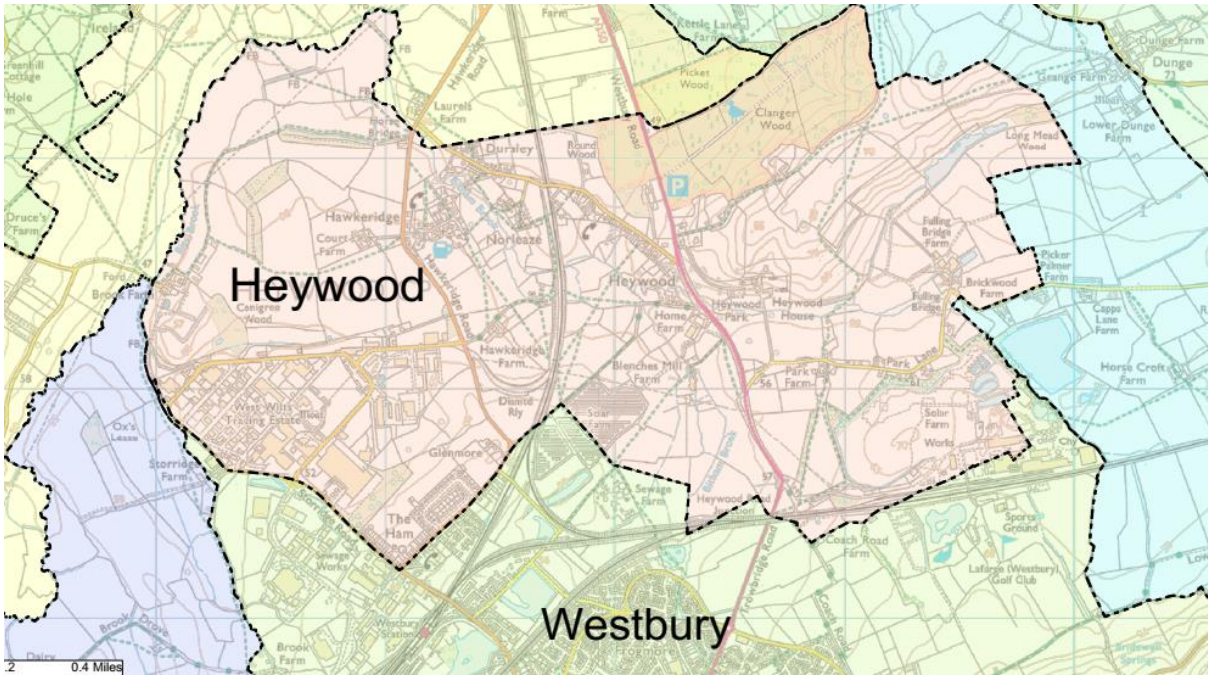


Map 05– Heywood Current boundary line

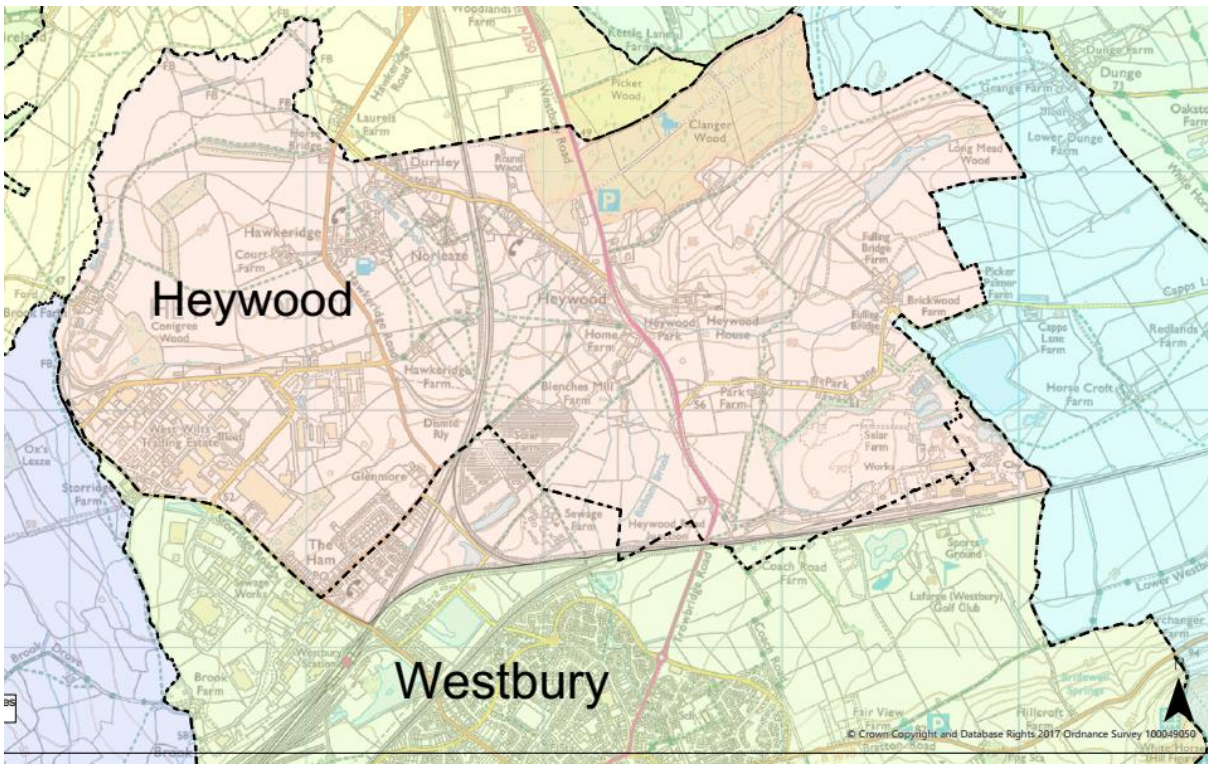


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Map 06 proposed boundary



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