

1. **Are you answering this survey as?**
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2. **Which of the following town and or parish reviews are you referring to? (please write the area name such as Area A1 Salisbury or A8 Corsham from the list of schemes shown on the Councils website)**

Trowbridge and Surrounding Parishes Area I Shore Place

3. **What is your name and postcode or your business or organisation name?**

Trowbridge Town Council - Lance Allan, Town Clerk

4. **Having studied the proposal for your area do you?**

- Agree with the proposal
Please give your reason for the response above

The Town Council supports the proposal which has been consulted upon, considers that the change would improve community identity and efficient and effective local government for the town of Trowbridge and the residents of this area.

Area I. Properties in Shore Place, Kingsley Place and Chepston Place currently in Wingfield Parish.

This proposal was made by the town council because the current boundary runs through the middle of residential properties and splits streets in two. These streets are part of the Broadmead development and are remote from Wingfield village.

This proposal would therefore improve both community identity and efficient and effective community governance, utilising an excellent natural boundary.

5. **What are the reasons for your response above in relation to "Community Identity"?**

The three roads, Shore Place, Kingsley Place and Chepston Place are part of the 'Broadmead' Estate, built over 40 years ago and are only accessible via other parts of the Broadmead estate, all of which is part of Trowbridge. Two of the roads, Chepston Place and Kingsley Place are split between Trowbridge and Wingfield. All other properties in Wingfield are part of Wingfield village or are independent farm related buildings. This proposal would improve community identity because properties which are part of the community of Trowbridge would be included in Trowbridge Parish.

6. **What are the reasons for your response above in relation to "Efficient**

and Effective Local Government"?

The Town of Trowbridge provides a range of facilities and services for a wide community and should have a single town council to serve the whole of the town area, including areas of current and planned development where they are detached from the villages which are related to the neighbouring parishes, in order to continue to provide efficient and effective local government on behalf of the whole town.

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

**Strongly
agree**

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|---|----------------------------------|
| A sense of civic pride and civic values | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Effective engagement with the local community | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Provide strong local leadership | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Enable local authorities to deliver quality services | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| Create a parish of the right size | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

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Trowbridge and Surrounding Parishes Area 2: Area to the south of the Kennet and Avon Canal including Ladydown Farm.

3. **What is your name and postcode or your business or organisation name?**

Trowbridge Town Council - Lance Allan, Town Clerk

4. **Having studied the proposal for your area do you?**

- I would suggest the following amendment
Please give your reason for the response above

The Town Council considers that the area should be consulted upon and that the change would improve community identity and efficient and effective local government for the town of Trowbridge and the residents of this area.

Area 2. Area to the south of the Kennet and Avon Canal including Ladydown Farm.

This proposal was made by the town council because; the current boundary is poorly defined, the existing three residential properties can only be accessed via Trowbridge and are within a few metres of properties in Trowbridge, across a bridge over the river Biss; the Canal, river Avon and railway line are all barriers without bridges between this area and Holt village, making this area and the residences within it remote from Holt.

This proposal would therefore improve both community identity and efficient and effective community governance, utilising an excellent natural boundary.

The government guidance says “83. As far as boundaries between parishes are concerned, these should reflect the “no-man’s land” between communities represented by areas of low population or barriers such as rivers, roads or railways.”

This proposal has not been consulted on and Wiltshire Council has provided no justification for this lack of consultation and therefore no justification why this proposal is being treated differently from similar proposals, for example the proposal from Melksham Without that their boundary with Seend should be altered to the line of the canal.

5. **What are the reasons for your response above in relation to "Community**

Identity"?

The area to the south of the Kennet and Avon Canal which includes Ladydown Farm is remote from Holt village, in fact the villages of Hilperton and Staverton and the towns of Bradford on Avon and Trowbridge are all closer to this area than the village of Holt. They are divided from Holt by the canal, the river Avon and the river Biss, a railway line and mature woodland. The area has no identity links with Holt and can only be accessed via a track to Trowbridge, with other residential properties within 100m. It is clear therefore that this area is identified as part of the community of Trowbridge.

6. What are the reasons for your response above in relation to "Efficient and Effective Local Government"?

Holt Parish Council appears through its Neighbourhood Plan consultation draft to be unable to provide efficient and effective local government for the area to the south of the canal through its apparent failure to recognise that this area is protected by Greenbelt designation. Trowbridge Town Council would be able to provide efficient and effective local government of this area, in addition to other adjacent areas of the town which are in the Greenbelt.

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

	Strongly agree
A sense of civic pride and civic values	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Effective engagement with the local community	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Provide strong local leadership	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Create a parish of the right size	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

The answers to question 7 above relate to the proposals made by the Town Council to transfer this area to Trowbridge and not with the proposal of the Working Party in respect of Area 2.

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Trowbridge and Surrounding Parishes Area 3: Properties and land to the South and West of Elizabeth Way (the new Hilperton Gap Relief Road) and the A361/Hilperton Drive including properties in Wyke Road and Paxcroft Mead.

3. What is your name and postcode or your business or organisation name?

Trowbridge Town Council - Lance Allan, Town Clerk

4. Having studied the proposal for your area do you?

- I would suggest the following amendment
Please give your reason for the response above

The Town Council considers that the whole of the area should be consulted upon, particularly now that Elizabeth Way has been built and is open to traffic and that no other suitable or better natural boundary exists between Hilperton and Trowbridge than the main roads; B3105/Elizabeth Way and A361/Hilperton Drive, that the alternative proposals would be divisive, would diminish community identity, are not based upon good natural boundaries and would result in significantly less efficient and less effective local government for the town of Trowbridge, the parish of Hilperton and particularly for the residents of this area.

This proposal was made by the town council to resolve the anomaly of properties either side of Wyke Road being in different parishes and properties in Paxcroft Mead being built on the parish boundary. The only acceptable natural boundary which accords with the government guidance is the line of the modern main roads, which is clearly defined and is unlikely to change over time.

This proposal would therefore improve both community identity and efficient and effective community governance, utilising an excellent natural boundary.

The government guidance on CGRs says, "This can often lead to existing parish boundaries becoming anomalous as new houses are built across the boundaries resulting in people being in different parishes from their neighbours. In such circumstances, the council should consider undertaking a community governance review."

The Wyke Road section has been subject to consultation, with an alternative proposal from Hilperton Parish Council also being consulted on. The Hilperton proposal does not utilise a suitable natural boundary, proposing that neighbours would be in different parishes with no natural boundary between them.

The Paxcroft Mead section has been subject to consultation, with an alternative proposal from Hilperton Parish Council also being consulted on. The Hilperton proposal does not utilise a suitable natural boundary. The government guidance states "For instance, factors to consider include parks and recreation grounds which sometimes provide natural breaks between communities but they can equally act as focal points."

Paxcroft Brook is proposed as the boundary by Hilperton Parish Council, but is at the centre of an extensive area of Open Space which acts as a focal point for the whole community, with play areas, benches, cycle paths and bridges. In addition properties in Painter's Mead would still be split between two parishes.

The central section, bounded by the new Elizabeth Way has not been subject to consultation. This new road would make a much clearer and more permanent natural boundary between the town and the parish, compared to the existing boundary which crosses the middle of some of the gardens on Albert Road.

5. What are the reasons for your response above in relation to "Community Identity"?

This area includes areas of historic development (Wyke Road) and areas of modern development (Paxcroft Mead). All of Wyke Road was part of the parish of Trowbridge until 1991. The majority of Paxcroft Mead is in Trowbridge Parish. The whole area is identified with the town of Trowbridge. The village of Hilperton is distinctive and is neither closer nor able to provide better identity to these areas, all of which are south and west of the main road routes, which provide a suitable boundary between the town of Trowbridge and the village of Hilperton, no other suitable boundary exists if it is accepted that Trowbridge and Hilperton should retain separate identities.

6. What are the reasons for your response above in relation to "Efficient and Effective Local Government"?

Paxcroft Mead includes an extensive area of public open space called Paxcroft Brook which acts as a focal point for the whole of the community and includes a children's play area, cricket pitch, benches, cycle paths and bridges linking this area to the town centre and to other parts of the town. If the whole of the open space is to be managed and maintained and the range of services and facilities developed and enhanced efficiently and effectively then a single local council is needed which has the resources, capacity and willingness to undertake that role and provide leadership to the community. Only Trowbridge Town Council can do all of this.

Hilperton Parish Council is unwilling or unable to manage the whole of the Paxcroft Brook open space and none of their proposals include the whole of the Paxcroft Brook open space in a single parish.

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

**Strongly
agree**

A sense of civic pride and civic values	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Effective engagement with the local community	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Provide strong local leadership	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Create a parish of the right size	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

The answers to question 7 above relate to the proposals made by the Town Council to transfer this area to Trowbridge and not with the limited or alternative proposals of the Working Party in respect of Area 3.

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Trowbridge and Surrounding Parishes Area 4: Properties and land to the south of the town including existing developments at Old Farm and the White Horse Business Park, permitted developments at the West Ashton Road Employment Allocation and all of the Trowbridge Urban Extension at Ashton Park approved in the Wiltshire Core Strategy.

3. What is your name and postcode or your business or organisation name?

Trowbridge Town Council - Lance Allan, Town Clerk

4. Having studied the proposal for your area do you?

- I would suggest the following amendment
Please give your reason for the response above

The Town Council considers that the whole of the area should be consulted upon, particularly now that the whole of Ashton Park is the subject of a number of planning applications and that no other suitable or better natural boundary exists between West Ashton and Trowbridge and between North Bradley and Trowbridge and that the change would improve community identity, improve the economic prospects of the whole community and improve efficient and effective local government for the town of Trowbridge, and the residents and future residents of this area.

This proposal was made by the town council to reflect the existing and agreed expansion of the town's urban envelope which retains the green buffer between the Urban Extension and the villages of West Ashton, Yarnbrook and North Bradley. The outer extent of the development will provide a good natural boundary, following the line of mature and ancient natural woodland and the river Biss, as well as the White Horse Business Park itself.

This proposal would therefore improve both community identity and efficient and effective community governance, utilising excellent natural boundaries.

The Old Farm area, has after discussion and delay, been included in the consultation, but other than the direct communication from the town council the residents of the estate would not have known that a proposal affecting them was being consulted on. No alternative proposals for the Old Farm area have been presented as part of the consultation.

None of the other areas have been included in the consultation, some Wiltshire Councillors have suggested that they are green fields with no residents, but there are at least ten residential properties in the area which also only received direct communication from the town council. Wiltshire Council has failed to justify why this proposal was not subject to consultation. If the whole of Area 4 including Old Farm was consulted on as a single proposal, as have all other proposals in Wiltshire, then the area would have a population of around 300 people, greater than nearly all of the other proposals which are part of the consultation.

5. What are the reasons for your response above in relation to "Community Identity"?

All of this area, including the existing development, the consented development and the Core Strategy Allocation which is now subject to planning applications will be closely or directly connected to the community of Trowbridge, the Urban Area of Trowbridge and therefore the town of Trowbridge. None of the areas will be closely related to the villages of West Ashton or North Bradley. (None of the area is in the parish of Southwick, as incorrectly suggested in the consultation. The Core Strategy identifies the Ashton Park Allocation as an Urban Extension of Trowbridge. The majority of the area, as well as being detached from West Ashton village has the main A350 primary route passing in the area between the village and the planned development. The whole area is detached from North Bradley village and the majority of the area lies across the A363 main road and the railway line from North Bradley. The identifiable community for all of Area 4 is therefore Trowbridge.

6. What are the reasons for your response above in relation to "Efficient and Effective Local Government"?

The Old Farm Estate and the employment site include public open space which are parts of the Biss Meadows Country Park, other parts of Biss Meadows currently exist in Trowbridge, leading all the way to the Town Park in the Town Centre. Biss Meadows acts as a focal point for the whole of the community and includes benches, cycle paths and bridges linking this area to the town centre and to other parts of the town. Biss Meadows is being extended through the existing Castle Mead development, which is in the town boundary already.

Biss Meadows Country Park will be further extended as part of the Ashton Park Urban Extension, parts of which are already in the town boundary, with other parts in West Ashton and North Bradley parishes.

If the whole of the open space is to be managed and maintained and the range of services and facilities developed and enhanced efficiently and effectively then a single local council is needed which has the resources, capacity and willingness to undertake that role and provide leadership to the community. Only Trowbridge Town Council has a strategy to manage this and has the ability to manage and maintain this area and therefore provide efficient and effective Local Government.

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

	Strongly agree
A sense of civic pride and civic values	●
A strong inclusive community and voluntary sector	●
A strong sense of place and local distinctiveness	●
Effective engagement with the local community	●
Provide strong local leadership	●
Enable local authorities to deliver quality services	●
Create a parish of the right size	●

The answers to question 7 above relate to the entirety of the proposals made by the Town Council to transfer this area to Trowbridge and not with the limited proposal of the Working Party in respect of Area 4.

8. Finally do you have any other views about this review that you feel should be taken into account?

Wiltshire is a large strategic unitary authority which is fully parished and can best deliver for the residents of the county with each identified community effectively and efficiently delivering local facilities and services and working in partnership with Wiltshire Council via the parish, town and city councils. Each community whether a city, town, village or group of villages working together can achieve quality local government. Trowbridge is no exception and should have a single local council for the whole community of Trowbridge. Some would suggest that Trowbridge includes Staverton, Hilperton and even other villages. The Town Council has sought to achieve a proposal which taken together delivers excellent community identity, whilst retaining parish councils for the villages of Wingfield, Holt, West Ashton and North Bradley and in some cases new developments close to the villages for Staverton and Hilperton. The Town Councils proposals also utilise excellent natural boundaries and the best, most well defined and clearly identifiable features as boundaries. We would ask that Wiltshire Council supports all of the proposals made by the town council as a comprehensive singular review of the boundary of Trowbridge.