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Friday, 10 June 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Regulatory and Licensing Committee has been arranged to take place **MONDAY, 20TH JUNE, 2022 at 6.00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER** District Council House, Lichfield to consider the following business.

Access to the Council Chamber is via the Members' Entrance.

The meeting will be live streamed on the Council's [YouTube channel](#)

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christie Tims'.

Christie Tims
Chief Operating Officer

To: Members of Regulatory and Licensing Committee

Councillors B Yeates (Chair), Checkland (Vice-Chair), Anketell, Barnett, Cross, Eagland, L Ennis, Evans, A Little, Ray, Salter, Mrs Tranter and Warfield



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AGENDA

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| 1. | Apologies for Absence | F_PRO |
| 2. | Declarations of Interest | F_PRO |
| 3. | Minutes of the Previous Meeting | F_PRO |
| 4. | Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No. 1 (part) in the parish of Whittington. | F_PRO |
| 5. | Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No. 7 (part) in the Parish of Elford | F_PRO |
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REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

16 JUNE 2022

PRESENT:

Councillors B Yeates (Chair), Checkland (Vice-Chair), Cross, Evans, A Little, Salter and Warfield

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Barnett, Cllr Eagland, Cllr L Ennis, Cllr Ray and Cllr Tranter.

2 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: "That as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, which would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972"

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Information on this item is recorded seperately due to exclsuion of public and press.

4 PAVEMENT LICENCE APPLICATION UNDER THE BUSINESS & PLANNING ACT 2020

Information on this item is recorded seperately due to exclsuion of public and press.

(The Meeting closed at 11.12 am)

CHAIR

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Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No. 1 (part) in the Parish of Whittington

Cabinet Member for Housing, Biodiversity and Climate Change

Date: 20 June 2022

Agenda Item: _____

Contact Officer: Rhiannon Godley

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Key Decision? **NO**

Local Ward Members: Councillors David Leytham, Harry Warburton, Alan White



REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 To consider an application received from Whittington Heath Golf Club (Mr Tony Rundle) for the diversion of public footpath No. 1 (part) in the Parish of Whittington. The application is to be considered under the Highways Act 1980.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To make an Order to divert that part of Public Footpath No. 1 (part) in the Parish of Whittington as set out in the plan at Appendix A, under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.
- 2.2 If no objections are received, or if are objections are received and subsequently withdrawn, to confirm the Order
- 2.3 If objections are received, and not subsequently withdrawn, the Order be referred to the Secretary of State (via the Planning Inspectorate) for determination.

3. Background

- 3.1 An application has been submitted by Whittington Heath Golf Club (Mr Tony Rundle) for the proposed diversion of Public Footpath No. 1 in the Parish of Whittington as shown on the plan at Appendix A.
- 3.2 The application has arisen as a result of the redevelopment of golf course however the diversion application was submitted too late to allow the proposals to be considered under Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The diversion proposals must therefore be considered under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 instead.
- 3.3 The diversion may be considered to be in the interests of the landowner because it will allow for more effective management and use of the golf course. The diversion is relatively minor therefore it would be reasonable to conclude that it will not have any adverse effect on the convenience and enjoyment of the footpath.

Alternative Options

- 1. Leave the footpath as it is which will be inconvenient for the management and use of the golf course

<p>Consultation</p>	<p>An informal consultation has taken place with Outside Bodies and Local Ward Members resulting in no outstanding objections since the proposed diversion is relatively minor. Comments were made, by a number of consultees, that the route should be clearly defined by marker posts and signage, so the diversion is apparent.</p> <p>Whittington Parish Council had no objections but listed a number of conditions they would like to see for the safety of pedestrians:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ‘1. The gates at both ends of the path should be brought back into use, made good and maintained by WHGC to restrict the use of the path to pedestrians. 2. Wooden signs erected by Staffordshire County Highways should be re-erected and if by reason of the temporary closure they are no longer fit for purpose then they should be replaced by WHGC without charge. 3. The path should be delineated by two lines of parallel posts over 1.2 metres tall the top 100mm of which should be painted yellow. The posts should be two metres apart and bear easily visible county highways footpath identification arrows. The pairs of posts should be positioned not more than 50 metres apart so that the line of the path is easily identifiable. 4. Clear signs should remind pedestrians not to stray from the path 5. Clear signs should be located at the tee for the 5th hole and at the point at which there is a dogleg in the fairway to warn golfers of the existence of the footpath and require them to give precedence to pedestrians wishing to cross the fairway. 6. At the point at which the access road to the clubhouse crosses the footpath there should be clear signs for motorists travelling in both directions notifying them of the existence of the footpath and requiring them to give precedence to any pedestrian wishing to cross the road.’ <p>Please note that many of the issues requested by the Parish Council are outside the gift of the Council and cannot be enforced by the diversion order process. Nonetheless, the Order will include a certification clause requiring the new route to be provided to an acceptable standard and the Council will be mindful of the Parish Council’s requests.</p>
<p>Financial Implications</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No financial implications for the Council have been identified. Administrative and advertisement cost will be incurred in the making of the Public Footpath Order, these will be met by the Applicant.
<p>Approved by Section 151 Officer</p>	<p>Yes</p>

Legal Implications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed diversion will permanently change the alignment of the public right of way. 2. If there are objections to the Order it will be referred to the Secretary of State for determination, possibly by way of a local public inquiry, where the Authority will have to defend its position.
Approved by Monitoring Officer	Yes

Contribution to the Delivery of the Strategic Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. None identified
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Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Implications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. None identified
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Crime & Safety Issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not applicable
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Environmental Impact	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensuring the protection of public rights of way by rerouting the footpath to enable development, rather than removing the footpath.
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GDPR / Privacy Impact Assessment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not applicable
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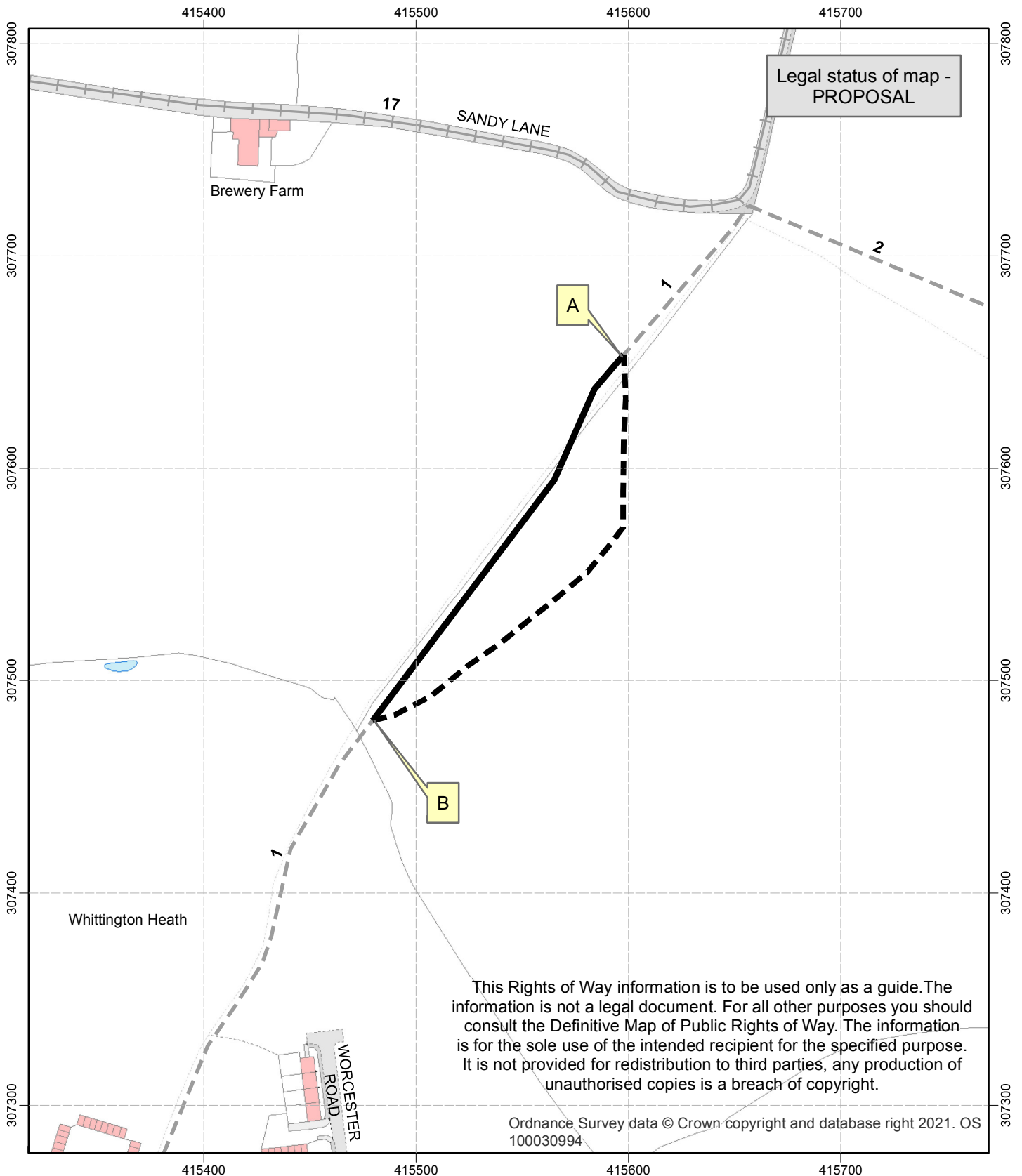
	Risk Description & Risk Owner	Original Score (RYG)	How We Manage It	Current Score (RYG)
A	Footpath diversion process not followed correctly and being challenged.	Green	We have an agreed process which follows the relevant legislation and also legal advice if required	Green
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	Background documents Appendix A – Map of Proposed Diversion (Highways Act 1980, Section 119)
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PROPOSED Diversion of Public Footpath
No. 1 (part) Whittington Parish.



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— Path to be extinguished (A - B).

- - - Path to be created (A - B).

Rights of Way Unaffected

- - - Footpath

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Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No. 7 (part) in the Parish of Elford

Cabinet Member for Housing, Biodiversity and Climate Change

Date: 20 June 2022
 Agenda Item:
 Contact Officer: Rhiannon Godley
 Tel Number: 07970 390365
 Email: Rhiannon.Godley@lichfielddc.gov.uk
 Key Decision? **NO**
 Local Ward Members: Councillors Leytham, Warburton and White



REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 To consider an application received from Elan Homes & George Hodgetts Farms for the diversion of public footpath No. 7 (part) in the Parish of Elford. The application is to be considered under the Town and Country Planning Act, Section 257.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve the proposed diversion of Public Footpath No. 7 (part) in the Parish of Elford as set out in Appendix A.

3. Background

- 3.1 An application has been submitted under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 from Elan Homes & George Hodgetts Farms for the proposed diversion of Public Footpath No. 7 in the Parish of Elford.
- 3.2 The application has been made in connection with planning application 19/00662/REMM for the approval of Reserved Matters for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 25 dwellings including new access and vehicle turning area in accordance with application 17/01379/OUTM. Details of the planning permission may be found on the District Council’s website. An assessment of the proposals suggests that the diversion is necessary to enable the approved development to take place.
- 3.3 Attached at Appendix A is a plan showing a route for Footpath No. 7 (part). The footpath route is shown as points A to B with a dashed black line. Following completion of the development it is proposed that this diverted route will become permanent.

Alternative Options	1. Leave the footpath as it is which will not allow for the development of the site
Consultation	1. An informal consultation has taken place with Outside Bodies and Local Ward Members and there are no outstanding objections.

Financial Implications	1. No financial implications for the Council have been identified. Administrative and advertisement cost will be incurred in the making of the Public Footpath Order, these will be met by the Applicant.
Approved by Section 151 Officer	Yes

Legal Implications	1. Not applicable
Approved by Monitoring Officer	Yes

Contribution to the Delivery of the Strategic Plan	1. By enabling growth and development, footpath diversions contribute to the 'Delivering Prosperity' strategic objective.
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Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Implications	1. None identified
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Crime & Safety Issues	1. Not applicable
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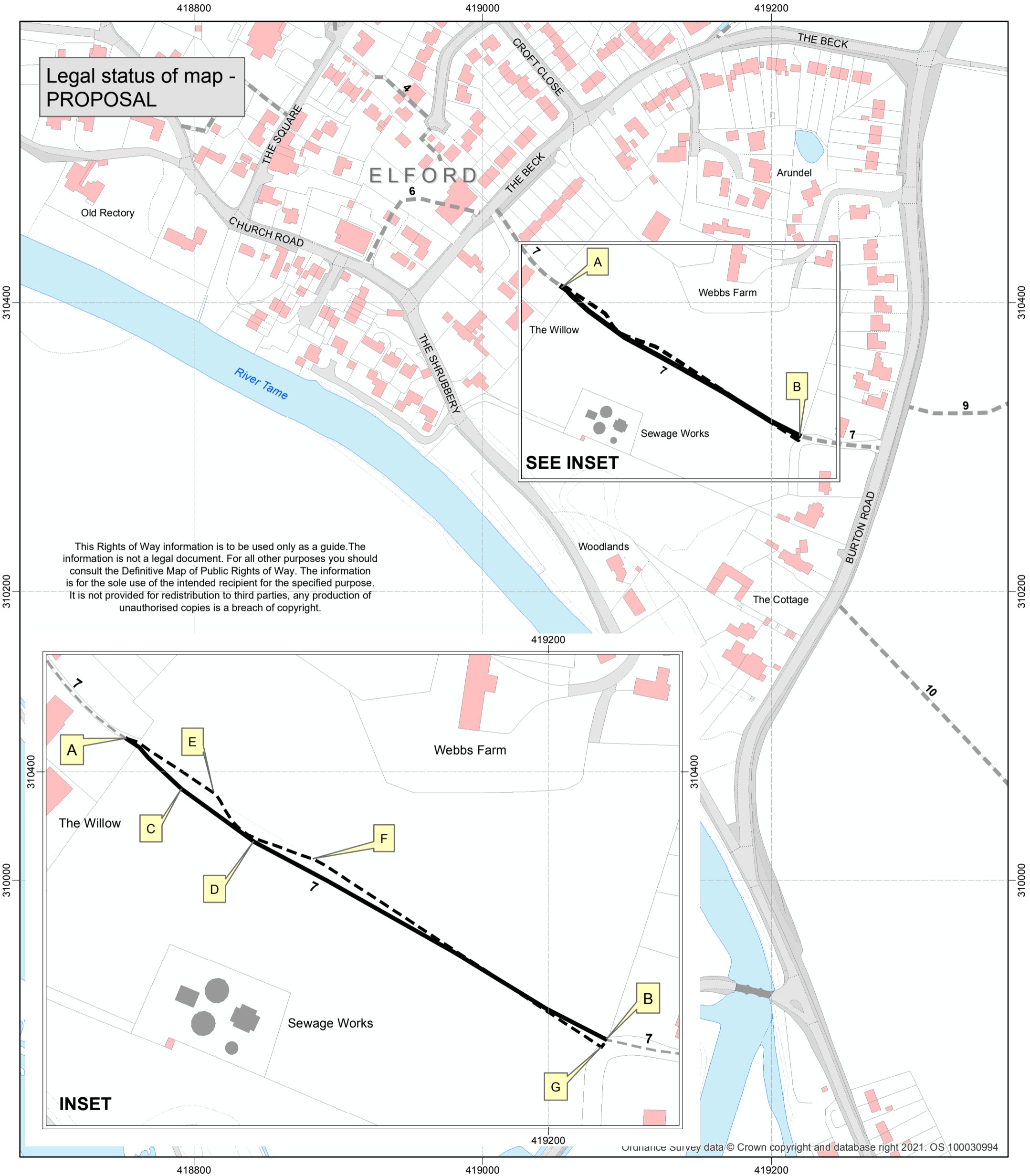
Environmental Impact	1. Ensuring the protection of public rights of way by rerouting the footpath to enable development, rather than removing the footpath.
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GDPR / Privacy Impact Assessment	1. Not applicable
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	Risk Description & Risk Owner	Original Score (RYG)	How We Manage It	Current Score (RYG)
A	Footpath diversion process not followed correctly and being challenged.	Green	We have an agreed process which follows the relevant legislation and also legal advice if required	Green
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	Background documents Appendix A – Map of Proposed Diversion (Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 257)
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	Relevant web links
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-  Path to be extinguished (A - C - D - B).
-  Path to be created (A - E - F - G - B).
- Rights of Way Unaffected**
-  Footpath

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Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No. 8 (part) in the Parish of Mavesyn Ridware

Cabinet Member for Housing, Biodiversity and Climate Change

Date: 20 June 2022
 Agenda Item:
 Contact Officer: Rhiannon Godley
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 Key Decision? No
 Local Ward Members: Cllr Shirley Barnett



REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 To consider an application received from Fisher German LLP/Mr & Mrs B Wainwright for the diversion of public footpath No. 8 (part) in the Parish of Mavesyn Ridware. The application is to be considered under the Town and Country Planning Act, Section 257.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve the proposed diversion of Public Footpath No. 8 (part) in the Parish of Mavesyn Ridware as set out in Appendix A.

3. Background

- 3.1 An application has been submitted under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 from Fisher German LLP for the proposed diversion of Public Footpath No. 8 in the Parish of Mavesyn Ridware.
- 3.2 The application has been made in connection with planning applications 16/00420/PND and 19/00832/PND and seeks to enable the change of use from agricultural building to two dwellings (one four bedroom and one three bedroom). Details of the planning permission may be found on the District Council’s website.
- 3.3 An assessment of the proposals suggests that the diversion is necessary to enable the approved development to take place. It is to be noted that original line of the footpath was built over a number of years ago and has not been available for use. This redevelopment of the site is therefore allowing for the obstruction issue to be resolved.
- 3.3 Attached at Appendix A is a plan showing a route for Footpath No. 8 (part). The footpath route is shown as points A to B with a dashed black line. Following completion of the development it is proposed that this diverted route will become permanent.

Alternative Options	1. Leave the footpath as it is which will not allow for the development of the site
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Consultation	1. An informal consultation has taken place with Outside Bodies and Local Ward Members and there are no outstanding objections.
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Financial Implications	1. No financial implications for the Council have been identified. Administrative and advertisement cost will be incurred in the making of the Public Footpath Order, these will be met by the Applicant.
Approved by Section 151 Officer	Yes

Legal Implications	1. Not applicable
Approved by Monitoring Officer	Yes

Contribution to the Delivery of the Strategic Plan	1. By enabling growth and development, footpath diversions contribute to the 'Delivering Prosperity' strategic objective.
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Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Implications	1. None identified
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Crime & Safety Issues	1. Not applicable
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Environmental Impact	1. Ensuring the protection of public rights of way by rerouting the footpath to enable development, rather than removing the footpath.
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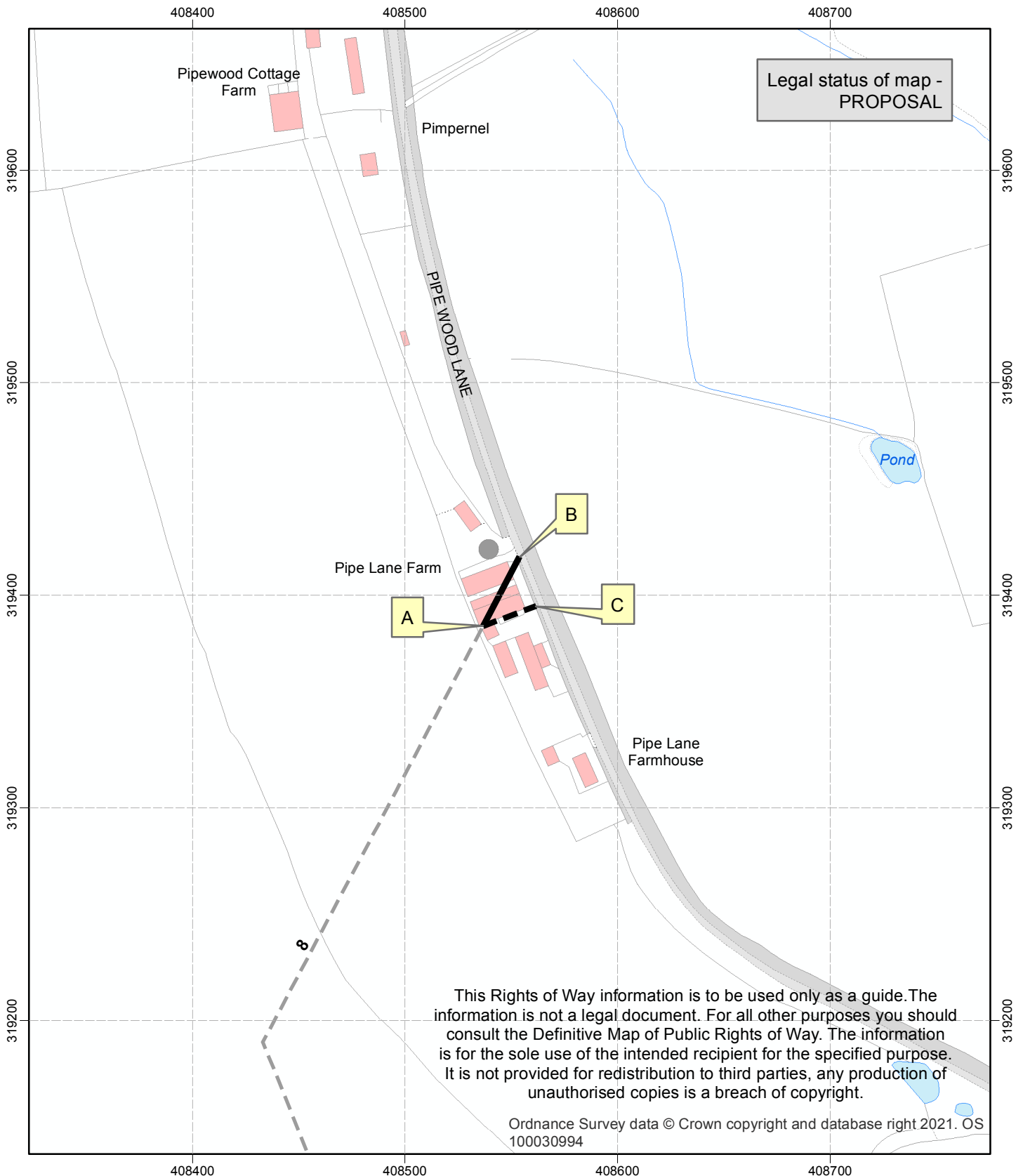
GDPR / Privacy Impact Assessment	1. Not applicable
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	Risk Description & Risk Owner	Original Score (RYG)	How We Manage It	Current Score (RYG)
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	Background documents Appendix A – Map of Proposed Diversion (Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 257)
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PROPOSED Diversion of Public Footpath
No. 8 (part) Mavesyn Ridware Parish.



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-  Path to be created (A - C).
- Rights of Way Unaffected**
-  Footpath

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Community Governance Review

Report of the Cabinet Member for Regulatory, Housing and Health

Date: 20 June 2022

Agenda Item:

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Key Decision? NO

Local Ward All

Members



**Regulatory &
Licensing
Committee**

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 A community governance review (CGR) is a legal process that provides an opportunity for principal councils to review and make changes to community governance within their areas.
- 1.2 On 14 December 2021 the District Council resolved to undertake a review of the whole District. Accordingly the Terms of Reference were published on 1 February and a consultation exercise took place between 1 February - 25 April 2022.
- 1.3 A total of 98 submissions and a 67 signature petition were received. The majority of responses focused on two parishes – (i) Shenstone and (ii) Fradley and Streethay.
- 1.4 The report summarises key issues identified in the review and sets out draft recommendations.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That consideration be given to the draft recommendations set out at Appendix A and summarised in section 3.13 below.

3. Review

- 3.1 On 14 December the District Council agreed that a Community Governance Review (CGR) be conducted for the whole of the district in accordance with Part 4 Chapter 3 of the Local Government Public Involvement and Health (LGPIH) Act 2007.
- 3.2 A community governance review can consider one or more of the following:
 - Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes
 - The naming of parishes and the style of new parishes
 - The electoral arrangements for parishes (the ordinary year of election, council size and parish warding)
 - Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes
 - Other types of local arrangements, including parish meetings

The Consultation Process (stage 1).

- 3.3 Between 1 February and 25 April 2022 the Council invited residents and interested organisations to submit their views on existing arrangements and suggest proposals for change.
- 3.4 The CGR consultation has been undertaken in accordance with Local Government Boundary Commission for England guidance. Actions included:
- A dedicated webpage containing information about the review and an online submission form.
 - Press Releases
 - Social media messaging
 - Contacting Parish Clerks and providing them with a tool kit to publicise the review to their local community.
 - Contacting key stakeholders including other local authorities, health bodies, local businesses, local public and voluntary organisation, Schools, local MPs.

Overview of Consultation Responses

- 3.5 A total of 98 Submissions were received together with a 67 signature petition. All written submissions are available in anonymised format at **Appendix D**.
- 3.6 An initial assessment identified:
- proposals for change that indicated a degree of community consensus i.e. a critical mass
 - proposals for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of existing arrangements.
- (subject to the statutory guidance tests outlined at 3.9 and 3.10).

- 3.7 The Council is grateful to all those who contributed and took the time to express a view.

Daft Recommendations

- 3.8 The Draft Recommendations are set out at **APPENDIX A** and summarised below.
- 3.9 In arriving at recommendations a Community Governance Review is required to take into account:
- the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and
 - the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish
- 3.10 Governance arrangements should also aim to be:
- reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area; and
 - effective and convenient
- 3.11 Any other factors, such as council tax precept such levels, cannot be considered.
- 3.12 The draft recommendations are made with reference to
- (i) the responses received,

- (ii) the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007,
- (iii) guidance provided by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC)
- (iv) guidance provided by the Boundary Commission for England.

3.13 SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

1. FRADLEY AND STREETHAY

(1) Fradley and Streethay Parish be split into:

- (i) Fradley Parish
- (ii) Streethay Parish

(2) That the following governance arrangements be put in place:

- A Fradley Parish Council comprising 9 councillors (321 Electors per Councillor)
- A Streethay Parish Council to comprise 5 councillors (335 electors per councillor)

2. LICHFIELD CITY

- (1)** Garrick Road Ward be incorporated into Chadsmead Ward.
Chadsmead Ward to comprise 4 Councillors (825 electors per councillor)
- (2)** Burton Old Road Ward be incorporated into Stowe Ward.
Stowe Ward to comprise 5 Councillors (985 electors per councillor)
- (3)** Pentire Road Ward be incorporated into Boley Park Ward.
Boley Park Ward to comprise 4 Councillors (849 electors per councillor)

3. LONGDON PARISH

That Longdon Parish Council be reduced from 11 councillors to 9 councillors.

Next Steps/Review Timetable

- 3.14 Draft Recommendations will be submitted to Council on 12 July 2022 for consideration. The resulting recommendations will then be published for consultation. The consultation period will run until the end of September 2022 with a view to submitting final recommendations to Council in October 2022. The final recommendations would then be formally published by December 2022.
- 3.15 The stages of the review process are outlined below:

Action	Timeline	Details
Publish draft recommendations	July 2022 to September 2022	Publish draft recommendations for further consultation with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all local government electors • all town and parish councils • local groups and interested parties • publish draft recommendations on LDC website
Make final recommendations	October 2022 – Full Council meeting	Consider any further submissions/representations and prepare final recommendations for report to Full Council.
Publish final recommendations	December 2022	Publish final recommendations

Alternative Options	A community governance review is a statutory obligation of the district Council, we can delay undertaking one, however there are advantages in undertaking this review before the next District and Parish elections in 2023 or before one is invoked by request from the electorate.
Consultation	The Community Governance Review is discussed extensively with key stakeholders and residents during 2 cycles of consultation.
Financial Implications	None arising from this report. A one off reserve has been provided to support any advertising, bookings or other costs associated with the review.
Approved by Section 151 Officer	
Legal Implications	The process is detailed in Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and advice on best practice and training has been sought from Association of Electoral Administrators to support this project.
Approved by Monitoring Officer	
Contribution to the Delivery of the Strategic Plan	This project supports the development of strong, sustainable communities with participation in decision making in respect of the governance arrangements of parish councils.

Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Implications	None identified at this stage.
Crime & Safety Issues	None identified at this stage.
Environmental Impact	None identified at this stage.
GDPR / Privacy Impact Assessment	Residents' names and addresses are redacted.

	Risk Description & Risk Owner	Original Score (RYG)	How We Manage It	Current Score (RYG)
A	Consultation is not undertaken in line with requirements of Act - HOS	LIKELIHOOD IMPACT SEVERITY	Training and advice sought from AEA	LIKELIHOOD IMPACT SEVERITY
B	There is a negative reaction to the draft recommendations in one or more parishes.	LIKELIHOOD IMPACT SEVERITY	Messaging will make it clear that the recommendations are draft proposals and no decision has been taken. The second stage consultation will consider representations for and against the draft recommendations.	LIKELIHOOD IMPACT SEVERITY
C	That review creates additional work across council services	LIKELIHOOD IMPACT SEVERITY	That a project team is established to feed in and manage the work generated by the review and any decision.	LIKELIHOOD IMPACT SEVERITY
D	Insufficient capacity to support level of consultation and considerations.	LIKELIHOOD IMPACT SEVERITY	Additional temporary resources have been put in place - risks around project team member availability due to other projects are managed	LIKELIHOOD IMPACT SEVERITY

	Background documents Any previous reports or decisions linked to this item
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	Relevant web links Any links for background information which may be useful to understand the context of the report
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1 **FRADLEY AND STREETHAY**

1.1 Fradley and Streethay Parish comprises two wards centred on the key settlements of Fradley and Streethay. There are a total of 8 Councillors (3 representing Streethay, 5 representing Fradley).

Consultation response

1.1 A number of submissions were received in favour splitting Fradley and Streethay Parish to create two distinct parishes one centred on Fradley, the other on Streethay. An alternative suggestion was to include Streethay as a Ward of Lichfield City Council. No submissions were received in favour of the status quo.

1.2 The Parish Council is supportive of creating two distinct parishes.

Overview

1.3 Fradley and Streethay are geographically separate settlements with their own distinct identities.

1.4 Both settlements have experienced significant growth to date and will continue to experience growth in the future. The population (aged 19+) is forecast to increase from 4,455 in 2022 to 6,932 in 2026.

1.5 The proposal to split the parish to create parishes centred on the two key settlements is consistent objective of promoting of community cohesion and would be reflective of the individual identities and interests of the two communities. Critically the proposal appears to enjoy local support.

1.6 Recent and continuing growth mean the population can support individual parish councils, satisfying the criteria of effective and convenient governance.

1.7 The Parish Council has proposed that the new Parish of Fradley comprise 10 Councillors and Streethay comprise 5. To achieve roughly similar levels of representation the recommendation proposes 9 councillors for Fradley and 5 for Streethay. Details are available at Appendix B.

1.8 Including Streethay as a ward of Lichfield City Council was considered as an option, however the existing Parish Council favours separate parishes for each settlement, and we are mindful that Lichfield City is already one of the biggest Parish Council's in the country (exceeding National Association of Local Council's suggested maximum of 25 Councillors).

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Fradley and Streethay Parish be split into:

(i) **Fradley Parish**

(ii) **Streethay Parish**

(2) That the following governance arrangements be put in place:

- A Fradley Parish Council comprising 9 Members (321 Electors per Councillor)
- A Streethay Parish Council to comprising 5 Members (335 electors per councillor)

LICHFIELD CITY

2.1 With a population of over 32,000 Lichfield City Council is one of the largest parish councils in England. The Council has 28 members elected to representing 9 Wards.

Consultation Response

2.2 Some responses express support for the status quo in Lichfield City while a number express concern about unequal councillor-to-resident ratio in some wards.

2.3 The City Council representation proposes that:

‘Garrick Road ward to be incorporated into Chadsmead, Burton Old Road ward into Stowe and Pentire Road ward into Boley Park, thereby creating coterminous parish and district boundaries and removing the significant confusion that exists currently.’

2.4 It also requests:

‘When assessing future options, LDC is asked to have regard to the current unequal allocation of councillors which results in a significant variation in the ratio of electors to councillors across Lichfield City Council wards.’

Overview

2.5 We consider it opportune to address two key issues raised in the consultation –

(i) The creation of coterminous parish and district boundaries satisfying the criteria of effective and convenient governance. The amalgamation of small single councillor wards into larger wards is not considered to have any detrimental impact on community identity or cohesion, indeed the larger wards would appear to represent more identifiable and coherent communities

(ii) The uneven distribution of Councillors ranging from 302 Councillors per Councillor to 1124 electors per Councillor.

2.6 To realise (i) above it is proposed that Garrick Road be merged with Chadsmead, Burton Old Road with Stowe and Pentire Road with Boley Park

2.7 To address (ii) above it is proposed the following the merger of Garrick Road with Chadsmead the representation of the new Chadsmead Ward should remain at 4 Councillors. This will mean electors per Councillor in Lichfield City will range from 782 to 1124. Details are available at Appendix C.

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) Garrick Road Ward to be incorporated into Chadsmead Ward.
Chadsmead Ward to comprise 4 Councillors (825 electors per Councillor)

(2) Burton Old Road Ward be incorporated into Stowe Ward.
Stowe Ward to comprise 5 Councillors (985 electors per Councillor)

(3) Pentire Road Ward be incorporated into Boley Park Ward.
Boley Park Ward to comprise 4 Councillors (849 electors per Councillor)

3. LONGDON PARISH

- 3.1 Longdon is situated midway between Lichfield and Rugeley. Key settlements include Longdon Green, Longdon (Brook End), Upper Longdon and Gentleshaw. The Council currently has 11 Members.

Consultation Response

- 3.2 The Parish Council has previously passed a resolution requesting that the District Council consider reducing the size of the Parish Council from 11 Members to 9 Members.
- 3.3 It is considered a smaller council is appropriate given the population of the parish and will (i) address difficulties experienced when filling vacancies and (ii) make it easier to achieve a quorum.

Overview

- 3.4 The Parish Council currently has 115.7 electors per councillor. The proposed reduction in Council size would result in 141 electors per councillor.

DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

That the size of Longdon Parish Council be reduced from 11 Councillors to 9 Councillors.

4. SHENSTONE PARISH

- 4.1 Shenstone is the largest parish council in Staffordshire, with 15 elected Councillors representing the 3 wards - Shenstone, Shenstone Woodend and Little Aston/Stonnall. The neighbouring villages of Little Hay and Fotherly come under Shenstone.

Consultation response

- 4.2 The majority of responses could be put into one of two groups – (i) responses in favour of the existing parish boundary and (ii) responses in favour of a new Parish of Stonnall and Lyn

- 4.3 In total, 7 written submissions were in favour of a separate parish of Stonnall and Lyn and 25 were against a split.

- 4.4 A petition for an independent Stonnall and Lyn parish council was also submitted with 67 signatories (1.1% of the existing electorate). The petition that was submitted read:

“Since its formation the area covered by Shenstone has grown massively and what were three small communities have now become far and away the largest Parish Council of the 25 in the district. Should the Lichfield District Council consultation agree to a new Stonnall and Lyn Parish Council it would probably be the 5th largest in the district. For some time, many residents have felt the time has come for Stonnall and Lynn to have its own parish council that can be more focused on the needs of our village. We are a very special community with a Church, two Village Halls, a playing field, shops, a pub, three restaurants, a school, an allotment, a website and a mass of Community groups that meet regularly including a Roads group that works to improve traffic safety, also our own Lynn and Stonnall village plan.”

- 4.5 Meanwhile the Parish Council has submitted a response in favour of the existing parish boundary. In summary it maintains that:

(i) The communities within the parish face common issues including protection of the green belt, commuter traffic, affordable homes and the devolution of services from other tiers of local government.

(ii) The three largest communities have their own Neighbourhood Plan protecting the individual priorities of each community.

(iii) The Council actively seeks to represent all three villages on the Council.

(iv) The Council has secured additional resources to benefit all residents including CIL and Rural Community Energy Fund and these are distributed to all eligible villages even if only generated by one village.

(v) The Parish Council has been managed effectively and was able to set a zero Parish Precept increase in financial years 20/21 and 21/22.

(vi) The Council has actively supported the three communities in taking over assets and functions previously provided at the County Council level at risk of potential closure.

(vii) The Parish Council has held inclusive consultation events. The scale of Parish Council resources gives it ability to effectively secure appropriate investment and service solutions.

(viii) The Parish Council Community Grant allocations total circa £25k annually achieve an overall balance between all communities over time.

(ix) The Parish Council communicates regularly with all residents using Newsletter and social media and receives formal and informal feedback on key issues from all sections of each community.

(x) The Parish Council is the largest in the District Council area. This allows service efficiencies and delivery solutions which have positively increased the reputation and satisfaction with the Parish Council.

(xi) The only village with any significant growth is in Shenstone where the Local Plan has a growth designation of c.50 new homes. No change to Shenstone Parish Council is justified by population growth.

(xii) The boundaries of the Parish Council take in the geography south of Lichfield with strong delineation provided by the A5 to the north and the Birmingham City Council boundary to the south. The current boundaries enclose communities with similar challenges, needs and ambitions.

(The full response can be viewed at Appendix D)

Overview

- 4.6 There is obviously some debate within the community regarding the possible formation of a new Parish of Stonnall and Lyn.
- 4.7 There is an argument that Stonnall and Lyn form a clearly defined community, and as such could form their own Parish. On the other hand, the Parish Council points to similarities between the communities noting that they face many of the same issues. It considers the communities benefit by facing these issues together as a slightly larger entity.
- 4.8 Both of the main settlements are likely to be able to sustain a parish council given their current population. However the Parish Council submits that its current size enables it to represent residents more effectively and efficiently.
- 4.9 There is no 'one size fits all' solution. Once the test of effective governance is satisfied (i.e. a council is not too small or too large to be effective) it is for communities to consider the optimum size.
- 4.10 As noted above the majority of written responses (25) favour the status quo. The existing arrangements are also favoured by the Parish Council. Balanced against are 7 written responses and a 67 signature petition. The relative weighting of the responses is therefore an issue to be considered.
- 4.11 To recommend a change to existing arrangements we would look for a high level of community support and consensus. Members are requested to consider the consultation responses and the draft recommendation.

DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

That Shenstone Parish remains unchanged.

Appendix B – Fradley & Streethay

PRESENT

Polling Districts	Councillors	Electors - 2022	Electors per Councillor
Fradley & Streethay	8		571.13
AB		1984	
AC		909	
AD		1676	
	Total	4569	

PROPOSED

Polling Districts	Councillors	Electors	Electors per Councillor
Fradley	9		321.44
AB		1984	
AC		909	
	Total	2893	
Streethay	5		335.20
AD		1676	
	Total	1676	

APPENDIX C – Lichfield City Council

PRESENT

Ward (& polling Districts)	Councillors	Electors	Electors per Councillor
Boley Park	3		967
RA		1318	
RB		980	
RC		603	
		2901	
Burton Old Road	1		860
RD		860	
		860	
Chadsmead	4		749.5
RE		1,108	
RF		889	
RG		534	
RK		467	
		2,998	
Curborough	3		1113.67
RH		1426	
RJ		1915	
		3341	
Garrick	1		302
RG1		302	
		302	
Leamonsley	5		1124.2
RL		1203	
RM1		941	
RM2		1156	
RN1		1097	
RN2		1224	
		5621	
Pentire Road	1		497
RB1		497	
		497	
St John's	6		782.33
RP		1040	
RQ		2304	

RR		1350	
		4694	
Stowe	4		1016.75
RS		844	
RT		1156	
RU		214	
RW		414	
RX		1439	
		4067	

PROPOSED (Option 1 – Merging Wards and Retaining all Cllrs)

Ward (& polling Districts)	Councillors	Electors	Electors per Councillor
Boley Park (including Pentire Road)	4		849.50
RA		1318	
RB		980	
RC		603	
RB1		497	
		3398	
Chadsmead (including Garrick)	5		660
RE		1,108	
RF		889	
RG		534	
RK		467	
RG1		302	
		3,300	
Curborough	3		1113.67
RH		1426	
RJ		1915	
		3341	
Leamonsley	5		1124.2
RL		1203	
RM1		941	
RM2		1156	
RN1		1097	
RN2		1224	

		5621	
St John's	6		782.33
RP		1040	
RQ		2304	
RR		1350	
		4694	
Stowe (including Burton Old Road)	5		985.4
RS		844	
RT		1156	
RU		214	
RW		414	
RX		1439	
RD		860	
		4927	

PROPOSED (Option 2 – As above but Chadsmead Ward to remain at 4 Councillors following the merger with Garrick Ward)

Ward (& polling Districts)	Councillors	Electors	Electors per Councillor
Chadsmead	Chadsmead to remain at 4 rather than increasing to 5 following the addition of Garrick Ward		825 (with 5 councillors it would be 660)
RE		1,108	
RF		889	
RG		534	
RK		467	
RG1		302	
		3,300	

Reference	Parish	Issue	Comment	Other Issues
232194	All	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Many areas of the country have merged and district councils, removing a layer of bureaucracy and ambiguity regarding the responsibility for local services. I suggest that Lichfield District Council adopts the role for its constituent parish councils, and the parish councils be disbanded."	N/A
245730	Alrewas - Clerk has designated authority to represent parish council	The electoral arrangements for parishes (e.g. council size and parish warding)	"Alrewas is a nuclear village and an easily identified community. It is clearly contained geographically by main roads and the River Trent. The Parish Council covers Alrewas and the adjacent hamlet of Orgreave. The Parish Council believes that NO CHANGES are needed to its organisation, its geographical remit or to the number of Cllrs. While the number of residents is growing, the number is not so great that new Cllrs are needed."	N/A
237633	Armitage and Handsacre	The electoral arrangements for parishes (e.g. council size and parish warding)	"Armitage with Handsacre Parish is large enough with distinct areas to be warded to ensure correct representation. Especially due to Hawkseyard development of 555 dwellings, larger than Kings Bromley Parish. Consideration must also be taken into the development of Rugeley Power Station with over 2500 dwellings to be built over the next 10-15 years, with approximately 1500 within Armitage with Handsacre Parish."	N/A

232968	Burntwood	The electoral arrangements for parishes (e.g. council size and parish warding)	"Burntwood's population is too big for the services available. I, and many others, often have to travel for medical care or to shop for basic necessities. The area lacks curb appeal and the events are either cancelled or lack the finesse and effort that is so obvious in Lichfield and in Tamworth. It is a real shame as Burntwood has a lot to offer and deserves to be taken care of, rather than left behind, gradually becoming a suburban wasteland. Burntwood would benefit from a suitable task force and funding that gives the residents value for their tax money."	N/A
232224	Burntwood	The electoral arrangements for parishes (e.g. council size and parish warding)	"BTC not fit for purpose, delivers nothing of value, only interested in political point scoring, and should be disbanded or restructure, authority levels amended and potentially rolled into a district council."	N/A

233386

Burntwood
and
Hammerwich

"Burntwood, that is the area administered at the local level by Burntwood Town Council and Hammerwich Parish. Burntwood wards are an historic anomaly, having mining or, farming, or open land as their defining character. Hammerwich is an anomaly in that it was a defined agricultural parish. Since the housing developments in Chase Terrace and Chasetown in response to the slum clearance programme in Birmingham and further developments of mixed housing in both parishes housing now defines a cohesive continuous urban area, which could be viewed the new parish of, "Burntwood and Hammerwich," or even, Greater Burntwood. The generation that still regards itself as belonging to either Hammerwich, Burntwood, Chasetown, Chase Terrace and Boney Hay will no longer be with us by the time the next Review occurs. The area as a unit needs recognition of its newstatus. The respective sizes of the areas of this, "Burntwood," and Lichfield as rapidly approaching population parity. Now is the time to enable the younger generation the time necessary for it to develop its unique economic, cultural and social identity ready for the second half of the twenty first century."

N/A

242031	Clifton Campville with Thorpe Constantine Parish Council – Clerk Response	Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes	<p>"Thank you for inviting comments from Clifton Campville with Thorpe Constantine Parish Council. The Community Governance Review was considered by the Parish Council at its Meeting on 8th March 2022, and the Council resolved to submit the following response - Having reviewed the respective documents circulated for the Community Governance Review, including the Terms of Reference, and having regard for the Guidance on Community Governance Reviews published by the Local Government Boundary Commission, the Parish Council considers that the Boundaries of the Parish of Clifton Campville and the Parish of Thorpe Constantine should remain unchanged. The Parish of Clifton Campville coincides with the Manor of Clifton Campville subsequently, the Clifton Campville and Haunton Estate, that continued as a single entity for 900 years from "Pre-Conquest" until 1905. Although there are two distinct settlements at Clifton Campville and Haunton, they jointly retain a viable community cohesiveness. The Parish of Thorpe Constantine, embracing the additional spare settlements of Stratfold and Syerscote, seems an isolated enclave beyond Clifton Campville, but it is again cohesive. Its external boundaries are effectively defined by other Districts and Counties, as are Clifton Campville's eastern and northern boundaries.</p> <p>The "Grouping" of the two Parishes continues to be a logical and practical arrangement. It is considered that the respective Parish Councillor representation should remain unchanged.</p> <p>N.B. The Parish of Thorpe Constantine appears to have been omitted from "The Parishes Included in the Review" in the Community Governance Review Documents. It does not appear as a distinct Parish, nor is it shown as if Grouped with Clifton Campville Parish"</p>	"Boundaries of the parish of Clifton and Campville and the Parish Thorpe Constantine should remain unchanged"
253204	Colton	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"I don't see a need to alter anything"	N/

247059	Curborough & Elmhurstwith Farewell & Chorley	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"There is imminent major housing development in Curborough parish and this is to be followed, according to the LDC development plan to 2040, by an even greater residential development joining Curborough to the now existent development at Streethay. It would seem opportune and forward-thinking, therefore, to remove Curborough from its current grouping with Elmhurst, Farewell & Chorley and either add it to the parish of Streethay, or create a self-standing parish council for the new Curborough."	N/A
257039	Drayton Bassett	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"As a Council we do not wish to undergo any changes; we are happy with the size of area, number of wards and the number of parishioners we represent. Due to our geographic location we would not wish to join with other parishes."	N/A
248695	Edingale	Other types of local arrangements, including parish meetings	"The parish council consists of people all of a very similar age and social background. It would be more truly representative of the village if the members of the council were from a broader range of backgrounds. The meetings are very predictable in their outcomes, the issues raised and discussed are quite limited in their range and I think that a more diverse group of councillors would perhaps be more interested in issues that affect the community more widely. It would be good for the village to have a parish council where some of the members could bring a wider range of experiences to the discussions and who might have a different perspective on life in the village - for example for those who need to use public transport, who perhaps live in social housing or the younger people of the community"	N/A

244093	Elford	The electoral arrangements for parishes (e.g. council size and parish warding)	"Elford Parish Council is content with the status quo and agrees to retain the current arrangements for there to be 7 Councillors and only one ward in the parish."	
Postal Submission - Received 29/04	Fazeley	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"What happens to the money the council get from our council tax. Why are you not allowed to talk in a meeting then get asked to leave when they start talking about money. Fazeley council should be Fazeley or Mile Oak people only, not someone from Tamworth Drayton or two gates. These people also have jobs on other councils."	"I think fazeley council should be abolished - no one tells you about the meetings so why should there be a council"
Postal Submission - Received 29/04	Fazeley	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes, The electoral arrangements for parishes (e.g. council size and parish warding), other types of local arrangements,	"More response from council on community issues"	"Acting on problems of pollution in Parish"
255264	Fazeley	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"I believe Fazeley TC should be abolished as an entity and merged with Tamworth, as an example. This council has been totally ineffective for many years - illustrated by the local Residents' Association's D.I.Y. job on improving traffic problems in Victoria Drive, Albert Road and Mill Lane, Fazeley. I believe Fazeley TC has had no effect whatsoever on community cohesion."	N/A

259706	Fazeley	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	<p>"Little sign of usefulness of Fazeley Town Council to residents apart from the improvements to the actual town hall and its immediate surroundings. Further improvements are due with a new floor for the town hall. What else is scheduled for the benefit of actual residents rather than the councillors? A regular update to the council's website would be useful and welcome and wouldn't cost £6000. The salaries and expenses of the council are a major part of its income. If the council were abolished and Lichfield took over, I would imagine the majority of work done could be adsorbed by Lichfield with a considerable saving of costs. If abolishing is not attainable, I would suggest reducing number of councillors. I would suggest reducing the number of members of the council without impacting on the work it does and could save some additional expenses on the parish. We have 11 councillors (only five of whom live in the parish and would have first hand knowledge of local requirements) Of these 11, one could only manage to attend two meetings out of the websites published minutes between Jan 2020 and March 2021. Latest published on website. Two councillors managed three meetings and one managed four. The work was undertaken by a core of seven councillors which seems adequate for this parish. All info is from old website which urgently needs updating."</p>	"Council Size"
Postal	Fazeley	None ticked	"Pollution - yellow dust over car and windowsills"	N/A

Postal Submission - Received 29/04	Fazeley - Fazeley Residents Association	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	<p>“There is General dissatisfaction in community for the working of Fazeley Town Council and its efficiency and effectiveness. Minutes of their meeting were not current before Covid often long gaps before being on their website. A long-standing issue. Viewed as a local/secret self-focused club for members who have little interest in the community locally. ‘What do they do is often a comment’ FTC gained approval in 2018 to develop a neighbourhood plan and 4 years later still waiting. Local respected businesses people and retired Local Government Manager were approached by the Clerk to participate and then nothing happened, and they heard nothing. Such disregard for community members.</p> <p>Not in keeping with current thinking on community involvement. Mill Lane Link, a community resource was closed without community consultation in 2018 a loss to the community. A District Councillor said that the Community Manager at LDC was a “bully” and tried to mislead the Resident Association members who had asked for an explanation by saying that the working papers were subject to confidentiality. It was investigated and found that this was not so and the FTC had not responded to LDC and would benefit from transferring the polling station funding for the Town Hall. It was closed for £1000 a year. A Resident’s Association worker was then also labelled as a bully in raising this matter. The legal officer at Lichfield was surprised that a District Councillor should that the details of that matter were not in the public domain. It was too late to change the decision and remains an issue for long term residents of the community who valued the resource and regretted its loss. Our community was an unsafe car parking location for all sorts of vehicles some left for days, blocking drives parking on pavements. A local councillor indicated that they had been trying to get something done for 18 years and could not get anything done. The Resident’s Association decided to take action themselves and secured grants and the support of our County Councillor and effective working with County officers and that work from start to finish in 16 months. We are aware that this did not go down well with FTC. Similarly, when the Town council was approached to meet the Defra investigating officer from London and several businesses locally relating to the consequences of developments at Drayton Manor Business Park at the Marina no one came or gave apologies. Although the Clerk had warned that the particular councillor did not always keep in touch. A request for a meet up relating to pollution was similarly disregarded viewed on Utube most arrogantly. The Resident’s Association now simply gets on with the matters that need to be addressed in our community. There are concerns about financial management that appear not to be transparent and the use of the precept. It would seem that a lot of money is spent on the building and concerns that the car park is reserved only for use by users of the hall when it could ease parking in the village itself and perhaps gain some income. As we operate a Wellbeing Project locally, we do understand that payments for School Crossing have been late and seems to have stopped. No promotion of pride in the locality presentation or the addressing of bus transport and costs to Lichfield and Tamworth before lockdown. The distance from Lichfield which the community considers is neglected by Lichfield District Council and considered that the Town Council should be abolished and incorporated into Tamworth.”</p>	"a merger with Tamorth and on the abolishing of this town council"
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233407	Fradley and Streethay	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Fradley was once a small village. It is now one of four strategic housing development zones in the District and as such has lost its identity as a village. I am concerned that the village boundary will be changed to allow for more housing, particularly on land known as The Sale, which lies between the old village and Ograve. There is no need to build more houses in Fradley. LDC's housing numbers are adequate for their housing needs and there is no need to extend the parish boundary across open farmland simply to build more houses."	N/A
231943	Fradley and Streethay	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"I think with the size (recent Roman Heights housing development) of Streethay we need our own Parish Council, to include our own budget and decision making, it's own Chair and Councillors. The current shared ownership does not favour Streethay, indeed I feel we get less benefits than our neighbour, Fradley. A dedicated team to pursue what is best for our residents is paramount. The meetings can be held in Streethay giving the opportunity for locals to attend, as opposed to Fradley, currently. We also need to serve the local Streethay residents better in the way we make informed decisions, how we involve them and making them aware of the current/future agenda(s)."	N/A

231983	Fradley and Streethay	Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes	"Fradley should be it's own independent parish, separate to Streethay. It has grown, and continues to grow rapidly, and with its population size (which now exceeds Alrewas, which has its own parish) justifying it being de-grouped from Streethay. This would allow a focus on Fradley's unique issues and opportunities, which in many cases are distinct to Streethay. It would also allow for better local governance and accountability. Fradley is becoming a very large village/small town and should be targeted for additional infrastructure and funding where necessary. Fradley would be better represented if it had its own parish council concentrating on maximising the opportunity from its exponential growth. Streethay could be added to Lichfield City, as it contiguous with Lichfield and not Fradley."	N/A
233283	Fradley and Streethay	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Streethay and Fradley are geographically separate and it makes no sense to have them as a joined parish council. Vast house building in these areas make the need for a joint parish council redundant. It would be better to scrap parish councils to provide better value for money to taxpayers and introduce an Area Committee/Area Manager system as per Walsall Council. It would be even better if Lichfield were to become a unitary council, perhaps by merging with Tamworth and or Cannock and abolishing Staffordshire County Council. This has happened in Northamptonshire. At the moment we have lots of councillors, lots of potholes and lots of people blaming everyone else. The three tier system is poor value for money and has poor outcomes for residents."	"Lichfield should move to become a unitary council and end the threetier system in Staffordshire."

247037	Fradley and Streethay	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Parish Councils are too small to effectively operate but Lichfield District appears too remote. I do not know who my local councillor is without looking on the LDC website. LDC councillors only appear to be more prominent around election time so if the Parish Council was to be abolished, the representative councillor would have to be more prominent within the area"	N/A
247115	Fradley and Streethay	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"I understand that Fradley is one of four development zones and that house building continues at a pace in the village. A recent very reasonable request to build a house was refused because the location, Cow Hill Lane, was outside the village boundary. I and my neighbours are concerned that the village boundary will be extended simply to accommodate the needs of developers, who want to build yet more homes in our village. This must not be allowed. Please ensure that Fradley keeps its village identity and does not turn into a massive housing estate that is starved of the facilities it needs to be sustainable in planning terms."	N/A

254608	Fradley and Streethay	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Fradley has many issues that need to be addressed in the parish council meetings (I am currently a parish councillor representing Streethay on the Fradley and Streethay parish council) so Fradley really needs to be a parish on its own. It is certainly big enough. Streethay is geographically quite separate from Fradley. There are some geographical barriers between Fradley and Streethay: the A38 which is horrendously busy and the HS2 will add to the sense of separation between the two. The periodic closures of the A38 and slip roads add to the sense of separation. Streethay residents tend to look to Lichfield for many goods and services: shopping, doctors, recycling etc etc so it is much more natural for Streethay to be separated from Fradley and for it to become part of the Lichfield DC"	N/A
255160	Fradley and Streethay	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"My proposal would be that Streethay becomes its own parish. Streethay is a growing area that needs its own voice to deal with the amount of development that has happened in the area and then to ensure that its natural development is relevant to Streethay rather than being part of Fradley or Lichfield"	N/A
255162	Fradley and Streethay	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Streethay and Fradley Parish council is an outdated model. Fradley is becoming a large settlement and needs a parish council of its own taking this into consideration. Streethay should have a seat on Lichfield City Council with the City Council boundaries being extended to encompass Streethay."	N/A
255297	Fradley and Streethay	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"I think Streethay should merge with Lichfield as this makes the most logistical sense"	N/A

255346	Fradley and Streethay	Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes	"Streethay should be a separate parish or part of Lichfield. Currently Fradley is the main focus of the existing parish and Fradley is big enough to be a separate parish"	N/A
255503	Fradley and Streethay	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Given that Fradley is so big it really needs its own parish but I don't agree streethay should be listed under LDC as it's its own community and needs a town parish council"	N/A
256925	Fradley and Streethay	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Streethay has grown and continues to grow and should be a parish in its own right"	N/A
259755	Fradley and Streethay	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Fradley to become its own parish without Streethay"	N/A
260408	Fradley and Streethay	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Fradley is now large enough to be its own Parish, similar to Alrewas. Streethay could be an independent Parish with a small precept or be part of Lichfield City Council with a larger precept"	N/A
260807	Fradley and Streethay	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"I feel that Streethay should form its own parish council, based on the fact that its population has expanded massively with the new housing, plus is set to expand further with more housing allocations. Its needs are also distinct from those of Fradley, which again should be its own parish for the same reasons as Streethay."	N/A

258865	Fradley and Streethay - Parish Clerk	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	<p>"Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>Fradley and Streethay Parish Council would like to comment on theCommunity Governance Review as follows:</p> <p>creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes.</p> <p>Fradley and Streethay Parish Council feels that Fradley and Streethay should be split into two separate parishes with their own Parish Councils. This is supported by the fact that there is a natural split between the two parishes with the A38 and the construction of HS2. Both parishes are also developing quite rapidly.</p> <p>Naming of parishes and determining the style of new parishes The separate Parish Councils we think should be named as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fradley Parish Council - Streethay Parish Council <p>electoral arrangements for parishes e.g. the year of election, council size (the number of councillors) and parish warding.</p> <p>If the split is considered, Fradley Parish Council would like to increase their Councillors to 10 Councillors from the current 8 Councillors, andwe think that a new Streethay Parish Council should have 5 Parish Councillors.</p> <p>Yours sincerely CM Orme Mrs Clare Orme – Clerk/RFO to Fradley and Streethay Parish Council"</p>	"The naming of parishes, the electoral arrangements, the council size."
235737	Hammerwich	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"I cannot see any reason for merging Hammerwich Parish with any other parishes."	N/A

236309	Hammerwich	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"the parish of Hammerwich (which borders Burntwood) is semi rural and belongs to Staffordshire. I would not wish this to become part of, for example, Brownhills, which would then bring us into the West Midlands conurbation. I do not wish to lose our green spaces, such as the Triangle field in which i and many others enjoy walking our dogs. Recreation is very important to us and to be swallowed up by other larger parishes would be detrimental to our way of life I think. I am very happy with the way that Burntwood council, and Hammerwich council, are aware of the issues that we raise, especially the keeping of our green belt"	N/A
257942	Hammerwich	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Hammerwich is a great place to live. It is safe, clean and has a good sense of community. If we are merged into a larger Parish or District, I feel we have everything to lose, and nothing to gain, except an increase in our council tax."	N/A
257968	Hammerwich	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Please leave Hammerwich as a separate parish with its own council. The interests of Hammerwich and its residents will be best served in this way as Hammerwich councillors know their parish"	N/A
258219	Hammerwich	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Overall Hammerwich is a nice place to live. Generally, it is safe, clean and there is a good sense of community. If we are merged into a larger Parish or District, then I feel we can only lose out and will have nothing explicit nothing to gain. Clearly we would lose out and have to pay more in our council tax."	N/A

260275	Hammerwich	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Why change something that is very good into an extra-large community"	"I moved to hammerwich in 2018 because it is a very good village. by changing boundaries etc will change what the village is about, whychange something thatis very good"
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257980	Hammerwich - Parish Clerk	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	<p>"Boundary review 2022 Hammerwich Parish do not request any boundary changes under this review. Hammerwich Local Plan After a great deal of research, and consultation with parishioners and relevant departments at Lichfield District Council, our Local Plan went to a referendum in December 2021. Plan was made available to all our 3,412 residents, (from 1406 households). No responses were made asking changes to our boundaries to be considered. In a referendum more than eighty percent of voters supported the plan. Green Spaces in Hammerwich We provide and manage green spaces in Oakwood Park, The Triangle and Jubilee Park on Hospital Road. All three are in or adjoining the Triangle Ward, but serve the whole parish Hammerwich and Burntwood all residents who wish to make use of the facilities. Jubilee Park is the home of Burntwood Dragons, and there is also a popular play area provided in the park. Open Countryside Our network of footpaths is a gateway for Burntwood residents to enjoy our protected countryside. The network is very popular with ramblers and dog walkers from Hammerwich and Burntwood and other neighbouring parishes. Greenbelt Our parish is virtually surrounded by Greenbelt. In the past, developers have made strong representations to build on Greenbelt land, mostly bordering the Triangle ward. With the full support of the council, a 'Save our Greenbelt' action group was set up, which fought hard to protect all our Greenbelt. It played a large part in successfully safeguarding the Greenbelt until 2040, as published in our Local Plan. Parsh Council Management. We consider our council operates very efficiently. We hold meetings every month which are well attended, and chaired by the very experienced Vance Wasdell. We work very closely with Lichfield District Council and Staffordshire County Council representing all our parishioners and groups. We have an excellent Parish Clerk, Ellen Bird, who works for us on a part time basis. She is very well versed in local government procedures and the protocols involved. She produces all our meeting agendas and minutes, which she publishes on our website, along with pertinent news and announcements. She also takes responsibility for our fiscal disciplines, and compiles our audited accounts on time, every time. Zoom meetings during Covid lockdown ensured our meetings continued throughout the pandemic. Community support We support many community groups, (with guidance and grants), which serve both Hammerwich and Burntwood residents. These include Hammerwich Cricket Club, Burntwood Dragons (on our Jubilee Park sports ground), with the Triangle being very popular, particularly with local dog owners. Other local groups including. Hammerwich Garden Guild, Women's Institute, War Games Group, Cricket Club, Burntwood Dragons etc. are actively encouraged and supported. We work very closely with Staffordshire County Council in maintaining our lanes drains and hedgerows etc. We look forward to the Platinum Jubilee and have a steering group co-ordinating groups in the parish, and with Burntwood Town Council sharing facilities and timing of events. We have made provision in our budgets to support events. Population and Parish Income. Our population is approximately 3,412 residents, from 1406 households, the largest ward being the Triangle ward, which accounts for well over half of households. Our income comes directly from our</p>	N/A
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precept. Any change to our boundary could be catastrophic for us. Our precept is the lowest in the area. Conclusion We are a very well-run parish which is appreciated by parishioners. We have no intentions to expand or merge our boundaries, or surrender wards to neighbouring parishes or councils. We are also happy with the name Hammerwich Parish Council."

259889	Hammerwich with Wall	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"As a District Cllr for Hammerwich with Wall I fully support Hammerwich Parish Council in their response to the CGR."	N/A
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Email Response	Hammerwich, Hints and Canwell, Shenstone, Wall, Weeford - County Councillor Lichfield - Lichfield Rural South	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	<p>"As a consultee on the governance review, I have discussed any possible change on each of the five Parish Councils in my division and offer them to Lichfield District Council for consideration.</p> <p>1) Hammerwich This is a Parish of two halves consisting of Hammerwich Village and Triangle Ward there is an argument that the latter is as much part of Burntwood as Hammerwich but the traditional links pull very strongly against this sadly neither area is well blessed with facilities although there is a village hall, a WI hall, a church and a licensed club. Also, Oakwood Park with recreation facilities and a football pitch the village is also home to the popular Hammerwich Cricket Club, also it has a large primary school that also serves Burntwood. There is a strong community spirit with a number of organisations that regularly meet and the Parish Council has a close affinity to the residents. The Parish Council have just completed a village plan which received considerable support from both the village and triangle ward and this has the effect of binding the community together. On the basis of my experience, I would not recommend any change. And I fully support the Hammerwich Parish submission to Lichfield District Council</p> <p>2) Hints with Canwell It's always difficult with small communities like Hints and Canwell to bring them together to be of a viable size and there are inevitably strains but on balance the Parish Council works well. Hints has many active organisations and despite the village's limited facilities works well. It has a Church and an active Village Hall but has suffered badly from the development of HS2 which rips through the heart of the community. It has also suffered from many properties being purchased by HS2 some of which have either been left empty or let on short leases which does not help community spirit but sadly it lacks any facilities. Canwell is somewhat different with no natural centre, it has the Quinney Hall that provides some focus and a degree of affinity with the Canwell Estate Company and apart from the problems with Covid stages a superb agricultural show. It also has a Church. On balance I can't see any alterations that would benefit this community.</p> <p>3) Shenstone This presents the greatest difficulty Shenstone Parish Council has grown to become by far the largest in the district encompassing three large communities each of which could support its own Parish Council and have little in common. Sadly it has grown to a point that it is neither a Parish Council or a larger Council and tries to play above its weight to the expense of the individual villages. For as long as I have been a resident in the Parish area (50 years) there has been a feeling that particularly Stonnall would be better served with its own Parish Council. Stonnall and Lynn have two Community Halls, a larger one that houses major events and the Community Centre that caters for most of the village organisations, both are well attended and the latter has just completed its transfer to a new Community Charity. It is proposed to replace this building with a new Community Centre over the next five years. There is also a well-used Playing field with a football pitch, children's play area and an enclosed skateboard area, it also has a well-supported primary school. I have consulted with representatives of most of the many organisations that meet in the village and the unanimous view supports this. Representatives of most of the Village</p>	N/A
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activities have signed a petition to this effect, this has not been done on a door-to-door basis but gives a clear view of the village feeling. I assume that LDC as part of the second stage consultation will undertake this. The Village supports a small range of shops including two ladies' hairdressing salons, two general stores a tattoo parlour, a kitchen shop, three Indian restaurants two pubs and a petrol station. So as a community it is very well self-contained. The village also produced its own local plan The population is approximately 1,546 so can adequately support its own Parish Council.

Little Aston is a different conundrum with an estimated population of 2,920 consisting of a very large private estate of gated properties as are many of the other homes across the area. It has two shopping centres one at Streetly Village and one at Blake Street junction. Little Aston suffers from a long border with Birmingham. There is a Village Hall that is well used a Primary school, a private hospital, a Church within the private estate and a station but it lacks a natural centre. There is a park with a children's playground and this is run by a community group and holds a major summer event. Little Aston suffers from a major flow of traffic travelling from Birmingham to Walsall and beyond. Because of its nature Little Aston does not benefit greatly from the Parish Council and largely subsidises Shenstone. My feeling is that this needs to be addressed in the review.

Shenstone The village is well provided with shops pubs and community facilities together with a business park and a large garden centre, Like the rest of the council area it suffers from major rat running and also heavy vehicles travelling to the business park that unfortunately includes a transport hub. It has a large well used village hall plus a small brick-built hall that is in need of major repairs, it also has a Church Hall a Methodist Hall and a licensed Club. It also benefits from a well-used community library that also has a small tea room. In addition to the Church there is a historic tower that is in the process of restoration. My understanding looking at the level of grant payments made Shenstone benefits considerably from the precept paid by Little Aston which is the largest contributor but over the last three years has only benefitted by 16%.

Consultation I have not been consulted by Shenstone Parish Council on the LDC review and I do not believe they have carried out a community consultation so the views I have expressed are from community discussions I have had with key representatives and are not a comprehensive Council wide study, I believe that they are representative of concerns and have resulted in a community led petition, should LDC decide that there is not a case for new Parishes there is an argument for a review of the way the Parish works.

4) Wall

The village is very small and provides a centre for a group of hamlets that bring it to a reasonable size it has a village hall that is home to a number of activities together with a Church, popular/pub restaurant and a well-attended Roman site, it could be argued that it could be merged with an adjoining parish but by its nature I don't think this would provide a benefit to the diverse community. The Parish Council works well and I support their wish to remain unchanged.

5) Weeford This is a problem as it is so small with just over 150 residents that on several fronts it is barely viable. The Clerk tells me that the village hall is let long term for a rental equivalent to his salary so there is little left from the

precept that benefits the community. It also has a Church that is struggling to survive but it does have a thriving restaurant. The only change I would suggest could be considered is looking at Little Hay, for some reason the last district boundary review moved Shenstone Wood End into Bourne Vale Ward which looks odd with half of Little Hay sitting in Weeford and the other half in Shenstone. I would not suggest that Shenstone Wood End moved but clearly Little Hay is in the wrong place and a re-adjustment would ease the Weeford problem "

260255	Harlaston - Parish Clerk	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Harlaston Parish Council feels that the existing arrangements in terms of the number, size and organisation of parish councils works well. Harlaston Parish Council represents a small, but distinctive community within the district. Merging Harlaston with other neighbouring parish councils would serve to undermine the unique voice that it is currently able to have in representing local people."	N/A
249751	Hints and Canwell	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Local Parish Councils are essential for local freedom and pride in the area, cleanliness, etc.. Once a Local Parish is merged (and, therefore LOST) within a larger council the local pride is diminished in the smaller area. there are less community people giving up their free time, supporting their community."	N/A

255758	Hints and Canwell (Organisation: Smith Brothers Farm)	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Split Hints from Canwell and have 2 separate Parish Councils"	"Rather than amalgamating Parishes Hints should be split from Canwell. The needs and care of the community would be better served by 2 Parish Councils . The construction of the HS2 will make it more difficult for the Community interests to be considered by 1 forum"
233451	Kings Bromley	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Individual parish councils have few effective powers relating to traffic, policing and social behaviour. Some matter can and should be managed by a specific parish council but when the same issue affects adjoining parishes, the response should be combined. This will allow "a bigger voice" to be raised at County level."	N/A

242080	Kings Bromley	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	<p>"COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW Key Points - 'If it ain't broke, why fix it?' The present Parish Council that serves the KB community believes that it is both efficient and effective in what it does. This does not mean that there is no need or room for improvement but it does mean that to be the successful mechanism for local influence that it represents by providing the parish with a voice in the face of significant challenges its area of responsibility should remain singularly local as defined by current boundaries and not shared with other parishes who may have differing agenda. We can, and do, work with others when mutually beneficial but sharing territorial definition does not necessarily create or define common purpose. 'Local' should mean 'local'. - Kings Bromley is a well-defined village with clear, established boundaries. It is not closely aligned with neighbouring towns or villages. It would be an artificial and unnecessary action to join us with any other parishes. On Lichfield District Council, we are in the same Ward as Armitage/Handsacre and the Ridwares. villages with which we have little to connect with but understand the requirement of LDC to have wards of about the same size. This need is not sufficient for damaging the uniqueness of vision of purpose possessed by each community. As a parish council, and through our local neighbourhood plan, we are determined to create an even stronger sense of community as we demonstrated during the Covid crisis. - We have a number of issues that are specific to Kings Bromley, especially HS2, which sees us as a parish coping with the arrival of two waves of construction that will last throughout the next decade. We believe we are almost unique in having to deal with this and consequently it would seem inappropriate to imagine that we might be supported by working in partnership with parishes that do not face the extent of issues we do. Similarly traffic usage in the village at particular times (such as when diversions operate,) make our needs and resolutions unique to us. - The Lichfield District Plan to 2040 does not propose any significant housing development in the village, resulting in the village remaining at round about its existing size and within its present boundaries. - Kings Bromley has a very active Parish Council. It encourages and supports many active clubs and organisations centred on the Village Hall and Cricket Club. It has an Annual Show attended by people from all over the District, annual Open Gardens week-end and has won the 'Best Kept Village' competition for 6 of the last 7 years. Over the past few years, it has re-furbished the Village Hall, fought hard and achieved restrictions on HGV's coming through the Village, has regular litter picks and is establishing wild-flower gardens and community orchards and open spaces in the Village. Like most effective villages, it has an active Village Hall, locally owned pub, Church and Co-op store. Having its own Parish Council is essential to maintain its community identity - We are not clear as to what advantages any review and changes might bring. When propositions are brought forward then we will comment again and, if necessary vigorously oppose ideas that might damage our work as well as welcome ideas that supports the effective work of successful council's like our own. Recommendations Kings Bromley should retain its own Parish Council with 7 members and elections every 4 years. Local democracy is not just about talking but is tested by actions and outcomes. Kings Bromley PC members, supported by its Clerk and local handyman, voluntarily do things for the community by leading from the front in a hands-on way and encouraging and supporting other village organisations. Further improvement might result</p>	N/A
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by increasing powers or funding of parish councils especially if this means taking on some of the roles performed by the District and County Council. Overall, you do not encourage public engagement by removing opportunities to participate – you engage them if they think they can be encouraged to make their communities better."

232402

Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes

"Please leave the boundary of Lichfield City unchanged"

Lichfield City

N/A

232534	Lichfield City	The electoral arrangements for parishes (e.g. council size and parish warding)	"At present, there are 3 very small wards which could be amalgamated to correspond with the District Wards, They are; Pentite Road which could be amalgamated into Boley Park Ward. Garrick Ward which has a very small electorate and could be amalgamated into Chadsmeade Ward and Trent Valley Ward which could be amalgamated into Stowe Ward. All three wards are very small and could easily be accommodated into the existing District Wards without detriment to the Parish Authority."	N/A
233379	Lichfield City	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Since coming to live in Lichfield over 10 years ago, I have never encountered a convincing reason why we have a Parish Council in addition to a District and a County Council. The existence here of a Parish Council is not justified. It makes for increased costs - an additional precept - and a confusion over powers and responsibilities. I appreciate that Lichfield is an ancient City with a heritage of Civic government but in the twenty-first century this can be safely entrusted to The District that carries the name. I do not think it justifiable to ask me and my fellow citizens to finance a superfluous level of local government, with its meetings and bureaucracy."	N/A
233335	Lichfield City	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"I feel that Lichfield City Council should be merged with Lichfield District Council. This would save duplication; confusion of which council is responsible for which service + costs. Can we justify or afford 3 layers of Local Government within Staffordshire? I also feel the Parish Councils should also be looked at."	N/A

248836	Lichfield City	The electoral arrangements for parishes (e.g. council size and parish warding)	"I am concerned about the unequal numbers of residents in parish Wards represented by Councillors. For example, over 1,000 residents per Councillor in Leomandsley and Curborough and around 750 residents per Councillor in Chadsmead. I would suggest ending the single Councillor Wards and adding a Councillor to Curborough or Leomandsley, although I also have concerns about the large number of Councillors in Leomandsley and St. John's Wards."	N/A
257454	Lichfield City	The electoral arrangements for parishes (e.g. council size and parish warding)	"I note that currently ward size and numbers of Councillors vary a great deal with some single Councillor wards and others like Leomansley with multiple Councillors. I would support the absorption of the three one seat wards into the appropriate larger wards. It would also be fairer to have more equal ratios of voters to Councillors across the parish. This could be done by redistribution of Councillors between wards. Ideally, however I would support dividing large wardslike Leomansley into two - perhaps by separating Darwin park and the areas around Beacon Street. I believe this would lead to closer interaction between voters and their representatives and acknowledge the distinctive character of new developments. There are similar issues in St John's."	N/A

242984	Lichfield City - Delegated authority has been given to him by LCC to respond in the name of the city council to the consultation	The electoral arrangements for parishes (e.g. council size and parish warding)	<p>"In regard to its own parish arrangements, the City Council wishes to confirm the view it has expressed over the past several years. The Council wishes Garrick Road ward to be incorporated into Chadsmead, Burton Old Road ward into Stowe and Pentire Road ward into Boley Park, thereby creating coterminous parish and district boundaries and removing the significant confusion that exists currently. In regard to areas not currently within the City Council's purview, and mindful of the ongoing Boundary Review being undertaken by Boundary Commission England, the City Council wishes to once again formalise its support for Streethay Ward becoming part of the Lichfield City Parish, but any decision to drive this proposal should be initially subject to the view of Streethay residents. When assessing future options, LDC is asked to have regard to the current unequal allocation of councillors which results in a significant variation in the ratio of electors to councillors across LCC wards. Finally, the City Council wishes me to confirm the Council's desire for the recommendations of the review to be implemented in time for the 2023 local elections."</p>	"Unequal allocation of councillors Timescale for implementation"
254841	Lichfield City - St Johns and others	The electoral arrangements for parishes (e.g. council size and parish warding)	<p>"I feel the council should look more closely at making the parish allocation more even so that the No of voters in each Parish is more evenly divided. This could be done better by combining the one- member wards and adjusting the No of councillor's in each ward to ensure a more even and fairer distribution."</p>	N/A

248044	Lichfield City (on behalf of Lichfield Branch Labour Party)	The electoral arrangements for parishes (e.g. council size and parish warding)	"The existence in the same circumscription of both 1-person-1 vote and 1-person-6 votes is evidently unacceptable, especially as the electoral system encourages block voting by party label. 2) The rapid development of new housing estates will inevitably necessitate new ward boundaries and any planned changes should reflect the future structure of the City"	"Democratic balance"
256752	Shenstone	Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes	"I do not wish for Stonnall to become an independent parish from Shenstone parish. I cannot see any benefit in this arrangement therefore would prefer Stonnall to remain part of Shenstone parish"	N/A
Email 20/04	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"I am writing as a resident of Stonnall, regarding the community Governance Review. I live at 25 Garnet Close, and have lived in the village for 24 years. I am utterly opposed to independence for Stonnall and Lynn and wish to remain a joint ward of Shenstone Parish Council. The current governance has worked perfectly well for decades, and I see absolutely no benefit whatsoever to Stonnall or Lynn from any separation from Shenstone, only negatives. Any change from the current governance has the potential to ; Limit the access of Stonnall and Lynn to future funding, Increase Council Tax in Stonnall and Lynn, Remove Stonnall and Lynn from the benefits of the Lengthsman Scheme, Reduce property prices in Stonnall and Lynn. Thank you for taking my view into account."	N/A
257576	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Independence for Stonnall What a ridiculous idea, Stonnall is not large enough to go independent. There is nothing wrong with Shenstone council they do a good job."	N/A

257977	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"I am concerned having spoken to various people in the village it seems that there may have been some coercion used regarding the signing of the petition. Also, the petition, which I was asked to sign in the Stonnall newsagent was headed Shenstone Parish Council, inferring it had been organised by the Parish Council, and I know this is not the case. I refused to sign the petition and I am against the split of Stonnall from Shenstone ParishCouncil."	N/A
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259378	Shenstone	Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes	"I am a Stonnall resident. The question posed for Stonnall is would it benefit from de grouping away from Shenstone and Little Aston. The District Council should now leaflet drop every Stonnall residence advising of the community governance review, give the community 6 weeks for all parties to give their views and then hold a secret ballot."	"Stonnall residents have been canvassed by an unnamed person to become an independent parish council. This petition incorrectly gives the impression as coming from Shenstone Parish Council and has been distributed at many community events. Furthermore on two community Facebook pages residents were further urged to sign the paper copy, again posted by an unnamed contributor. If this person declares Stonnall supports separating from Shenstone on the basis of this petition,
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259409	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	<p>"As residents of Stonnall for more than 50 years we have been and still are very satisfied with the way Shenstone Parish Council is run. Discovering that a petition (by an unnamed writer), and online Social Media campaign had been circulating regarding the Community Governance Review, we were glad to obtain information from Shenstone Parish Council making everyone aware of all the facts before making any personal decisions. The following came to light: Over the last five years SPC has spent an average of £25,759 per year in Stonnall. This amount covers LDC ground maintenance and cleaning contracts, Community Grants, refuse collection, insurance and rates for the two Community buildings. These costings did not include the shared services of the Clerk and Lengthsman PL insurance. Therefore, an Independent Stonnall would require to pay for the above plus the cost of its own Parish Clerk (£12,500-£14,00pa, in accordance with local authority pay-scales) Without the availability of the Lengthsman, Stonnall would need to buy in ad-hoc contractors to cover this work with a possible cost of £4,000p.a. An estimated cost of £5,000 would be required to cover other costs such as IT/Website, Internal and External Auditors etc. "Based on historical demands, Stonnall would need a minimum of £55,000 and the parish portion of the Council Tax would need to rise substantially to cover the costs" Considering all the above, it would seem to us to be highly impossible for an independent Stonnall to maintain the maintenance of the community buildings and also give support, via grant funding to various community groups, as SPC have for many years. We can be proud of Stonnall and therefore wish to remain a ward of Shenstone Parish Council. Yours sincerely Dorothy and Tony Horton All figures can be verified in SPC's audited accounts"</p>	N/A
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259804	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	<p>"I understand there is a petition circulating in Stonnall with regard to separating from Shenstone Parish Council to go alone. I have done my own research into the pros and cons of this and I do not want to separate from Shenstone. I believe there is a certain County Councillor who lives in Stonnall who has initiated this petition for his own agenda and is misleading residents which I believe is an abuse of his current position. I feel that Stonnall would have a lot to lose if we were to go alone and we are definitely stronger together with Shenstone and Little Aston. Shenstone Parish Council has done a lot for Stonnall over the years and we would not be able to achieve the same things if we were on our own."</p>	N/A
259853	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	<p>"There has been some suggestions and petitions going around Stonnall regarding it creating its own parish council away from Shenstone. The feedback that I have been getting is that the majority do not want this and wish to remain as part of Shenstone Parish Council."</p>	N/A

234118	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	<p>"I believe the time for Parish Councils have passed and they should be abolished in their entirety. The qualification for being a councillor is "having time to attend meetings"/resident but no skills or experience so the quality of councillors are poor. Councillors serve their own interests and funding etc finds its way into the same organisations every year. So many things that really concern residents, such as parking badly, speeding, shops, anti social behaviour, crime, planning aren't in the councils remit. At most parish councils can only advise.</p> <p>Their "duties" such as allocating contracts could all be done by LDC. Time for them to go. Shenstone would be a nicer more inclusive place without the parishcouncil"</p>	N/A
237618	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	<p>"I feel that Stonnall is a large enough village to be served by its own individualparish council, whilst it is grouped under Shenstone I feel sometimes we are overlooked as the parish office is in Shenstone. The parish clerk is fabulous!"</p>	N/A
237631	Shenstone	Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes	<p>"Shenstone should be its own and not have Stonnall and Little Aston as a joint one. As a Stonnall resident, I feel the current set up is weighed too heavily in favour of Shenstone and it's residents"</p>	N/A

237635	Shenstone	Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes	"It would be better if Stonnall was a separate parish council. When any issues arise in the village, we never seem to get them resolved and meetings which are promised to deal with them never materialise."	"I would like Stonnall to have its own separate parish council. This would still be the 5th largest parish council in Staffordshire. We feel that Stonnall is overshadowed by Shenstone and Little Aston when decisions are made."
237636	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"It would be better if Stonnall was a Parish Council in its own right as we are frequently overlooked by Shenstone Parish Council. Sometimes decisions can be made that are not best for Stonnall. A recent example is the mid-handling of the Youth and Community Hut which Shenstone P. C. tried to shut down. Fortunately, this was rescued after many months of trials and tribulations. Stonnall needs to be in charge of its own destiny."	N/A
237644	Shenstone	Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes	"I believe the current set up is heavily weighted in favour of Shenstone and its residents, grants and funding never seem to come our way. Speed of vehicles on Wallheath Lane is an issue and has been for a long time, Shenstone only area with speed camera (van)"	"I believe the current set up is heavily weighted in favour of Shenstone and its residents, grants and funding never seem to come"
237654	Shenstone	Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes	"Stonnall to have its own parish council"	"Living in Stonnall, having our parish merged with"

237655	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Would like to have more say on what and how resources are allocated to improve all aspects relating to our village [stonnall], with residents of the village making the decisions"	N/A
237746	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"I would support a Parish Council that is totally focused on the village of Stonnall. It appears at times that we are the 'forgotten village'. If we had our own Parish, I strongly believe many more issues that are relevant to Stonnall will be regarded more seriously"	N/A
246274	Shenstone	Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes	"It is important that the work of our Parish Council is local, and is seen to be local. Due to our rural position, if our Parish Council were any larger this work would seem remote; detached from the average parishioner and potentially lose support. Any smaller and we would not only see a reduction in available spend due to increased administration costs, but as there would naturally be fewer councillors, we would be in danger of creating personal fiefdoms and becoming parochial in outlook. In conclusion, I believe Shenstone Parish Council is a sensible combination of Shenstone, Stonnall and Little Aston wards, and from what I can see, is managed very effectively."	N/A
247597	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Parish Councils are just "echo chambers" of like minded people arranging for new curtains in favoured organisations and ignoring any issue that requires thought. Shenstone Parish Council supports 5 village halls in Shenstone alone. They are issued annual grants. Parish councillors stay in post for 40years plus"	"The lack of accountability of Parish Councils. The lack of standards in representation of residents views"

249195	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"I totally oppose Stonnall creating a separate parish council. We have always been part of Shenstone parish council and there would be no benefit to Stonnall to change this. I am in total opposition to this proposal"	N/A
249871	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"SPC at the moment covers several wards. If one ward broke away it would be to the detriment of that ward, and the remaining group. There are a healthy mix of parish cllrs, and if a smaller PC was formed this may not happen. A smaller PC could easily be taken over by a single-issue group, which again would be detrimental to the PC. over by a single- issue group, which which again would be detrimental to the PC."	N/A
251360	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"I wish for the parish of Shenstone, Stonnall & Little Aston to remain. We have a clear identity as a neighbouring group of villages and are able to communicate our requirements effectively and we see great collaboration. Shenstone is part of our village identity. We do not wish for our village to be separated - we all benefit from the positive association with Shenstone. We also actively promote our village and undersubscribed primary school to Lichfield as an option for their children to attend as we reside in the catchment for The Friary so children who go to our wonderful primary can continue their learning journey with their friends into the Lichfield secondary school"	N/A
251451	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"We do not want Stonnall to be its own parish, we feel that it is best served in its current form, that is, as part of Shenstone Parish Council"	N/A

251459	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	<p>"I have heard that a few residents in Stonnall wish for the ward to become independent from Shenstone Parish Council. I and many other residents are whole heartedly against this. Over the last 10 years Stonnall has benefitted from much expenditure from the precept, to make it a safer and pleasant environment to live. Grant funding has been available for various projects and the village has enjoyed the results of the lengersmans regular work. The Clerk and Councillors are always approachable and the community spirit is enhanced by being part of the large Shenstone Parish."</p>	N/A
253261	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	<p>"As Chairman of Shenstone Parish Council (SPC) I am aware of a petition in the village of Stonnall which was wrongly and deceptively headed as appearing to have come from Shenstone Parish Council and seeking support for the separation of Stonnall from SPC and become an independent Parish. (See attachment.) There seems to be a small amount of support but from reading the reasoning on the petition and the questions being asked but unanswered on local social media, there seems to be a lack of information and understanding of how much a Ward benefits from being part of a large Parish Council and of the implications and ramifications that would ensue to the detriment of the Stonnall community should that happen. Please take this submission as a vote to keep Stonnall as a Ward of SPC."</p>	N/A

253265	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"In response to the proposed Stonnall independence put forward by some residents, I would oppose this move. Evidence in the public domain such as minutes & newsletters give a clear representation that the Parish, including Stonnall, thrives as is. Indeed, it could be argued that Stonnall actually benefits more."	N/A
254098	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"The Shenstone Parish should stay as it is please, no break away parish."	N/A
254369	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"I am totally against the concept of an independent Stonnall and Lynn. I am very happy with the current situation and support the existing parish council structure."	N/A
254381	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"I fully support the current parish council structure and do not see any benefit from an independent Stonnall and Lynn. I am totally against any proposal to create an independent Stonnall and Lynn."	N/A
255060	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"I understand that there is a move to separate Stonnall and Lynn from Shenstone Parish council. as far as i can see ther will be no benefits to Stonnall to be separated from the larger Parish of Shenstone and therefore I would NOT support this move or suggestion."	N/A

255491	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"As Treasurer of Stonnall Village Hall and Chairman of Stonnall Playing Fields Association; these organisations have not been approached by the anonymous person who wishes make Stonnall an independent parish. I and my committee are vehemently opposed to any changes and want Stonnall to remain in Shenstone Parish Council. Talking to people in the village, it is obvious some have been coerced into signing a petition to take Stonnall out of the the SPC. Why would people support a cause when the supposed lead person will not put his name to the postings on Stonnall Matters or the petition!"	N/A
255555	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"I think Stonnall should stay part of the little Aston and Shenstone parish. Whybreak something that's working so well. The 3 names places are beautiful places to live and I believe its because of the good input off the group parishes."	"I think having access to a larger pot of funds is more benifit for Stonnall so leave things as they are please."
256509	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"I really don't think creating a separate parish council would be for the good of Stonnall, only for one councillor who would then ride roughshod over Stonnall residents wishes plus costs to residents would certainly increase"	N/A
256635	Shenstone	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"I am entirely against Stonnall splitting away and becoming self governing as I know for sure our rates would have to rise in order for us to maintain the same services that we have now. I think people backing the split have hidden agendas for wanting this and do not have residents interests at heart. I am a great believer in (if it's not broke don't fix it) and am more than happy with the way things are."	N/A

257745	Shenstone - On behalf of Parish Council	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	<p>"Shenstone Parish Council Response to the LDC 2022 Community Governance Review</p> <p>Shenstone Parish Council has agreed the statement of reasons below as the first consultation stage submission to Lichfield District Council. The Parish Council can see no substantive reason to adjust the existing Parish boundary which includes the villages of Shenstone, Stonnall and Little Aston and neighbouring hamlets. In making this submission the Parish Council has taken into consideration the four- community governance review key issues identified by the District Council.</p> <p>1. The identities and interests of the community in the area.</p> <p>(i) The communities within the Parish Council area face very common issues. Protection of the Green Belt in this particular part of the District and County; commuter traffic pressures and hazards; appropriate forms of new private ownership and affordable village homes; maintenance and provision of services devolved from the County and District. These pressures and demands have been faced and managed effectively by the Parish Council.</p> <p>(ii) The three largest communities in the Parish each have a live Neighbourhood Plan which has been assembled out of extensive consultation and protects the individual priorities of each community and each is constantly supported by the Parish Council. There is a Parish Council commitment that following the approval of the latest LDC Local Plan all three will be refreshed with their communities</p> <p>(iii) Shenstone Parish Council has a strong record of actively pursuing appropriate membership from all three village communities to transparently maintain representation balance.</p>	N/A
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258878	Wall - Parish Clerk	The electoral arrangements for parishes (e.g. council size and parish warding)	<p>"Community Governance Review Response</p> <p>Wall Parish Council discussed the Community Governance Review and its meeting on 15th March 2022 and resolved that it does not seek any changes to the current governance arrangements. A public forum was held at the meeting, and no alternative views were expressed. The current parish boundary has remained unchanged for over 40 years and so is a well established and recognisable boundary. The entire parish is within confirmed Green Belt, with almost no new development having taken place in that period, and no proposals for any forthcoming development in the District Council's Local Plan. As such, there are no development changes which would prompt a review of the parish boundary. The population of the parish is about 450, so there is no requirement for parish warding. The largest settlement is Wall village, which is surrounded by four much smaller hamlets of Chesterfield, Hilton, Muckley Corner and Pipehill, which look to Wall as the focus of the parish. Although the population of Wall makes it one of the smaller parishes in the District it has its own clear identity and a strong and active local community, centred on the thriving village hall and parish church. The Roman remains at Wall are a key visitor attraction, supported by a willing band of local volunteers. Community cohesion is also demonstrated by the forthcoming street party for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and the annual entry in the Staffordshire Best Kept Village competition. The council has seven members, which provides a firm basis for representing the views of residents, compatible with the population size. For at least the past 20 years the parish council has had a full complement of councillors with no unfilled vacancies, and there was a contested election to the most recent full council elections in May 2019. The parish council is active in promoting local facilities such as bus shelters (a new shelter will be erected in April), signposted walking routes in the parish, and a 'library' in a former phone box. Through an arrangement with Staffordshire County Council it undertakes highway verge cutting to provide a higher standard than would otherwise be obtained. In addition, it undertakes various maintenance and environmental work around the parish through the direct involvement of councillors, residents, and the council's lengthsman. The council submits comments on all planning applications in the parish and has recently been very active in supporting the concerns of Hilton residents about a large potato-grading development. There is a parish council website where agendas and minutes of meetings are available, together with financial information such as budgets and full details of council income and expenditure. Each council meeting has a public forum to enable residents to raise any concerns on local matters with councillors. The parish council therefore provides active and accountable local democracy for the parish and there is no reason to change these arrangements. The Council would ask that these views are taken into consideration in the forthcoming Community Governance Review and would be happy to provide any further information requested"</p>	N/A
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252468	Weeford	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"Members of the Parish Council would like to keep the status quo and allow the Parish to continue. It is appreciated that the Parish has a small number of electors but covers a large area. Weeford would not benefit from a merger with an adjacent Parish"	N/A
253053	Whittington and Fisherwick, Parish Clerk	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	"The Parish Council and its Councillors have discussed the Community Governance Review. It is considered that as we have a full complement of 15 Councillors, and have had so for some time, there will be no benefit in changing the current arrangements. There is a strong local community identity with the Parish Council and there is a lot of local participation in community events."	N/A

258930	Wigginton and Hopwas - Parish Clerk	Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes	<p>"The Parish Council recognises that the size of the Parish itself will increase significantly due to the Arkall Farm Development however also feel that even with the expanding population neither Wigginton or Hopwas are large enough to support a Parish Council in their own right. It has been difficult in the past decade or so to ensure all 7 seats on the are filled. Since employing a new clerk in November 2019, the Parish Council have introduced a Parish Council Action Plan and have reviewed all policies and procedures and have been working hard to increase community engagement across the Parish. We currently have 6 Councillors and have a prospective councillor to co- opt at our May meeting, ensuring we have the full complement. The Parish Council feel that the Parish should continue to include Comberford, Hopwas and Wigginton and that the number of seats (7) should also remain the same. There was no desire to split the Parish further or to merge with any other Parishes as we are already spread out geographically. It is felt that the status quo will continue to serve our needs for the coming years."</p>	N/A
	Longdon - Parish Clerk		<p>"I can confirm that Longdon Parish Council would like the councillor numbers reduced from 11 to 9 please"</p>	

REGULATORY & LICENSING COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2022/23

Item	20 June 2022	26 Sept 2022	23 Feb 2023	30 May 2023	Purpose of the Report	Lead
Proposed Footpath Diversion No. 7 (part) in the Parish of Elford	✓				Application received from Elan Homes & George Hodgetts Farms for the diversion of public footpath No. 7 (part) in the Parish of Elford.	RG
Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No. 1 (part) in the Parish of Whittington	✓				Application received from Whittington Heath Golf Club (Mr Tony Rundle) for the diversion of public footpath No. 1 (part) in the Parish of Whittington.	RG
Proposed Footpath Diversion No. 8 (part) in the Parish of Mavesyn Ridware	✓				Application received from Fisher German LLP/Mr & Mrs B Wainwright for the diversion of public footpath No. 8 (part) in the Parish of Mavesyn Ridware.	RG
Community Governance Review	✓				In December 2021 the District Council resolved to undertake a review of community governance throughout the whole District. Following consultation, the majority of responses focused on two parishes – (i) Shenstone and (ii) Fradley and Streethay. The report summarises key issues identified in the review and sets out draft recommendations.	MH
Licensing Policy		✓				SB

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