



## MELKSHAM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

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Mr John Watling  
Deputy Returning Officer & Head of Electoral Services  
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Dear Mr Watling

**RE: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

Further to your correspondence about the commencement of a Community Governance Review please find the Parish Council's initial response.

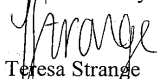
As previously expressed in a letter to Dr Carlton Brand (dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014) following a letter from Melksham Town Council suggesting that talks begin with a view to amalgamating the two parishes, the Parish Council agreed not to pursue this invitation.

While the Council accepts that a boundary revision is required to take in the new development east of Melksham which is constructed mainly outside the current boundary of Melksham Town, and also considers that the whole school site (ex George Ward) proposed for housing development should all be within the Town's boundary; the Parish Council cannot see any reason at all to explore the amalgamation of the two Melksham parishes.

Melksham Without is primarily a rural parish with a variety of villages and communities. These range from such ancient settlements as Beanacre and Shaw to the more modern village of Bowerhill. All the settlements are separate from the town and are far more rural area than the town and distinct as village communities.

The Parish Council looks forward to hearing from you in more detail as the Community Governance Review progresses.

Yours sincerely

  
Teresa Strange  
Clerk