

**Agenda Item No:**



**Report To:** Selection and Constitutional Review Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Report Title:** Community Governance Review – Final Recommendations

**Report Author:** Paul Libreri  
**Job Title:** Electoral Services Manager

**Portfolio Holder:** Cllr Gerry Clarkson  
**Portfolio Holder for:** Legal & Democracy

**Summary:** This report sets out the final recommendations resulting from a Community Governance Review as approved by the Local Government and Polling Districts Task Group.

The report requests that the Selection and Constitutional Review Committee approves the final recommendations and agrees that they be presented to Full Council

**Key Decision:** YES/NO (delete as appropriate)

**Significantly Affected Wards:** All

**Recommendations:** The Selection and Constitutional Review Committee is asked to agree the final recommendations to be submitted to Full Council.

**Policy Overview:** The Terms of Reference for a Community Governance Review were approved by Council. Following a consultation process, final recommendations will be drawn up by the Local Government & Polling District Task Group and brought to the Selection and Constitutional Review Committee for approval. Once approved the final recommendations will be submitted to Council.

**Financial Implications:** The costs associated with the Community Governance Review will be covered from the existing Electoral Services budget.

**Legal Implications:** The Community Governance Review must be conducted in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement with Health Act 2007.  
*Text agreed by [title of Legal Officer] on [date]*

**Equalities Impact Assessment:** Will be carried out to assess the impact of any changes agreed.

<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment:</b>	None
<b>Risk Assessment (Risk Appetite Statement):</b>	None
<b>Sustainability Implications:</b>	None
<b>Other Material Implications:</b>	None
<b>Exempt from Publication:</b>	YES due to the confidential nature of the Selection and Constitutional Review Committee
<b>Background Papers:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terms of Reference - Review of Community Governance Arrangements</li> <li>• Minutes of the Local Government and Polling Districts Task Group 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022</li> </ul>
<b>Contact:</b>	paul.libreri@ashford.gov.uk – Tel: (01233)330 462

## Report Title: Community Governance Review 2022

### 1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The Terms of Reference for a Community Governance Review (CGR) were approved by Full Council on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022. The purpose of the review is to address a number of anomalies arising from previous reviews to county, ward and parish boundaries held between 2015 and 2017 and to respond to requests for changes proposed by a number of parish councils. The report sets out the draft recommendations of the Community Governance Review and the consultation responses received.
- 1.2 Following a period of consultation the responses were considered by the Local Government and Polling District Task Group on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and final recommendations agreed for presentation to the Selection and Constitutional Review Committee.

### 2. Mersham Parish and Sevington with Finberry Parish

- 2.1 The Local Government and Polling District Task Group propose altering the parish boundary between Mersham Parish and Sevington with Finberry Parish to place all properties on the Finberry estate in Sevington with Finberry Parish as per the map attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2 The following properties would move from Mersham Parish to Sevington with Finberry Parish:

Avocet Way, Finberry	57-67 odds	TN25 7FR
Cheesemans Green Lane	Bilham Farm	TN25 7HY
Harrier Drive, Finberry	1-26 consecutive, 31, 49-58 consecutive	TN25 7GR
Kestrel Drive, Finberry	1-21 odds, 2-12 evens	TN25 7GY
Partridge Crescent, Finberry	1-9 odds, 2-16 evens	TN25 7JG
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Shearwater Close, Finberry	1-21 consecutive	TN25 7JP
Stonechat Way, Finberry	1-29 odds, 2-40 evens	TN25 7GZ
Swift Avenue, Finberry	25-37 odds, 22-32 evens	TN25 7GD
Turnstone Place, Finberry	1-13 odds, 2-24 evens	TN25 7LB
Wagtail Walk, Finberry	2-14 evens	TN25 7GQ
Whinchat Close, Finberry	1-13 consecutive	TN25 7JW
Woodlark Close, Finberry	1-10 consecutive	TN25 7JQ

### 3 High Halden Parish and Biddenden Parish

- 3.1 The Local Government and Polling District Task Group propose altering the boundary between High Halden and Biddenden parishes to align the parish and borough ward boundaries and place all the properties in Woodlands Park and Polling District BI2 in Biddenden parish as per **the map attached as Appendix 3.**
- 3.2 The following properties would move from High Halden Parish to Biddenden Parish:

Biddenden Road	Larkins	TN30 6TE
	Caravan, Lotland Farm	TN30 6TD
	Annexe at Summer Farm	TN30 6TD
	Lotland Farm	TN30 6TD
	Summer Farm	TN30 6TD
	Greenfields House	TN30 6TD
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Woodlands Lodge Park, Woodlands Park	1-12 consecutive, 14-38 consecutive	TN27 8FH



#### **4. Unparished Area – Sandyhurst Farm, Sandyhurst Lane, Downs West Ward**

- 4.1 The Local Government and Polling District Task Group propose moving the area shown in the hatched area of the **map attached as Appendix 5** into the Goat Lees Parish Ward of Boughton Aluph Parish
- 4.2 The Local Government and Polling District Task Group propose that the Council request the Local Government Boundary Commission for England make a consequential alteration to the Borough Ward boundary to move the area in the hatched area of the **map attached as Appendix 5** from Downs West Borough Ward to Goat Lees Borough Ward
- 4.3 The Local Government and Polling District Task Group propose that the Council request the Local Government Boundary Commission for England make a consequential alteration to the Kent County Council boundary to move the area in the hatched area of the map attached as Appendix 3 from Ashford Central County District to Ashford Rural West County District.

#### **5. Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council**

- 5.1 Following a request from Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council, **attached as Appendix 7**, the Local Government and Polling District Task Group propose that the number of seats on Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council be reduced from eleven to nine.

#### **6. Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council**

- 6.1 Following a request from Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council, **attached as Appendix 8**, the Local Government and Polling District Task Group propose that the distribution of seats on Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council be altered from the current:

- Boughton Aluph parish ward = 1 seat
- Goat Lees parish ward = 6 seats
- Eastwell Ward parish ward\* = 1 seat

to the proposed:

- Boughton Aluph parish ward = 2 seats
- Goat Lees parish ward = 5 seats
- Eastwell parish ward = 1 seat

## 7. Kennington Community Council – Kennington North Parish Ward

- 7.1 A submission was received from Kennington Community Council. The submission from Kennington Council is **attached as Appendix 9**. The Community Council requested that consideration be given to:
- Aligning the County Division and Borough Ward boundaries in the region of Grosvenor Road so that they follow the same course
  - Reviewing the Borough Ward boundaries so that the Community Council Ward of Kennington North is included in the Ashford Borough Council Ward
- 7.2 Changes to borough ward and county boundaries are a matter for the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) and are outside the remit of this review.
- 7.3 The Local Government and Polling District Task Group propose that the Council request the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to consider the request for the alteration of boundaries proposed by Kennington Community Council at the next review of borough ward boundaries.

## 8. Equalities Impact Assessment

N/A

## 9. Consultation Planned or Undertaken

- 9.1 Public notice of the Community Governance Review, inviting submissions from interested parties, was posted at the Civic Centre and on the Ashford Borough Council website. The Notice was sent to all parish councils with a request that it be displayed locally and posted on their websites. In addition to the public notice, details of proposed changes were sent directly to the relevant parish councils and any residents directly affected by a proposed change.
- The submissions from Mersham Parish Council and Sevington with Finberry Parish Council are attached as **Appendix 2**
  - The submissions from High Halden Parish Council and Biddenden Parish Council are attached as **Appendix 4**
  - Submissions on the unparished area at Sandyhurst Farm, Sandyhurst Lane are attached as **Appendix 6**
  - The submission from Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council is attached as **Appendix 7**
  - The submission from Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council is attached as **Appendix 8**
  - The submission from Kennington Community Council is attached as **Appendix 9**

## **10. Other Options Considered**

N/A

## **11. Reasons for Supporting Option Recommended**

N/A

## **12. Next Steps in Process**

- Recommendations presented to the Selection and Constitutional Review Committee for approval.
- Request for consequential alterations submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.
- Final recommendations submitted to Full Council.

## **13. Conclusion**

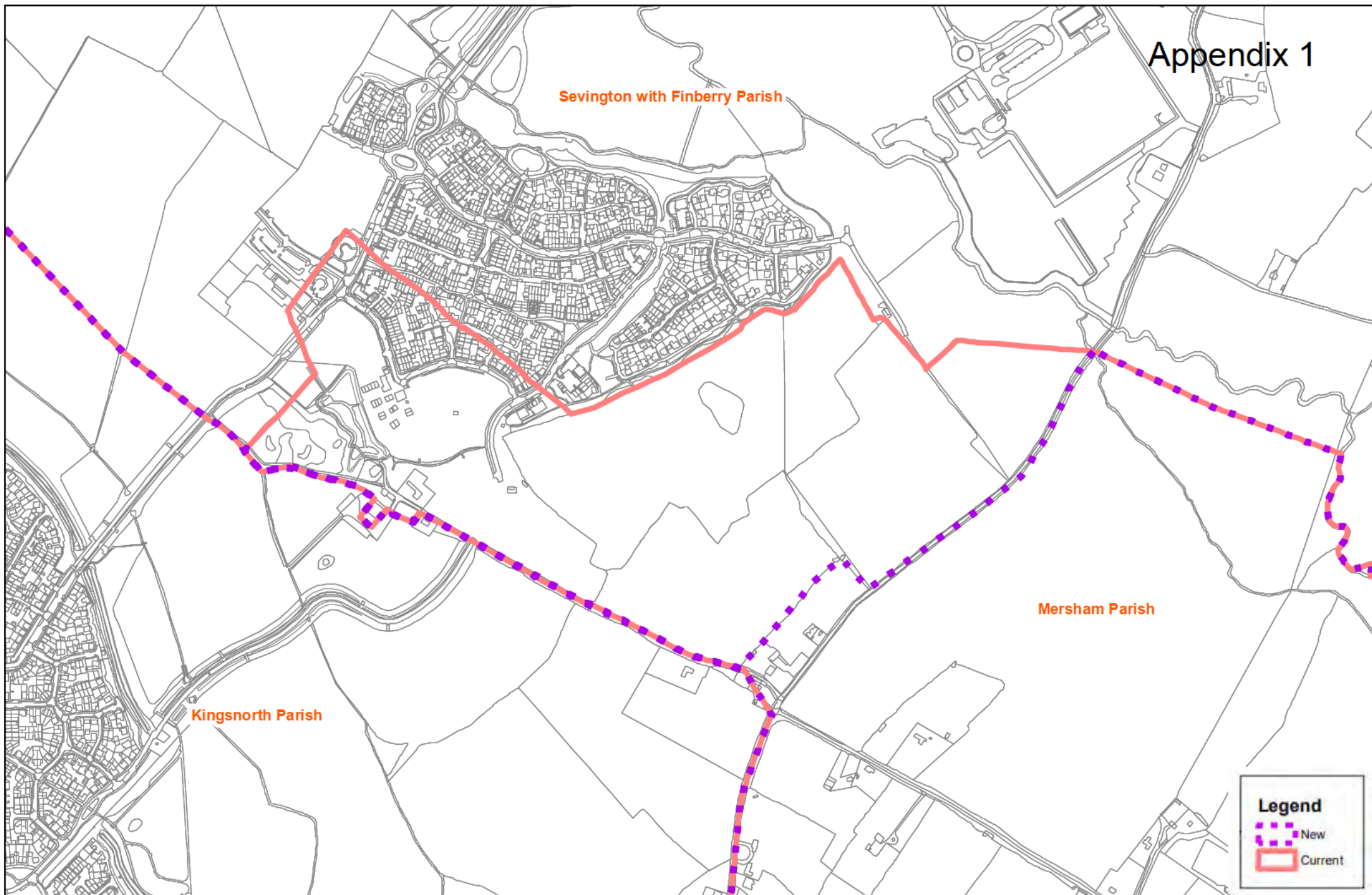
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## **14. Portfolio Holder's Views**

To be sought at the meeting

## **15. Contact and Email**

Paul Libreri (Electoral Services Manager)  
email: [paul.libreri@ashford.gov.uk](mailto:paul.libreri@ashford.gov.uk)  
Tel: 01233 330 462



**Paul Libreri**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 14 January 2022 07:41  
**To:** Paul Libreri  
**Subject:** Boundary change

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Dear Paul

Mersham and Sevington with Finberry Parish Councils both understand from Paul Bartlett that there is likely to be a change of boundary to put all of the houses on Finberry into the Sevington with Finberry Ward.

Both Parish Councils support this and look forward to hearing from you when this is likely to be complete.

Kind regards

Tracey

Clerk to both Mersham and Sevington with Finberry Parish Councils

**Paul Libreri**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 June 2022 11:59  
**To:** Paul Libreri  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Community Governance Review - Mersham and Sevington with Finberry

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Hi Paul

Yes, that is correct. The only concern is the reduction in houses in Mersham means that the residents will appear to have a large increase in precept.

Kind regards  
Tracey

On Fri, 24 Jun 2022 at 11:57, Paul Libreri <[Paul.Libreri@ashford.gov.uk](mailto:Paul.Libreri@ashford.gov.uk)> wrote:

Hi Tracey

I'm just putting the report on the initial consultation on the Community Governance Review together. Your email in January indicated that both parish councils supported the change to the parish boundaries in Finberry. Is that still the case?

Kind regards

Paul Libreri

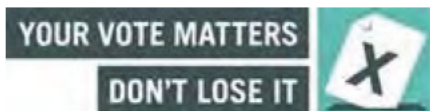
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From: Paul Libreri

Sent: 25 May 2022 16:32

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Community Governance Review - Mersham and Sevington with Finberry

Hi Tracey

A crude indication (assuming all properties were a Band D and chargeable (which will clearly not be the case)) then the movements in precept are shown in the last column. Looking at the charges per property the people moving from Mersham to Sevington will see a reduction of circa £16.42 per annum.

	22/23 Tax Base Units	Movement Dwellings Units	Revised Units	22/23 Charge per Band D £	Total Charge 22/23 £	Revised 22/23 Tax Base £	Increased, (Reduced) Precept £
Sevington	564	332	896	26.60	15,000	23,830	8,830
Mersham	651	(332)	319	43.01	28,000	13,720	(14,280)

Regards

Paul Libreri

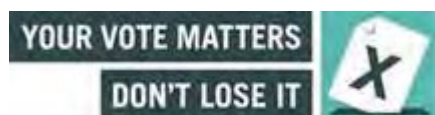
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Paul Libreri <[Paul.Libreri@ashford.gov.uk](mailto:Paul.Libreri@ashford.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Community Governance Review - Mersham and Sevington with Finberry

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Thank you Paul.

Did you manage to find out what financial difference this will make to Mersham?

The PCs had nonissue other than the potential impact on the precept for Mersham.

Kind regards

Tracey

On Wed, 25 May 2022 at 16:18, Paul Libreri <[Paul.Libreri@ashford.gov.uk](mailto:Paul.Libreri@ashford.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Tracey

We intend to send out the email/letter below to residents in Mersham who we are proposing to move from Mersham to Sevington with Finberry Parish. I have copied in Sevington with Finberry



Parish Council, the ward members for Sevington South with Finberry and Highfield and the KCC member for Ashford Rural East so that they are aware of what we intend to send to residents.

*"Dear*

*Ashford Borough Council is currently reviewing the electoral arrangements for parishes as part of a Community Governance Review.*

*One proposed change that would affect your property is to alter the existing boundary between Mersham Parish and Sevington with Finberry Parish to include all of Finberry within one parish.*

*Details of the proposed boundary change and of the wider Community Governance Review can be found at:*

*[www.ashford.gov.uk/community-governance-review-2022](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/community-governance-review-2022)*

*or, by going to the "Register to Vote and Elections" page on the Ashford Borough Council website.*

*If you wish to respond to the review or have any questions about the review you can email them to [vote@ashford.gov.uk](mailto:vote@ashford.gov.uk) or call on the number below.*

*The deadline to submit a response is Monday 27 June 2022.*

*Electoral Services  
Ashford Borough Council  
(01233) 330567"*

Regards

Paul Libreri

Electoral Services Manager

Ashford Borough Council

DDI: 01233 330 462

**Paul Libreri**

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**From:** Cllr Paul Bartlett  
**Sent:** 05 May 2022 16:23  
**To:** Paul Libreri  
**Subject:** Re: Community Governance Review - Mersham and Sevington with Finberry Parishes

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hi Paul,

Many thanks, no comments from me. This is exactly what I had in mind as it will put all of Finberry in Sevington Parish and will leave those properties fronting Cheesemans Green Lane near the junction with South Stour remaining in Mersham.

Kind regards

Paul

Member for Mersham, Sevington South and Finberry Ward  
 Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Port Health

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**From:** Paul Libreri <Paul.Libreri@ashford.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 05 May 2022 16:06  
**Subject:** Community Governance Review - Mersham and Sevington with Finberry Parishes

Dear Cllr

As you may be aware the Terms of Reference for a Community Governance Review (CGR), to decide if any changes should be made to parish electoral arrangements, were approved by Full Council on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022. I would like to bring the details of a proposal to alter the parish boundary between Mersham and Sevington with Finberry to your attention.

I've attached a map showing the current and proposed parish boundary. This is just an initial proposal and may change once the review process is completed. I have also sent this proposal to the parish council for their consideration.

The CGR page on Ashford's website can be found at [www.ashford.gov.uk/community-governance-review-2022](https://www.ashford.gov.uk/community-governance-review-2022)

Properties within Finberry that would move from Mersham Parish to Sevington with Finberry Parish	Properties	Postcode
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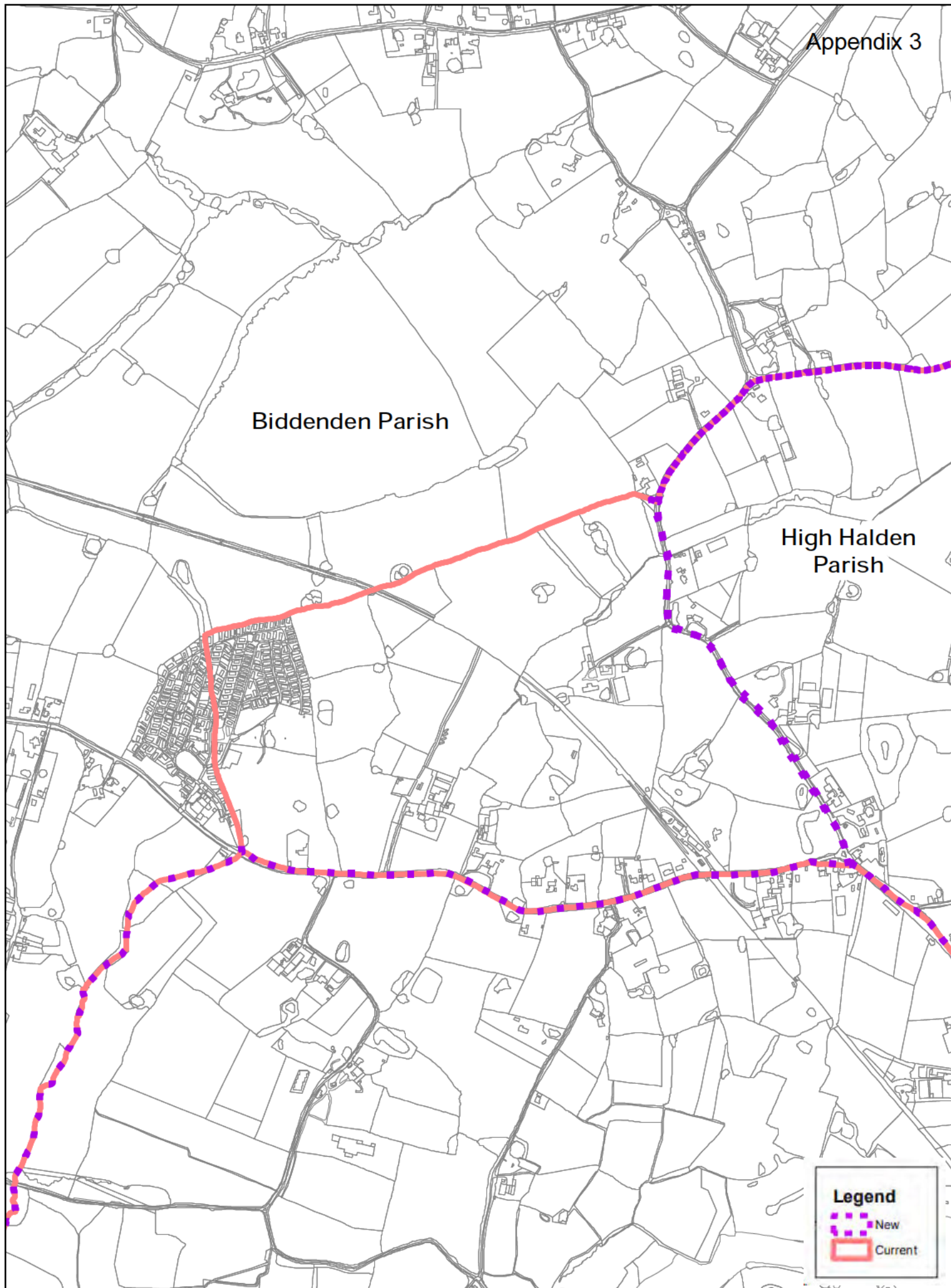
Regards.

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**Paul Libreri**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 10 May 2022 19:37  
**To:** Paul Libreri  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Biddenden Parish

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Dear Paul

The Community Governance Review discussed as an item at the Parish Council meeting on 3 May. It was agreed that to move the parish boundary in order to match the ward boundary made good sense, and the Parish Council was happy for that to happen along with the transfer of the properties you mentioned into Biddenden Parish should the boundary change take place.

Kind regards

Alison

Alison Swannick  
 Parish Clerk

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**From:** Paul Libreri <Paul.Libreri@ashford.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 25 April 2022 11:44  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Biddenden Parish

Hi Alison

We'll be sending out an email this week to all parish clerks setting out the terms of reference for a Community Governance Review to consider if we need to make any changes to the current parish boundaries or voting arrangements.

One of the issues we want to look at is the parish boundary between Biddenden and High Halden parishes. The current parish boundary dissects Woodlands Park and we would like to consult with Biddenden and High Halden parish councils to consider if we should move the parish boundary to match the ward boundary. This would place all of the properties in Woodlands Park into Biddenden Parish.

I've attached a map showing the existing and proposed boundary for consideration by the parish council.

The boundary shown on the map is just an initial proposal and we are not looking to make any changes without the consent of both parish councils and any residents affected. The existing boundary of Woodlands Parish ward was created by the Local Government Boundary



Commission for England as a consequence of changes that they made to the borough ward boundary. Any change to the boundary would therefore require their consent.

Below is a list the properties that would move parish if the parish boundary matched the borough ward boundary.

I'd be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the Chairman of the Parish Council and let me know what their view is.

1	Proposal to move properties from High Halden Parish to Biddenden Parish	Properties	Postcode
	Biddenden Road	Larkins	TN30 6TE
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		Annexe at Summer Farm	TN30 6TD
		Lotland Farm	TN30 6TD
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Regards.

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**Paul Libreri**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 May 2022 08:57  
**To:** Paul Libreri  
**Subject:** Re: High Halden Parish

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Dear Paul

Just to confirm that Members have no objections to the proposal.

Kind regards

Louise

**Louise Goldsmith**

**Clerk to High Halden Parish Council**

[REDACTED]

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On Mon, May 9, 2022 at 3:25 PM Louise Goldsmith [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Paul

Members will discuss this proposal this evening and I will come back to you tomorrow but my understanding is that everyone agrees with the suggestion.

Kind regards

Louise

**Louise Goldsmith**

**Clerk to High Halden Parish Council**

[REDACTED]

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On Mon, Apr 25, 2022 at 11:26 AM Paul Libreri <[Paul.Libreri@ashford.gov.uk](mailto:Paul.Libreri@ashford.gov.uk)> wrote:

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I'd be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the Chairman of the Parish Council and let me know what their view is. Please give me a call if you have any questions.

1	Proposal to move properties from High Halden Parish to Biddenden Parish	Properties	Postcode
	Biddenden Road	Larkins	TN30 6TE
		Caravan, Lotland Farm	TN30 6TD
		Annexe at Summer Farm	TN30 6TD
		Lotland Farm	TN30 6TD
		Summer Farm	TN30 6TD
		Greenfields House	TN30 6TD
		The Gables	TN30 6TD
		Oakwood	TN30 6TD
		Golden Corn	TN30 6TA
		The Rosary	TN30 6TA
		Ashlea House	TN30 6TA
		April Cottage	TN30 6TA
		Mobile Home at Applegarth	TN30 6TA
		Applegarth House	TN30 6TA
	Blossom Close, Woodlands Park	1- 3 odds, 2-16 evens	TN27 8FB
	California Way, Woodlands Park	1-22 consecutive	TN27 8DB
	Cedar Lane, Woodlands Park	59	TN27 8BT
		140-145 consecutive	TN27 8DB
	Chestnut View, Woodlands Park	1-17 consecutive, 19	TN27 8FB
	Crampton House Lane	Sportsman Farm	TN30 6SY
	Lime Grove, Woodlands Park	128,130,136,138,139	TN27 8DB

Willow Way, Woodlands Park	146-152 consecutive, 154-158 consecutive, 160-166 consecutive, 168-170 consecutive, 178-180 consecutive	TN27 8DB
Woodlands Lodge Park, Woodlands Park	1-12 consecutive, 14-38 consecutive	TN27 8FH

Regards.

Paul Libreri

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Ashford Borough Council

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**Paul Libreri**

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Dear sir.

Having received and reviewed your communication concerning electoral arrangements for parishes as part of a Community Governance we feel we need to give our observation and request.

Since we have lived in Woodlands Park Biddenden we class this as our village, our postal address and have no affiliation or recognition to High Halden.

As for the voting to travel to High Halden we have to catch the Number 12 bus into Tenterden then catch the Number 2 bus and obviously the reverse to return home.

As we have been voting at the Biddenden village hall it is a few stops direct on the number 12 and we would not want that to change.

We therefore vote that the proposed revised electoral boundaries include the whole of Woodlands Park be included inside the Biddenden boundaries.

Kindest regards.

[REDACTED]

**Paul Libreri**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 09 June 2022 16:31  
**To:** Electoral Vote  
**Subject:** FW: HHPC Draft minutes May 2022 - Repositioning of parish boundary with Biddenden  
**Attachments:** Google Earth 1960.pdf; Ordnance Survey 1972.pdf

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**From:** Electoral Vote  
**Sent:** 28 June 2022 13:27  
**To:** Paul Libreri  
**Subject:** FW: HHPC Draft minutes May 2022 - Repositioning of parish boundary with Biddenden

FYI – I will put this into the folder.

Kind regards

Carolann

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Dear Mr Liberi

With reference to above, the email trail below and our lengthy and interesting conversation on the 20 June 2022, I am responding with some clarity to the concern expressed with my objection.

In essence, I do not agree to the parish boundary change proposed and, surprised that it gained the support of High Halden Parish Council.

The parish boundary positions are historic, and I cannot accept the need for it to be moved to resolve a manmade error at Woodlands Park.

Woodlands Park until the 1970's happily resided within the parish of Biddenden confirmed by reference to Google Earth 1940 with no caravans and a hedgerow clearly defining the parish boundary, reaffirm in 1960 with Woodlands Caravan site now materialising and the hedgerow still defining the boundary.

Google Earth 1990 shows the first encroachment of the caravan site beyond the parish boundary within High Halden, the hedgerow demarcation removed, and caravans arbitrarily scattered across the parish boundary – problem generated.

Google Earth 2008 shows what appears to be tents (camping) and a further extension into High Halden parish and 2011 with caravans, 2013 shows a further extension with encroachment to the field nearer to the A262, 2015 extended even further – problem getting worse.

There are 20 planning application from 82/00146/AS dated 11 February 1982 to 21/02010/AS dated 18 November 2021 with 7 refusals and 8 approvals and surprisingly, the latest yet to be determined, a Lawful Use Certificate application and the red line area more than doubling the area within the High Halden parish, encircling the adjoining property Larkins – new problem.

BPC and HHPC support the application but no caravans and a new problem, there will eventually be caravans as historic documents can confirm.

The problem has been sanctioned by ABC with the permissions granted for the expansion into High Halden parish and now awaiting determination of a current application for a further expansion, undertaken without permission.

The Woodland's Park administrators have generated the problem with their wish to expand into the parish of High Halden and the boundary not an obvious concern to them as a business.

Now there is a problem over the site residing across two parishes and could have been controlled by ABC but failed to do so.

ABC moved the Ward Boundary to the east as currently shown and 0.82 miles within the High Halden parish, why! Another problem.

Simple solution, reposition the Ward Boundary to the parish boundary – problem gone.

By reference to ABC Interactive Map suggest to the Woodlands Park administrator's that they move the units to be within either parish – it will never happen as it is not an issue to them as a business and created the problem.

There is a problem, allowed to be generated by ABC and High Halden Parish has to pay the price with a boundary change – it must not happen.

There is no solution to the problem with any agreement to a boundary change no matter how small, potentially opening the flood gates for more changes and no more adequately qualified by the High Halden/St Michael's parish boundary along the A28. The developments to the east of the A28 within High Halden parish have been granted with the proximity close to the St Michael's confines, not the High Halden confines and the site under development to have a split precept between both parishes and a crazy solution.

If the boundary is moved to resolve the Woodlands Park issue the same will happen between High Halden and St Michaels and a further loss to High Halden.

Biddenden has a much larger electorate than High Halden and will get larger and I do not accept HHPC's assertion that the precept will be equated with new development, that is not how the precept works.

The split Ward Boundary in Tenterden and Ashford does not create an issue and therefore why between High Halden and Biddenden.

Sadly, there is no way forward to agree a boundary move and the only possible route is a status quo and this to avoid arguments as generated by the proposal between Biddenden and High Halden.

In conclusion, I have no issue with development crossing parish boundaries, but the parish boundary must not be moved, with landowners and property occupiers determining their individual position with their purchase.

The movement of a parish boundary must be a parish matter and a direct reference to parishioners and not a proposal seen only by those attending PC meetings, as I have noted reading the minutes.

Would you kindly record my objection to the proposed boundary change affecting High Halden?

Kind regards

John Twycross

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Write a description for your map.

Legend

 Feature 1

 Haffenden Farm


Appendix 4

 Lowes Water Gardens

Paul Marshall -  Qualified Plasterer

Woodlands Park

 John Howe Turkeys

 Haffenden Farm





# Appendix 4



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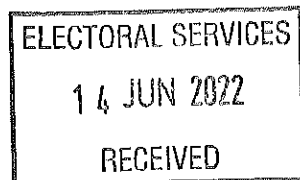
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David Cropper



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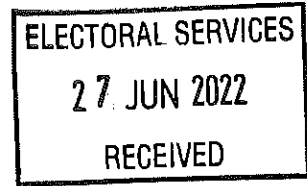
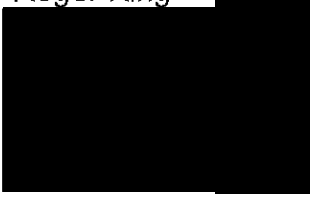
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## Appendix 4

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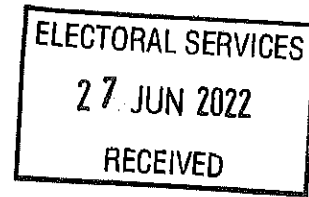
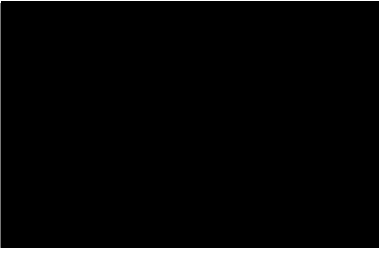
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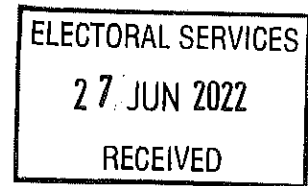
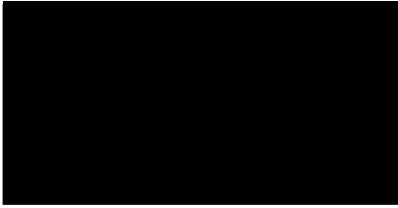
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Cherie Keeler



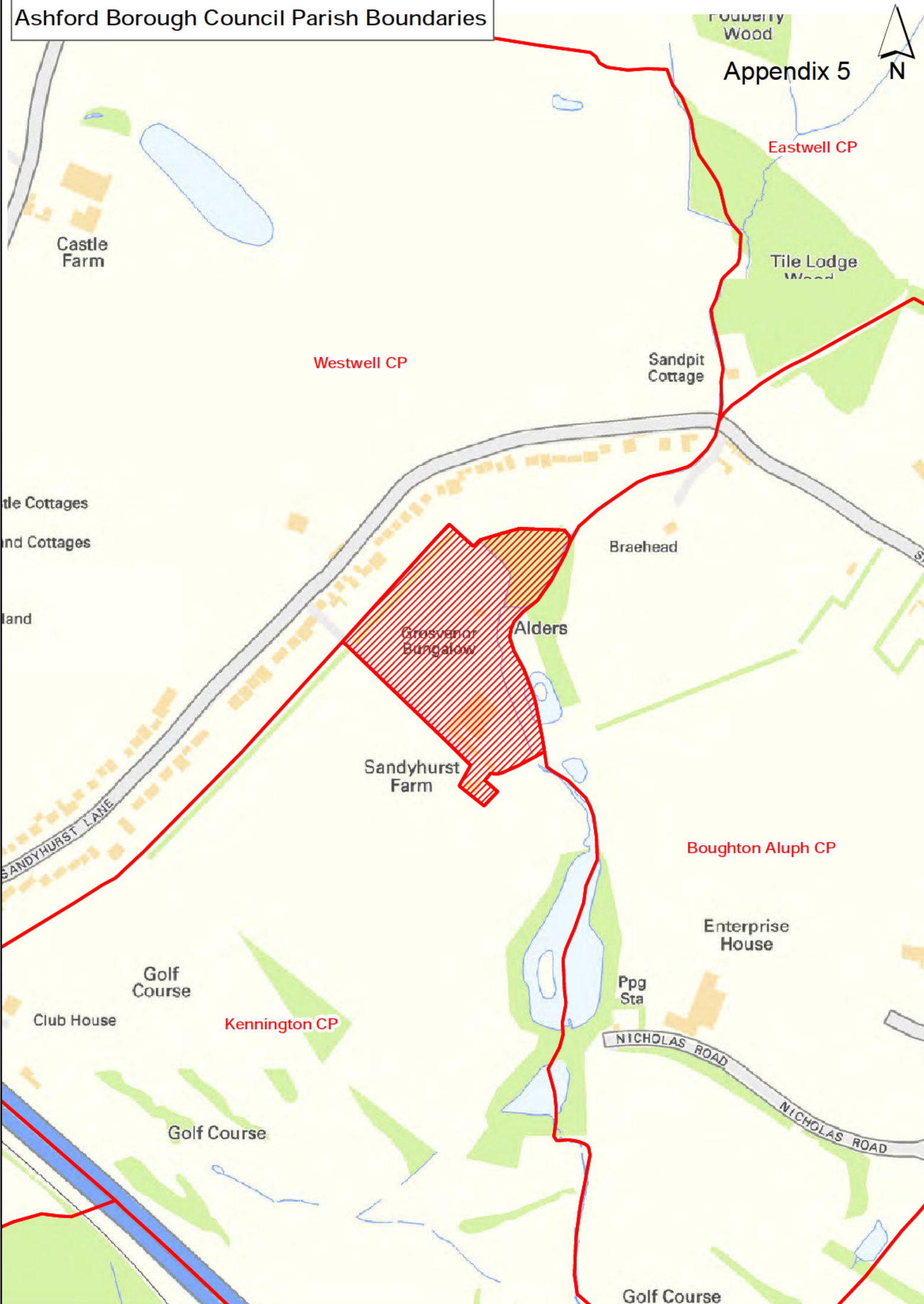
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Tax is to be More, Then no,  
We want to stay with  
High Halden, if our Council  
Tax will be lower with  
Biddenden P. C. then we would  
like to move to them.

There is a cost of living  
crisis.

Cherie Keeler  
Kevan Keeler





**Paul Libreri**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 September 2022 16:22  
**To:** Paul Libreri  
**Cc:** Westwell Parish Council; Boughton Aluph Eastwell Parish Council; Clive Bainbridge  
**Subject:** Parish Boundaries

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Dear Paul

Westwell Parish Council has followed the correspondence since the proposal in your letter of May 27th. This proposed that the "unassigned" land occupied by the Sandyhurst farm buildings and immediate surrounds be assigned to Westwell parish as current access to the properties is from Sandyhurst lane.

Westwell Parish Council supports the new proposal that this previously "unassigned" triangle of land becomes part of Boughton Aluph and Eastwell parish.

This takes into account the plans already at outline planning application stage that this land would become a built area within the Eureka park Development .

That would be close to the existing Goat Lees urban part of Boughton Aluph and Eastwell parish .

Westwell parish council shares a strong common interest in the ongoing rural management of Sandyhurst lane for the benefit of its residents, working together on matters that arise.

This would continue if it was confirmed that the land it question becomes part of Boughton Aluph and Eastwell parish.

Contacts with residents of the area indicate that provided their interests are attended to they are relaxed about which parish they are part of.

Westwell Parish Council confirmed its support for the land to become part of Boughton Aluph and Eastwell Parish at the Westwell PC meeting on 6th September.

There was an informal meeting by Zoom with Boughton Aluph and Eastwell Parish Council on 7th September at which BA&E and Westwell PC were in agreement about this matter.

Westwell hopes this enables this matter to be concluded at the next Consitiutional Review Committee

with kind regards

Christine Drury  
 Chair, Westwell parish Council

cc Clive Bainbridge, vice chair  
 Nicola Ideson , Parish Clerk

for information to Boughton Aluph and Eastwell Parish Clerk



**Paul Libreri**

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Dear Paul

I am just following up on yesterday's correspondence from the Chair of Westwell Parish Council.

Both Parish Councils are now in agreement, and both support the proposal that Sandyhurst Farm should be included in the Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council area.

Kind Regards,  
Rachel

Rachel Girt  
Parish Clerk  
[REDACTED] Parish Council  
[REDACTED]

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Hi Paul,

A sensible change and happy to support.

Kind regards

Paul

Member for Ashford Central  
 Chairman Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee  
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**From:** Paul Libreri <Paul.Libreri@ashford.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 27 May 2022 09:59  
**To:** Paul Bartlett - MEM <Paul.Bartlett@kent.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Ashford Central

Dear Cllr Bartlett

As part of the current Community Governance Review (CGR) we are looking to correct an anomaly with two properties at Sandyhurst Farm on Sandyhurst Lane. When the last CGR was undertaken a number of properties on Sandyhurst Lane were moved from an unparished area into Westwell Parish. Due to an error in the mapping the properties on Sandyhurst Farm were excluded from the move. We are now looking at rectifying that error and including these properties in Westwell Parish.

If we do move the properties into Westwell it would make sense to also alter the county boundary so that it is in line with the parish and borough ward boundaries. The properties are currently in their own polling district as all the other properties are in Ashford Rural West.

This would entail moving the properties on Sandyhurst Farm from Ashford Central County Division to Ashford Rural West. The current KCC boundary (light blue) is shown on the Westwell Parish and KCC Boundary map attached.



## Appendix 6

This would mean making a request to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) for a consequential change to the KCC boundary. This would require the agreement of the KCC Councillors, Kent County Council and the LGBCE.

I'd be grateful if you'd let me know if you would support this change to the boundary.

Regards

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**Subject:** Re: Ashford Rural West

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Dear Paul,

Thank you for your email.

I would support the change to the boundary as described in your email.

Kind Regards

Charlie Simkins.

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**From:** Paul Libreri <Paul.Libreri@ashford.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 27, 2022 9:59:35 AM  
**To:** Charlie Simkins - MEM <Charlie.Simkins@kent.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Ashford Rural West

Dear Cllr Simkins

As part of the current Community Governance Review (CGR) we are looking to correct an anomaly with two properties at Sandyhurst Farm on Sandyhurst Lane. When the last CGR was undertaken a number of properties on Sandyhurst Lane were moved from an unparished area into Westwell Parish. Due to an error in the mapping the properties on Sandyhurst Farm were excluded from the move. We are now looking at rectifying that error and including these properties in Westwell Parish.

If we do move the properties into Westwell it would make sense to also alter the county boundary so that it is in line with the parish and borough ward boundaries. The properties are currently in their own polling district as all the other properties are in Ashford Rural West.

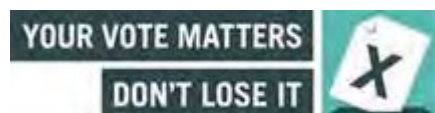
This would entail moving the properties on Sandyhurst Farm from Ashford Central County Division to Ashford Rural West. The current KCC boundary (light blue) is shown on the Westwell Parish and KCC Boundary map attached.

This would mean making a request to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) for a consequential change to the KCC boundary. This would require the agreement of the KCC Councillors, Kent County Council and the LGBCE.

I'd be grateful if you'd let me know if you would support this change to the boundary.

Regards

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## KENNINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### 2 Sandyhurst Farm

Boundary reviews at District and Parish level in 2015-2019 resulted in Sandyhurst Farm, which leads off Sandyhurst Lane, being transferred to the Ashford Borough Council Ward of Downs West. However, The County Division was not amended, with this small parcel of land remaining in Ashford Central ED. The site is due to be developed for housing as part of Policy S20 (Ashford Local Plan to 2030).

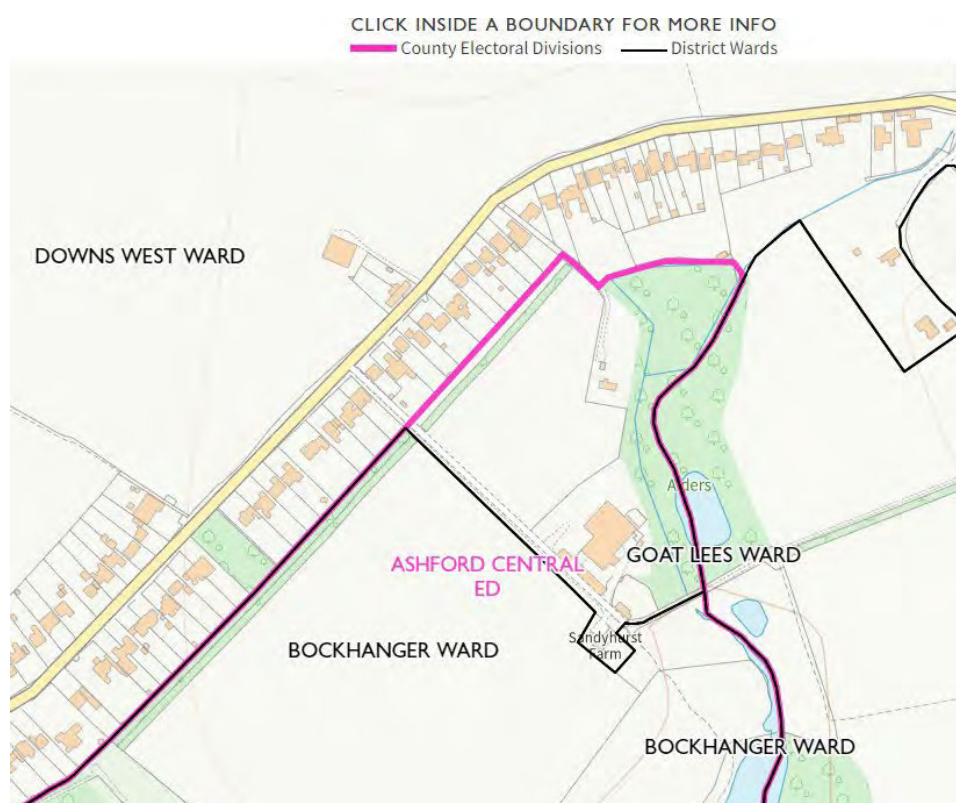


Fig 3

County Division and  
Borough Ward boundaries  
(Source: Ordnance  
Survey)

This arrangement does not apply the tests of physical boundaries nor parishes in a coherent way. Further, with the planned development for housing, which was not envisaged at the time of the boundary reviews, the identities and interests of the planned local communities may be better represented by reversion of this site to its pre-2019 definition as part of Kennington

The Community Council therefore requests that consideration is given to:

- 2.1 Aligning the County Division and Borough Ward boundaries in the region of Sandyhurst Lane so that they follow the same course
- 2.2 Reviewing the Borough Ward boundaries so that the Sandyhurst Farm reverts to Kennington, and to Kennington Community Council

**Paul Libreri**

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**From:** Cllr Winston Michael  
**Sent:** 01 July 2022 17:28  
**To:** Paul Libreri  
**Subject:** Re: Kennington Community Council Submission to Community Governance Review

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Dear Paul

Further to our conversation, I am of the view that it would not only be sensible but beneficial to Sandyhurst Farm residents for it to be within Boughton Aluph and Eastwell Parish Council and Goat Lees Ward boundaries. The Farm is next to Eureka Park development, and could become the subject of future development of Eureka with Braehead included. I believe Sandyhurst Farm might be owned by Trinity College. You might know that all traffic for the proposed Eureka Park Development has to use Trinity Road as there can be no entrances at Sandyhurst Lane, so any further development will access Trinity Road which falls under the jurisdiction of BAEPC and GLW. The Westwell CP boundary follows a line that crosses SHL at Sandpits, and wrapping the BAEPC boundary around Sandyhurst Farm makes sense as it joins up with Braehead, which is within BAEPC. Bringing that whole area under the jurisdiction of a single authority has to be better for everyone. I shall speak with BAEPC and come back to you.

I trust I have explained well enough for you to understand the considerations.

With the kindest of regards  
 Winston

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**From:** Paul Libreri <Paul.Libreri@ashford.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 01 July 2022 11:47  
**Subject:** Kennington Community Council Submission to Community Governance Review

Dear Cllr

I attach a submission from Kennington Community Council to the Community Governance Review (CGR), for your information, as the area is within or adjacent to an area you represent. While changes to borough ward or county boundaries are outside the scope of the CGR there is provision for the Council to request that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England make consequential changes to borough ward or county boundaries where a change has been made to the parish boundary.

The area covering Sandyhurst Farm shown as the hatched area in Map 3 attached is currently unparished. The options are; that it remains unparished, is included in Westwell Parish or is included in the Kennington Community Council area.

Our initial proposal suggested the area be included in Westwell Parish as the access to Sandyhurst Farm is via Sandyhurst Lane. However, given that the area is part of the site is due to be developed for housing as part of Policy S20 (Ashford Local Plan to 2030) and access will be via Trinity Road it may sit better within the Kennington Community Council area and within Goat Lees ward

Please let me know if you have any comments on the Kennington Community submission or on any other issues within the scope of the CGR.

Kind regards

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# Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council



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26 June 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

## Community Governance Review 2022

**Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council has considered the CGR Terms of Reference and the issues below, noted the projected electorate figure at the within the present parish boundary and the possible impacts of the changes listed on community cohesion. Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council comments as follows:**

<b>Parish name and style</b>	<b>Request NO CHANGE in Wye with Hinxhill</b>
<b>The ordinary year of elections</b>	<b>Request NO CHANGE in Wye with Hinxhill</b>
<b>Electoral arrangements: council size, the number of councillors to be elected to the council</b>	<b>Request a REDUCTION</b> in the present number of council seats in the parish of Wye with Hinxhill from 11 to 9
<b>Warding</b>	<b>Request NO CHANGE in Wye with Hinxhill</b>
<b>Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes;</b>	<b>Request NO CHANGE in Wye with Hinxhill</b>
<b>Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parish/town/community councils.</b>	<p><b>Wye with Hinxhill makes NO COMMENT</b>, as no changes are proposed in the Terms of Reference and there is no case for doing so.</p> <p>However, in principle, Wye with Hinxhill supports the creation of new local councils in unparished areas to improve access to representation, provided that residents of the unparished areas have requested this change.</p>



<p><b>Terms of Reference requested changes:</b></p> <p>Altering the parish boundary between Mersham and Sevington parishes to ensure all the properties in the Finberry development are within Sevington Parish.</p> <p>Altering the parish boundary between Biddenden and High Halden parishes to place all properties in Woodlands Park in Biddenden Parish.</p> <p>Consider a request to increase the number of parish councillors to be elected to Charing Parish Council</p> <p>Consider a request to increase the number of parish councillors to be elected to Kenardington Parish Council</p> <p>Consider a request to increase the number of parish councillors to be elected to Newenden Parish Council.</p> <p>Consider a request to increase the number of parish councillors to be elected to Warehorne Parish council.</p>	<p><b>Wye with Hinxhill makes NO COMMENT</b> as these proposed changes do not impact on the parish boundary of Wye with Hinxhill and as such will have no impact on community identity or community cohesion of the population of Wye with Hinxhill.</p>
<p><b>Boundary changes</b></p>	<p><b>Request NO CHANGE to the boundary of Wye with Hinxhill.</b></p> <p>No anomalies or concerns have arisen since the previous CGR and the present parish boundary is long-established and it functions well. Wye has a strong sense of its identity as a parish, and the recent review of Ashford ward boundaries confirm this position.</p> <p>No change will also keep administrative efficiencies, as the parish boundary is coterminous with Wye Ward boundary and parish/ward boundary contains two discrete LSOA for statistical purposes.</p> <p>The BCE Review 2023 shows the parish of Wye on the boundary of two revised parliamentary constituencies. Therefore, a boundary change to the parish would create anomalies and complications.</p>

Yours sincerely,

*K. Stephens*

Katherine Stephens,  
Parish Clerk



**Paul Libreri**

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**From:** Electoral Vote  
**Sent:** 28 June 2022 09:50  
**To:** Paul Libreri  
**Subject:** FW: Community Governance Review 2002 - Wye with Hinxhill Parish Coun

FYI

Kind regards

Carolann

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**Sent:** 28 June 2022 09:20  
**To:** Electoral Vote <Electoral.Vote@ashford.gov.uk>; Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council  
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Dear Mr Libreri,

Thank you for your email.

Yes, I can confirm that the Parish Council wants to reduce the number of seats on the Council from 11 to 9.

The reason behind this is that the Parish Council has not had 11 Councillors in over the last 5 years and has not seen an election in over 10 years. Councillors thought that by reducing the number of Councillors that this may lead to having enough candidates to fill all seats and perhaps engage the public in an election, increasing democracy and raising awareness of the work done by the Parish Council.

Kind regards,

Katherine Stephens  
Clerk to the Parish Council

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Dear Katherine

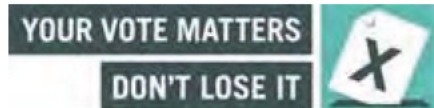
Thank you for the submission from Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council.



Can you confirm that the Parish Council wants to reduce the number of seats on the Council from 11 to 9? It would be helpful to know why the Parish Council wants to reduce the number of councillors?

Kind regards

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Please find attached correspondence from Wye with Hinxhill Parish Council.

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Katherine Stephens  
Clerk to the Parish Council

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## Boughton Aluph & Eastwell PARISH COUNCIL

### Ashford Borough Council Community Governance Review Response

Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council requests that consideration is given to changing the allocation of wards between its 8 councillors.

The proposed allocation:

Boughton Aluph (DW3 & DW4)	2 (currently 1)
Goat Lees (GL1)	5 (currently 6)
Eastwell* (DW1 & DW2)	1 (remains at 1)

\*Eastwell is a Parish.

The current allocation does not provide equality of representation. There are currently almost double the number of electors in Boughton Aluph per Parish Councillor than per elector in Goat Lees ward.

Current allocation ratios:

Boughton Aluph	1 councillor: 520 electors (predicted 2027 1:543)
Goat Lees	1 councillor: 226 electors (predicted 2027 1:226)

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ased on 2027 predicted population figures, exact parity between Goat Lees & Boughton Aluph wards will be achieved in 2027 if the allocation is changed.

If allocation changed to 5 GL, 2 BA

GL current 1:271 (**predicted 2027 1:271**)

BA current 1:260 (**predicted 2027 1:271**)

Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council, 27 June 2022





## Community Governance Review 2022

### Kennington Community Council submission

Following meetings of Kennington Community Council, the Council requests that the following views are taken into consideration within the current Community Governance Review.

#### 1 Kennington North

Boundary reviews at County, District and Parish level in 2015-2019 resulted in an area of Kennington being transected by a number of boundaries at different levels of local government.

The Community Council Ward of Kennington North as currently defined falls into the Ashford Borough Council Ward of Goat Lees. However, part of this Community Council Ward (north west of Grosvenor Road) is in the County Division of Ashford Rural West with the remainder (south east of Grosvenor Road) being in the County Division of Ashford Rural East.

The effect of this fragmentation is an inequality of representation for the residents in this area.

This arrangement does not reflect the identities and interests of local communities, does not secure equality of representation, and does not apply the tests of physical boundaries nor parishes in a coherent way.

The Community Council therefore requests that consideration is given to:

- 1.1 Aligning the County Division and Borough Ward boundaries in the region of Grosvenor Road so that they follow the same course
- 1.2 Reviewing the Borough Ward boundaries so that the Community Council Ward of Kennington North is included in the Ashford Borough Council Ward of Kennington, recognising the historical affiliation with “Kennington Lees”

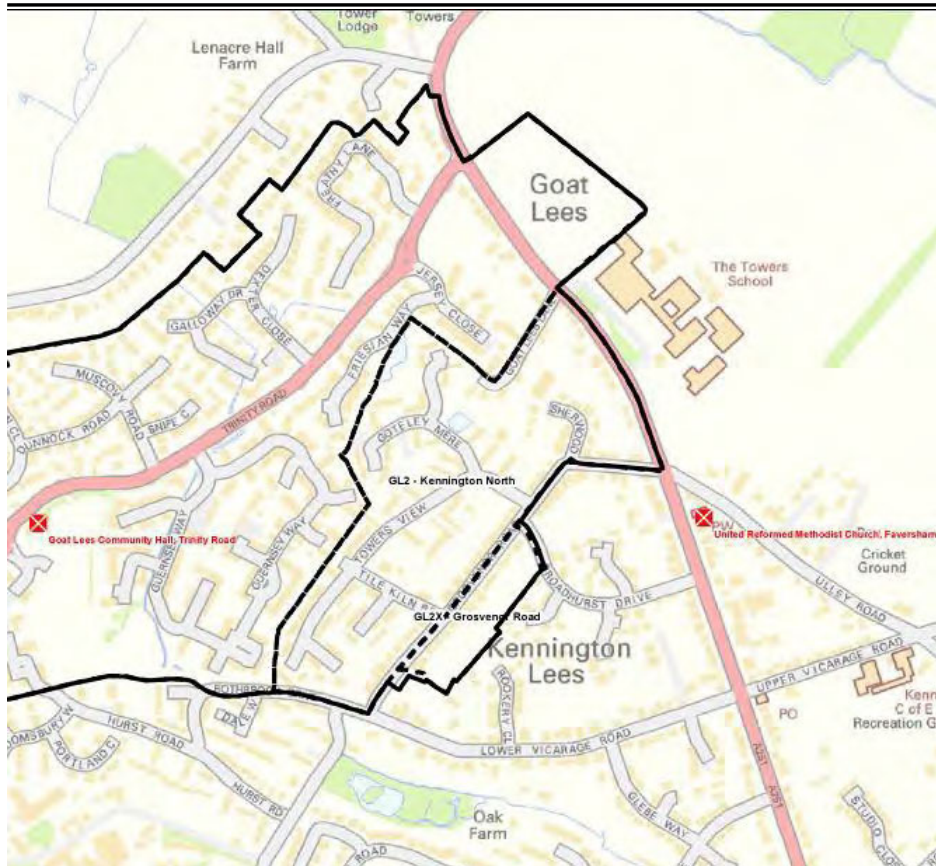


Fig 1

Polling Districts map  
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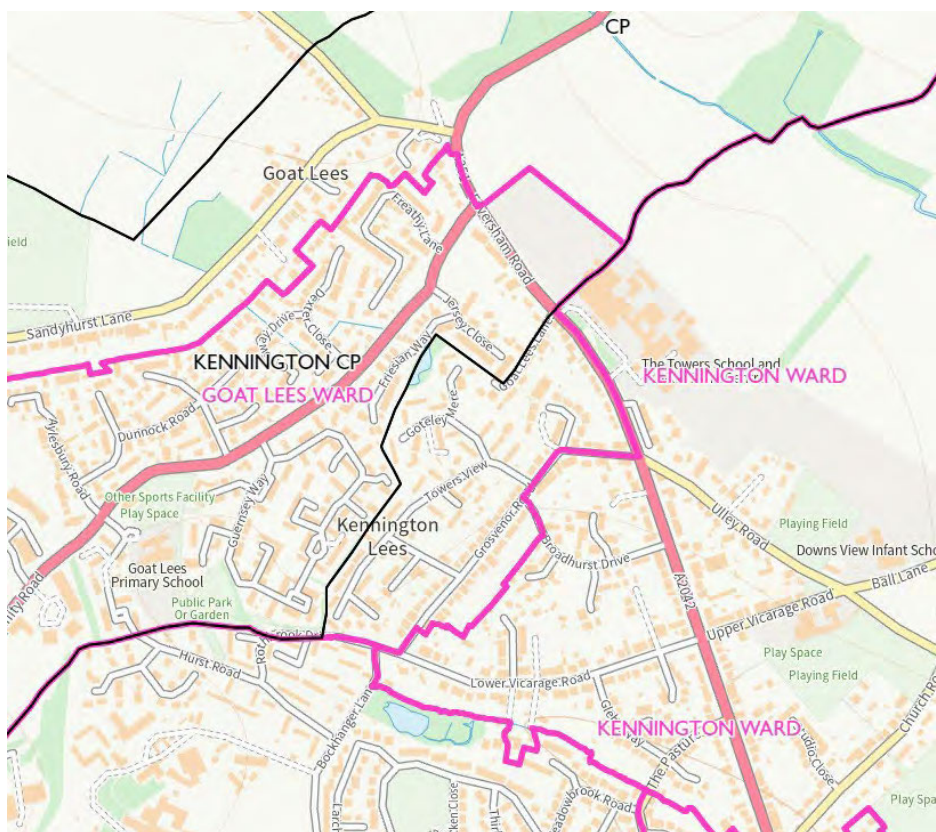


Fig 2

Community Council and  
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