

# Community Governance Review 2023-2024

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## Mere

### Information Sheet 02

#### Area Name – Mere / Zeals

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

#### **Proposed Schemes**

**Ref: MER01**

**Proposed by: Mere Town Council**

#### Boundary changes

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

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

#### Reason for Request

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

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

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## Background Information

### Parish Electorates - August 2023

Mere – 2600 Electorate  
Zeals – 557 Electorate

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

Mere – 2719 Projected  
Zeals – 576 Projected

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

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

Council Tax Schedule 2023/24 (annually)	Band A (£)	Band B (£)	Band C (£)	Band D (£)	Band E (£)	Band F (£)	Band G (£)	Band H (£)
Mere TC	99.16	115.69	132.21	148.74	181.79	214.85	247.90	297.48
Zeals PC	11.86	13.84	15.81	17.79	21.74	25.70	29.65	35.58

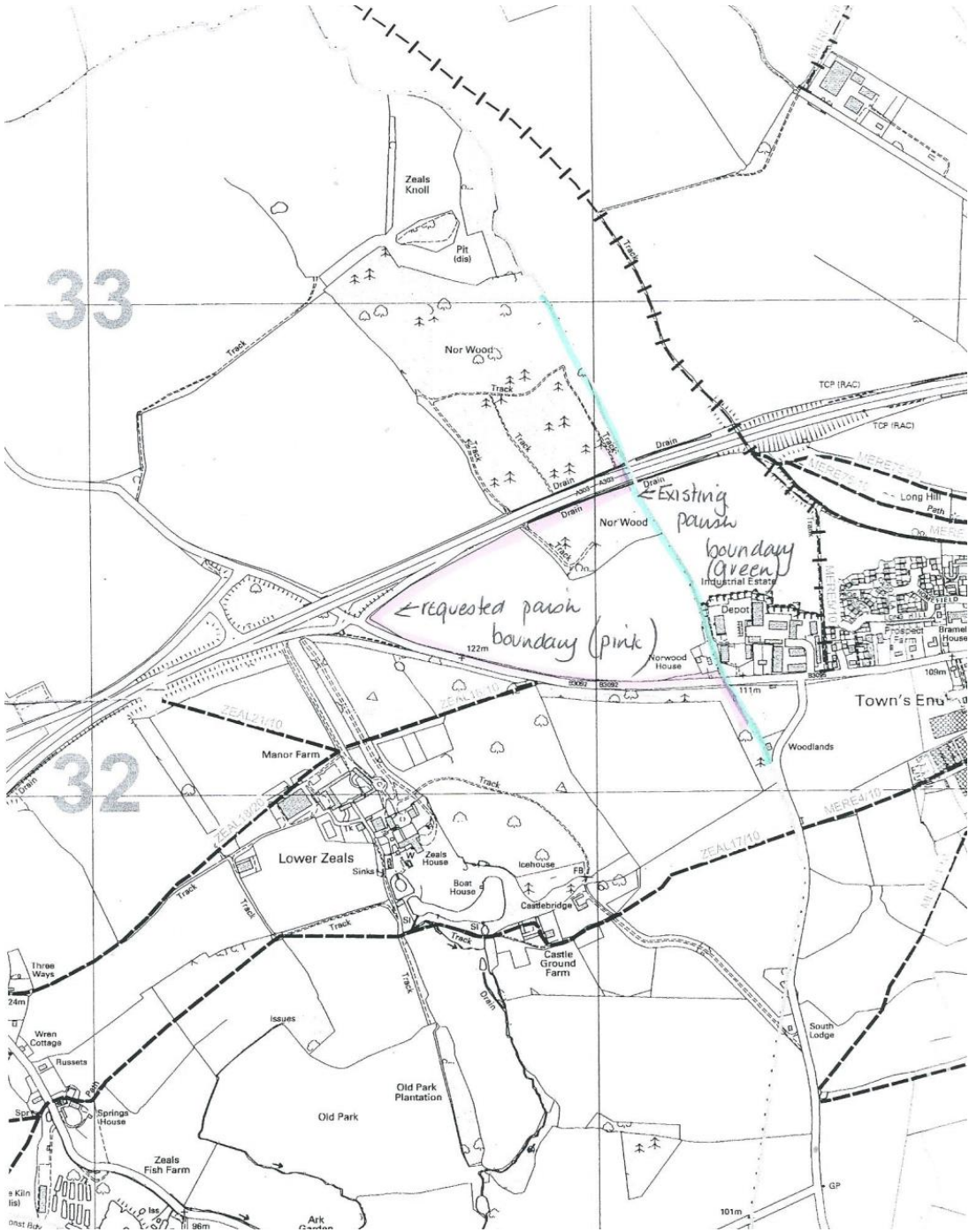
### Maps Map 1 – provided by Mere TC



### Map 2 – Provided by Mere TC

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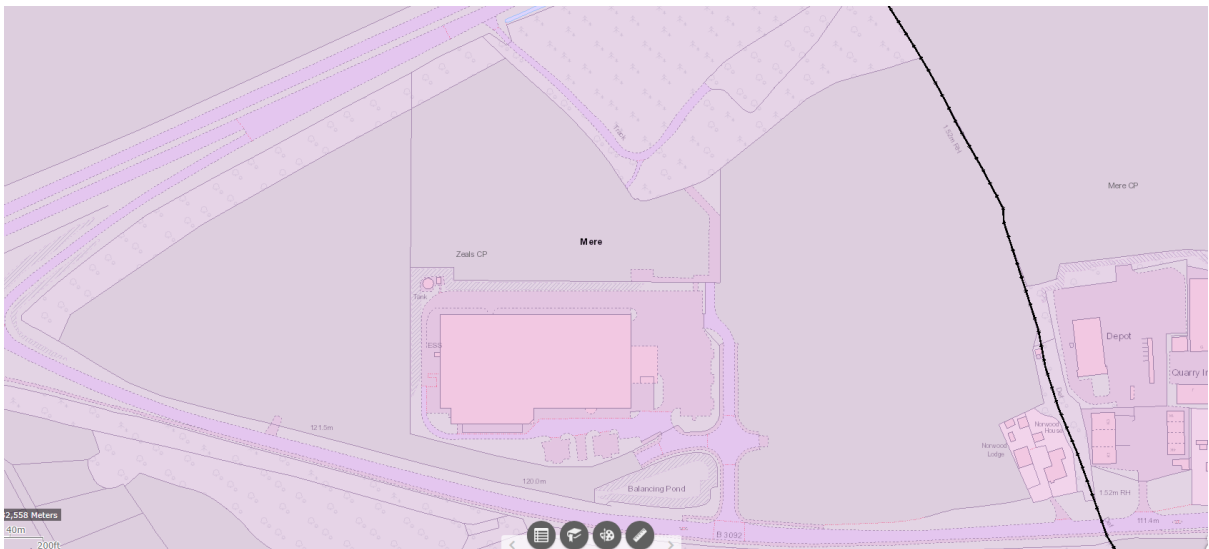
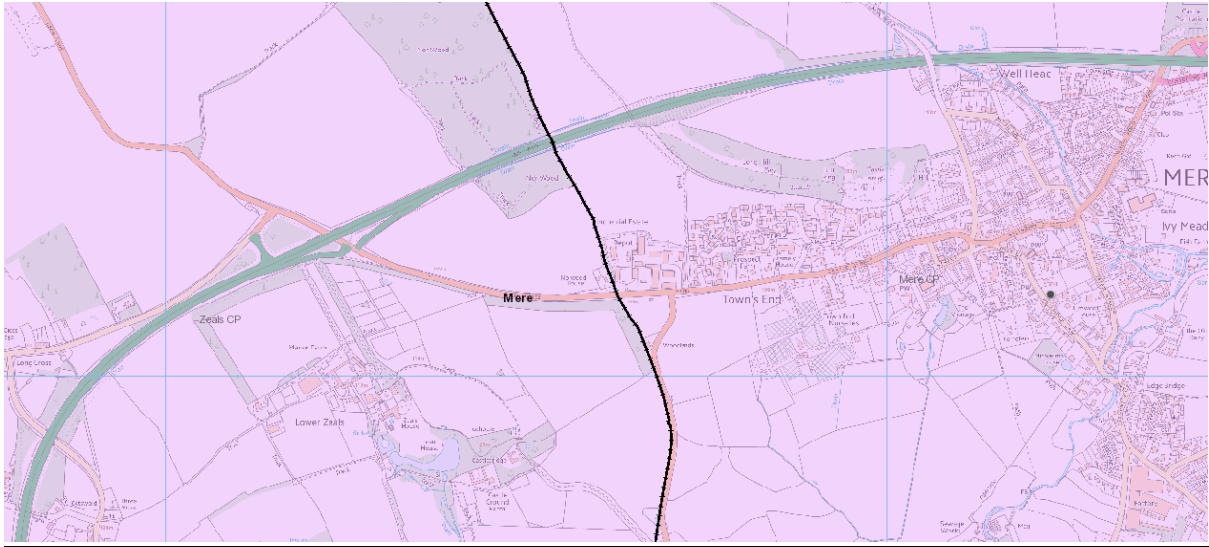
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Maps 3,4 & 5 – showing boundary lines and residential properties.



Norwood Lodge & Norwood House



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## Map of Approved Care home development

