

# COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE AGENDA

Wednesday, 29th November 2017 at 07:15 PM

Committee Room 1, Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, CM7 9HB

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Members of the Community Governance Review Committee are requested to attend this meeting to transact the business set out in the Agenda.

# Membership:-

Councillor J Abbott Councillor P Barlow Councillor Mrs J Beavis Councillor Mrs D Garrod Councillor Mrs J Money Councillor Mrs J Pell Councillor Mrs W Schmitt (Chairman) Councillor R van Dulken Councillor Mrs S Wilson

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# PUBLIC SESSION

# 1 Apologies for Absence

# 2 Declarations of Interest

To declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, other Pecuniary Interest or Non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda having regard to the Code of Conduct for Members and having taken appropriate advice where necessary before the meeting.

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Community Governance Review Committee held on 12th July 2017 (copy previously circulated).

# 4 Public Question Time

(See paragraph above)

# 5 Community Governance Review Background

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# 6 Urgent Business - Public Session

To consider any matter which, in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered in public by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.

# 7 Exclusion of Public and Press: - To give consideration to adopting the following Resolution: -

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

# PRIVATE SESSION

# 8 Urgent Business - Private Session To consider any matter which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered in private by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.

# Community Governance Review Committee 29th November 2017



Community Governance Review Background		Agenda No: 5	
Portfolio	Overall Corporate Strategy and		
Corporate Services and Asset Management Corporate Outcome: A high performing organisation that delivers excelle value for money services Delivering better outcomes for residents and busine reducing costs to taxpayers		that delivers excellent and	
Report presented by:	lan Hunt, Head of Governance		
Report prepared by:	Steve Daynes, Democracy Man	ager	
Background Papers:	ublic Involvement and Health Act	Public Report	
2007	ublic involvement and health Act	Key Decision: No	
	ed by the Department for		
	Government (March 2010). Inmunity Governance Review		
Committee 12 July 2017	induity Governance Review		
Agenda and Minutes Cou	ncil 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2017		
Executive Summary:			
	July 2017 the Council adopted the Review and set the Initial Public Co		
The consultation ran from the 1 <sup>st</sup> August to the 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 and, during this period, a total of 99 individual and organisational representations were received. In addition a petition representing 152 households was also submitted.			
In addition to comments on almost all the initial proposals, an additional four proposals were submitted for consideration.			
	presentations made against each ons to Council for the adoption of D		

# **Recommended Decision:**

To make recommendations to Council on each of the proposed changes to Community Governance for inclusion in the Councils Draft Recommendations.

# Purpose of Decision:

To support the continued development of the project for the forthcoming community governance review.

Any Corporate implications in relation to the following should be explained in	
detail.	

Financial:	There is no specific budgetary provision however given that consultation will, in the main be limited to direct mailing to smaller communities no additional budgetary allocation will be sought at this stage.
Legal:	Review to be conducting in line with Local Government and Public Involvement and Health Act 2007 and statutory guidance provided by the Department for Communities and Local Government.
Safeguarding:	None
Equalities/Diversity:	Legislation requires each Polling District has a dedicated polling place. Any review therefore must ensure that adequate Polling arrangements can be provided.
Customer Impact:	To be considered as part of the review.
Environment and Climate Change:	None
Consultation/Community Engagement:	The consultation will ensure that all stakeholders have appropriate access.
Risks:	Risks will be managed in accordance with the project plan.
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# 1.0 Background

- 1.1 At their meeting of the Community Governance Review Committee on 12 July 2017 members considered a range of issues for inclusion in the Initial Public consultation of the 2017 Community Governance Review.
- 1.2 The formal phase of consultation was launched on 1 August 2017 and concluded on 30 September 2017. During this time all residents wishing to make representation have been given the opportunity to do so via either a dedicated web portal or by more traditional written formats.
- 1.3 Consultation strategy throughout the initial phase has been to ensure direct contact with each household where there would either be:
  - a) a direct impact such as the introduction of a Parish precept to households where currently there is none
  - or
  - b) to households where the proposal is to transfer an area of land administered by their Parish Council to a neighbouring Parish Council.
- 1.4 For Members convenience this report has been sub divided on a site by site basis provides a brief summary of the initial consultation, responses and electoral statistical data for each affected Parish.
- 1.5 In addition to the Parishes and Development sites identified for Members initial consideration four additional matters (highlighted below) have been identified by residents or representative groups:

Agenda item 4)	The extension of the Rayne boundary to include 'Braintree Green'.
Agenda item 12)	The removal of warding arrangements for Feering.
Agenda item 15)	The extension of Halstead Parish boundary to include the development site East of Sudbury Road to the North of Halstead .
Agenda item 16)	The establishment of a Braintree Town Council.

- 1.6 Members are advised that sites, areas and issues have been renumbered to reflect geographical location thereby providing them with an integrated perspective of all issues within the area.
- 1.7 Members are reminded that, under a Community Governance Review the Council has the power to consider the most effective arrangements for community governance, this can include:
  - the creation of a parish
  - changing the name of a parish

- the establishment of a separate parish council for an existing parish
- the alteration of boundaries of existing parishes
- the abolition of a parish
- the dissolution of a parish council
- changes to the electoral arrangements of a parish council
- whether a parish should be grouped under a common parish council
  - or
- de-grouped
- 1.8 When considering proposals the Council must have regard to ensuring that the needs for the relevant community are considered, particularly in relation to ensuring a strong, inclusive community and voluntary sector:
  - a sense of civic values, responsibility and pride
  - a sense of place a place with a 'positive' feeling for people and local distinctiveness
  - reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area are effective and convenient
  - the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion
  - the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish
  - people from different backgrounds having similar life opportunities
  - people knowing their rights and responsibilities
- 1.9 The Council in formulating proposals must give the community (which will include the existing town and parish councils as well as the public directly) the opportunity to influence the proposals and to be considered in the decision making.
- 1.10 When considering boundaries it is important to be cognisant of the constraints which guide any review. The review is confined to Parish boundaries and as such any re-defining must ensure that proposals balance the built environment with the need to provide consistent voting arrangements for the electorate. We are unable to change the ultimate district boundary or any District Wards or County Divisions.
- 1.11 At present all Parish and District ward boundaries are coterminous with both existing and proposed Parliamentary boundaries and therefore any movement of Parish boundaries could either compromise election delivery or lead to confusion where electors could be be designated to different Polling stations for different types of elections.
- 1.12 Given that the District ward structure is defined by existing Parish boundaries The Returning Officer recommends that these remain unchanged unless

there are significant (in excess of 100 properties) developments which cross boundaries.

1.13 Where new boundaries are to be established, DCLG guidance suggests that a CGR provides the opportunity to "put in place strong boundaries, tied to firm ground detail, and remove anomalous parish boundaries". Traditionally therefore boundaries have been defined either by for example the boundaries of Public Parks and designated Open spaces or using the centre line of roads.

# 2 Great Saling/Bardfield Saling

Reference No	Proposal (Initial consultation)	Draft Proposal	Final Proposal
2.0.1	To extend the Parish boundary of Great Saling to include the unparished area of Bardfield Saling		
2.0.2	Increase number of Parish Councillors from 5 to 6		
2.0.3	Rename "The Salings Parish Council"		

# 2.1 Consultees

- a) Great Saling Parish Council
- b) Individual contact letters to Bardfield Saling households

# 2.2 Electorate statistics

- a) Households Bardfield Saling 75
- b) Electors Bardfield Saling 153

# 2.3 Commentary and Legislative Appraisal

- 2.3.1 The proposal was initiated by Great Saling Parish Council. There would however appear to be no formal communication between the two communities regarding the possibility of joining to form a new "Salings Parish Council" prior to their submission of the proposal to this Council.
- 2.3.2 There are no legal requirements which compel Members to support the Great Saling Parish Council proposal and as such Members could, having considered representations, conclude that there is no compelling case for change and maintain the current administrative arrangements of Great Saling Parish Council and the un-parished Bardfield Saling served by an annual Parish Meeting. Alternatively Members could maintain the proposed changes.

# 2.4 Returning Officer comments

2.4.1 The Returning Officer is content that electoral integrity would not be compromised by the joining of the two communities. However, should Members decide to do so there may be merit in maintaining some form of individual community identity with the introduction of warding arrangements which would provide opportunity for each community to directly elect their representatives to an enlarged Parish Council.

# 2.5 Representations

Philip O'Reilly Hi-Trees Bardfield Saling CM7 5EG	As a newcomer to Bardfield Saling, April 2014 I am still getting to terms with the local area and it developments. I welcome the combination of Great Saling and Bardfield Saling as I see it as an opportunity to benefit and bring greater presence in the development and progress of the local area and community
<b>M George</b> Holmbury, New Green, Bardfield Saling	In Bardfield Saling , we have a zero parish precept contribution to the community charge , as we have no parish facilities or services (street lighting , road sweeping , drain clearing , etc.). If we are absorbed by Great Saling , we will presumably have to pay their precept without receiving anything for it , unless BDC or Great Saling P C, can tell us what additional services we will receive. This is a small amount involved, but we should receive something in exchange for taxation.
Helen Davies Denbies, New Green, Bardfield Saling CM7 5EG	We are residents of Bardfield Saling and in that capacity are writing to support the concept of "The Salings" Parish Council. We are a small community and with a stronger voice could achieve more for the village of Bardfield Saling. eg traffic calming measures acquiring a defibrillator amongst other things. I note it is suggested to increase the number of Parish Councillors to 6 but I think if possible there should be 2 from Bardfield Saling. Revised Comment: I have now had an opportunity to weigh up the pros and cons of joining forces with Gt Saling
	Parish Council and have revised my first thoughts. I feel one Council would be too weighted in Gt Saling's favour and conclude that Bardfield Saling would be better off as a separate identity.
<b>Nigel and Ann May</b> Rosemary Cottage, Plums Lane, Bardfield Saling	Further to recent note from Mrs Cant ref the above. My wife and I wish to register our opposition to these proposals. There are twice as many CONS as PROS all of which will bring a negative outcome. Item four particularly diminishes local opposition to the Andrewsfield etc development. Loss of identity can never be a good thing and it is important that local views are listened to.

	Increased costs to the Council Tax but with a reduced level of service makes any further increase in costs very unwelcome.
Mr & Mrs P Malmsjo Lane Cottage, Bardfield Saling CM7 5ED	My husband and I have lived in Bardfield Saling for over thirty years now and have found that keeping the two parishes separate has worked very well. Each village has its own identity and community, which we feel would be lost forever if we merge. We also feel that being made to contribute towards the Great Saling Precept would be extremely unfair. Bardfield Saling has no pavements or street lights to upkeep. As pensioners we have a strict budget to work to as have many other Parishioners. We would have more say in Council matters if we stay as a separate parish, as we would only have one Parish Councillor to represent 150 Parishioners whereas Great Saling has 5 Parish Councillors to represent 282 Parishioners. Not a very fair level of representation. Finally we feel we already have enough adequate housing. Should we become part of a larger Parish could mean Bardfield Saling being obliged to assist in delivery low cost housing and other local community facilities etc which would put a great strain on the roads, the local land drainage and the community.
<b>Bruce Moss</b> New Green Farm, Bardfield Saling	I would like to oppose most strongly the proposed merger of the above parish councils. We in Bardfield Saling will be swamped by the much larger and potentially enormous conurbation that is (or may be) Great Saling. There is no logic to this merger or at least none has been put forward. The manner in which this merger has been proposed is undemocratic and high handed.
<b>Daniel W. O'Malley</b> Hollytrees, Plums Lane, Bardfield Saling, CM7 5EH	Re the proposed merger: 1.No-one consulted with me or with any member of my family; 2.All four people within my household object to any merger in the strongest possible terms; 3.Bardfield Saling shares nothing with Great Saling, save for part of a name and my family and I feel no ties to Great Saling; 4.On the contrary, we all feel more aligned with Great Bardfield; 5.No good for Bardfield Saling comes out of the proposal. We will be fettered through limited representation and be required to pay into a precept which those in Great Saling know, as does BDC, will disproportionately benefit Great Saling. Not asked for, not necessary, not wanted.
<b>R Aggiss</b> Crows Green, Bardfield Saling	I am in favour of the proposed changes. As it stands the Bardfield Saling Parish Meeting provides a very limited gateway into local representation. Merging the Bardfield Saling Parish Meeting structure with Great Saling parish council to create Salings parish is logical, has the scope to be more effective and efficient on local matters and be more accessible in terms of frequency of meeting through a wider community of councillors. I have no objection to a small annual precept that provides funds directly for the wider Salings Parish as opposed to the more generalised funding though council tax that funds BDC/ ECC and government coffers. This would also be an

	opportunity to resolve local boundary anachronisms eg a parish boundary that divides Woolpits Road , Bardfield Saling down the middle of the road. The Salings Parish could also be a stronger democratic vehicle to facilitate a more coherent dialogue with neighbouring parishes eg Stebbing, Great Bardfield, Shalford and Rayne at a time when major proposals for north Essex urbanisation threaten to destroy this essentially rural environment over the medium to long term. I recognise that this review of Community Governance is focused on sustainability of structure and looking forward. Whilst the proposed parish name , number of Councillors, detail of boundaries etc may require adjustment to allay any local concerns regarding identity, I believe that the Salings Parish concept is moving in the right direction for reasons outlined above.
A Aggiss Crows Green,	Further to your communication July 2017, I understand the review is necessary because:-
Bardfield Saling	"The structure of governance across the District was established in 1974 and comprehensively reviews in 1983. Since then there have been some isolated reviews to address specific issues and new community developments.
	There has not been any community driven demand for a review and as such the Council has maintained an overview of District governance.
	The Local Plan when adopted will however signal a significant period of development across the District and a full review is now considered appropriate to facilitate a system of Governance which can provide a sustainable base for the future."
	So with this in mind I wish to comment as follows it is quite lengthy but I feel this to be an important issue to important to trivialize in a brief comment:-
	Firstly I would like to explain accordingly my presence in the community to give me a right to comment on this review.
	Our family is second generation in our home, having an association with the parish for 42 years, The family took up residence in 1975 followed by us in 2009 to the present.
	At this juncture, I would also like to point out that there is already a member of Bardfield Saling Community on the Gt Saling Parish Council and The Chair of The BSPM was informed before they took up the position. Which I am sure the greater community are not aware of.
	I am in favour of the amalgamation of the two Parishes. I have given due consideration to the action of both

councils over many years and in light of recent issues which will have grave consequences on the community I feel it is important to amalgamate To give the Parishes greater gravitas in the ensuing years to come.

Taking into consideration that the proposals set out in your letter to the community <u>are just suggestions</u> put forward by Gt Saling PC, which, BSPM have chosen not to share or join in . I thank you for giving the whole community the chance to democratically comment.:-

The Parish Boundary

This should be extended.

The Parish boundary map then should be called 'The Salings'.

It is ludicrous that at the moment the boundary runs down the centre of a road dividing one side of the community from the other, yards away from each other!

The naming of the New Council.

(This should not mean loss of Identity)

It should embrace the two communities and I propose it should be called:-

**Bardfield Saling** 

&

Gt Saling Parish Council

Then the identity of the two Parishes would not be lost.

This type of naming is not uncommon within the district. Braintree and Bocking, Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural for example.

I already live in the small community of Crows Green, which has lost its identity over the years to Little Saling/Bardfield Saling.

<u>Councillors</u> - There should be EQUAL\_number of councilors from each Parish.

Already mentioned there is a Bardfield Saling parish resident on Gt Saling Parish Council.

The community of Bardfield Saling will be growing with 4 homes proposed at Gentlemans Farm and the possibility of Baileys being developed. Which was mentioned in the press earlier this year, up to 110 homes. If all this occurs the Parish of Bardfield Saling could be actually bigger than Gt Saling .

All positions should be newly elected for this New Council embracing both councils and maybe the Chair could work on a rotating basis. (details to be worked out within new terms of reference and constitution.

Precept

The Council Tax for most of us is one of the biggest bills we have on the properties within the Parishes. This seems the biggest issue that people are commenting on.

The Precept is not just about paths and lights. It's about being accountable!

You could call it an Insurance Policy! So to put the actual cost into context

The difference across the bands between Great Saling and Bardfield Saling. 2017/2018

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Gt Saling	1071.21	1249.74	1428.28	1606.81	1963.88	232095	2678.02	3213.62
Bardfield Saling	1039.50	1212.75	1386.00	1559.25	1905.75	2252.25	2598.75	3118.50
Difference YEARLY	31.71	36.99	42.78	47.56	58.13	68.70	79.27	95.12
Difference MONTHLY	2.64	3.08	3.57	3.96	4.85	5.73	6.61	7.93
Difference WEEKLY	0.61	0.71	0.82	0.92	1.12	1.32	1.53	1.83

Looking at the Top Band (H)

YEARLY – A three course dinner with a bottle of wine for 2 at The Vine

MONTHLY – Less than a good bottle of wine

WEEKLY - Less than a Bar of Lindt Chocolate from Tescos.

<u>The Precept</u> :- should be divided between the two parishes on a per household basis and should be administered fairly. Maybe there should be an accountant on the committee to administer this rather than it being the sole responsibility of the Clerk.

At the moment Bardfield Saling as NO MONEY to do anything, even if they wanted to. The BSPM would have to come cap in hand to ask the community to help. So the precept is the fairer way forward.

So what could Bardfield Saling use the precept for?:-

a) Refurbish the Phone Box! Upgrade it too an Information point, maybe put a defibrillator in there for the community. (Something useful) instead of it falling into decay!
b) The maintenance and declassification of the Byways from BOATS to a lower status. Highways do not properly maintain these Byways in our village they are so badly churned up by 4x4 and off road bike clubs from outside of the area, it makes it impossible for you to enjoy them.
c) The protection of the village 1) signage and speed restrictions
2) designating it a conservation area.
At the moment Bardfield Saling is not a designated Conservation area even though we have a recognized important Grade 1 listed Round Tower Church and majority of the buildings are Grade II listed.
Woolpits Road (Divided in two) is a designated quiet Lane
On both accounts, BDC do not have the money to designate the conservation area or Highways to put up signage for the road! ( the conservation status would cost in the region of £2K and would have to be done by using BDC designated suppliers, but it can be commissioned by the community)
e) assist the maintenance of the Grade 1 Listed church which is a very important village asset.
Ref the Pros and Cons mantra from the Bardfield Saling Parish Meeting .
-Within it they seems to have upgraded themselves to Bardfield Saling Parish Council .
I believe there is a difference within the Constitution and Terms of Reference, between a PC and a PM. https://www.cpalc.org.uk/q-what-are-town-and-parish-council-meetings-an-introduction
-The Pros and Cons speaks about being part of a larger parish would mean we are obliged to assist in delivering low cost housing and other local community facilities.
The Salings Neighbourhood Plan is all about land usage and it is up to every one of the 150 parishioners in Bardfield Saling to speak up. The Chair of BSPM is on the committee and he should be informing the community

with regards the Neighbourhood Plan and encouraging them to join in and comment accordingly. Also there is a Web page informing the community of BOTH parishes of SURVEY results and what the Neighbourhood plan is about! Suggest reading and see what the Localism Act 2011 is about. Keep yourselves informed. Ignoring issues will not make them go away! Things are going to dramatically change around this area if allowed. So to stop this we cannot preserve this village like a 'Daimien Hirst village in formaldehyde!!' - Bardfield Saling is only one of two Parish Meetings in the BDC district Borley is the other. Being a Parish Meeting we do not have a strong VOICE, if any, in the planning process. Proven by the lack of response to Section 19 of the BDC Local Plan and the weak response to the UDC LP Section 18. -Meeting once a year does not give this community a voice or the ability to know what is going on in the greater area surrounding us. You do not necessarily see what people are doing or planning regards building. For instance the 4 proposed homes at Gentleman's farm (only seen because I was looking at planning applications online) and possible 110 homes at Baileys(reported in the press earlier this year by Cllr Lady Newton). Essex Farms submitting through the Tendring Portal offering land towards the Local Plan etc, etc,. BSPM does not have a web page to publish minutes and keep the community informed. (Although one can be provided FOC through https://www.essexinfo.net/) They do not publish minutes in the Parish magazine! Which is delivered to every household in the Salings! Or inform on important matters, such as this recent Governance Issue. The Local Plan does not even acknowledge Bardfield Saling in the process and BSPM do not respond in great strength to oppose this important Issue. (If you look at the consultation comments you will see.)

The Community must not have 'Tunnel Vision' regards this important issue.

What was good in the past is not necessarily good for the future.

The main issues from the comments already published are Identity and Precept!

Remembering the suggestions put forward by Gt Saling, are just that suggestions! They are not a given we can put forward other suggestions.

In summary,

#### <u>Identity</u>

In the recent Salings Neighbourhood Planning Survey. NO ONE raised the issue of loss of identity or problems with low cost housing. Response was a even split between the communities. Summary of responses can be found on the website.

However, they did mentioned 'community and neighborliness' and infilling, some also commented on the lack of activity from the PC's. They valued the Millennium Hall (situated in Gt Saling)

The identity of the communities will only be lost if it is allowed. It will be lost if we do not have a greater voice in the planning process.

Within the proposed New Development in the years to come there will not be a Parish Meeting or Parish Council it will just be absorbed into a Town Council in the end!

Joining together now would mean, Bardfield Saling will not be ignored or missed off meeting lists.

It will be included in ANY submissions made regards planning and any other important issues that might need consideration.

It is important that equal numbers of councillors from each parish are elected. To envelope trust between the two communities and to ensure due democratic process is carried out fairly and honestly and to eradicate the historic mistrust!

Facts:-

	Bardfield Saling Parish Meeting depends on the Millennium Hall at Gt Saling for its meeting. BS people go to the GSPC is there is issues they need help with BSPM and GSPC are collaborating over the Neighbourhood Plan The Churches come together for the Fete on the playing field at Gt Saling. There are many other occasions too numerous to mention. We already come together, so why not in this democratic process? Whatever the argument/bickering there has been between Bardfield Saling and Gt Saling over the decades, it's been dissipated in the mists of time. When you ask the elders of the community they cannot recall what it is about! Other than they do not want the Precept, loss of identity or being preach to and bullied by Gt Saling! One resident suggested identifying with Gt Bardfield – I would say that I identify with Gt Saling being the other end of the village. Gt Bardfield is too far away and the precept would be higher basing it on the Council Tax banding for 2017/2018! https://www.braintree.gov.uk/downloads/file/6171/council_tax_rates_201718 We are now in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century and we have to look to the future to ensure that the protection of both communities are secure for the area for generations to come. We can't live blinkered and in the past. The only way to achieve visibility and accountability is to come together have a greater voice in a Democratic process in away that suits both communities. This can only be achieved by sitting down and thrashing out the rules of engagement and going forward stronger.
<b>Mike Mortimer</b> Cobbers Thatch, The Street, Gt Saling CM7 5DT	I really can't see the point, other that it will increase the Bardfield Saling residents' annual outgoings via the Council Tax Parish Charge and for no benefit. Don't think I'm missing anything - if overnight the Great Saling Parish Council disappeared, life would still go on without even a perception of a tremor.
Great Bardfield Parish Council	The Great Bardfield Parish Council are not impacted significantly by changes and are happy with the parish boundaries and the ratio of Councillors to residents. It is noted that a neighbouring parish <b>Bardfield Saling</b> could be linked to Great Saling which could benefit BS residents with improved representation and enable easier joint working - as appropriate with Great Bardfield on matters of mutual interest.

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<b>Timothy Peal</b> Willowbrook, Bardfield Road, Bardfield Saling CM7 5EN	I have no objections to the three proposals on the condition that they do not increase the likelihood of the West of Braintree development proposal, which I am against.
<b>Sue Baugh</b> Crows Green Cottage, Crows Green, Bardfield Saling	I am writing in response to your request for comments on the above proposal. I have lived in Bardfield Saling for 27 years. I should start by stating that, although I live in Bardfield Saling, I am actually a Great Saling Parish Councillor. As such, I think that I am in a good position to comment on the above proposal and to state that I am in favour of the proposed changes.
	I fully understand that there is concern amongst the residents of Bardfield Saling about having to pay a precept while, currently, no payments are made. This is, quite obviously, because Bardfield Saling has zero provision for community or village services. As a Great Saling PC member, I can now see at first hand what a Parish Council, rather than an annual Parish Meeting, does to help the local community. It gives residents a voice to air worries and concerns, as well as to ask for things that they would like done in their local community. It means that residents are kept up to date monthly with local happenings, with planning permission proposals, with things that affect the village and with events. It means that money can be made available to fund things for the benefit of the village. I do understand that Bardfield Saling has survived for many, many years without these benefits and opportunities but that doesn't mean to say that we should not want to have them in the future. There are, without doubt, things that could be done for Bardfield Saling such as a village sign, applying to establish Bardfield Saling, which has numerous listed buildings, as a conservation area (as Great Saling already is), helping the residents to get speed restrictions in place, etc. I also understand that Great Saling has more facilities to maintain and is a larger village so there would be a concern that any precept that Bardfield Saling residents might have to pay should be fairly calculated (number of houses in each village) and then fairly divided and spent between the two villages. That would have to be part of the discussions and negotiations that would take place as part of the process.
	It is also important that Bardfield Saling does not lose its identity so I think that, perhaps, the name of the joint parish should be re-considered so that both villages keep their names in the title.
	I think that, in order to ensure that Bardfield Saling does not feel like the junior partner, there should be an equal number of parish councillors from each village. I know that it is not always easy to do this since it does rely on who volunteers for the role, but that should be the aim. It might also be an idea to ensure that each village has the opportunity to hold the chair, rather than the same chair being in place until they decide to retire or resign.

	I believe that a combined parish would have more cohesion and would enable us all to work together to achieve the best not just for our villages but also for the surrounding area. In our current situation, where there is a major attempt taking place to despoil and concrete over our countryside, to wipe out our rural heritage and, most importantly, where we are struggling to make our voices of opposition heard, I believe that a combined Parish Council would wield more power and have greater strength to help us to ensure that we can shape our villages and our countryside in the way we want, not the way that others want. There is strength in numbers.
<b>Des Coe</b> 2 Boarded Barns Cottage Little Saling	The Proposed Annexation of Bardfield/Little Saling by Great Saling Parish Council Thank you for the letter informing me about the above. As a resident of Bardfield/Little Saling, I can't see any benefit in becoming part of a bigger Salings Parish Council. Because Parish Councils are a service provider, and to the best of my knowledge is not needed, as there are no areas of public space or community facilities needing to be looked after/paid for, and looking at the number of insect, butterflies, birds and mammals in my garden, the environment is not too bad either. It would just become an increase on the council tax bill, which I believe Great Saling Parish Council charge approximately £53 a year, for the services they supply to Great Saling residents (a basic rate taxpayer would have to earn an extra £75 before tax and NI to be left with enough to pay for the services). If there are any benefits to residents of Bardfield/Little Saling, I would have thought the Great Saling Parish Council would have informed Bardfield/Little Saling residents (and if they have , they missed me out). Personally I would say If it ain't broke – don't fix it.
Mrs F A Mobbs Pump Cottage Crows Green Bardfield Saling CM7 5EB	With reference to the proposed merger of Gt and Lt Saling. I have lived in Lt Saling for the past 54 happy years and have to say that the Parish Meeting members have served us all extremely well. I cannot see any advantageous reason to change the status quo. We haven't needed the Precept and do not wish to lose our identity by engaging it. Any change that would get us closer to Gt Bardfield would be most welcome, as most of us socialise with them on a regular basis. The level of representation – should this woefully come about – is not acceptable regarding numbers of members, it is not on. One to five!! Whoever made these proposals did not do it in my name and I most strongly object. No to joint Councils.
<b>M Messias</b> New Green Bardfield Saling CM7 5EG	As a resident of Bardfield Saling for a considerable number of years, I am writing to say that I am NOT in favour of this proposal. We have our own completely free (no precept) Parish Meeting which has managed our business separately and successfully, with no problems, for many many years. We are a small community of 150. We would have to pay an additional community charge which, no doubt, will increase in future years. The two parishes are completely different from each other and we would lose our individual identity for ever. It would only be of benefit to Great Saling Parish Council if this proposed merger went ahead. There are no benefits to be gained by

	Bardfield Saling from such a merger.
Shirley Robinson 2 Pollard Villas Bardfield Saling CM7 5EF	I am writing this letter to protest the recent decision of the proposed merger of Great Saling and Bardfield Saling parishes and councils. As someone who was born and lived all my life in Bardfield Saling, I cannot see any benefits for us in joining Great Saling Parish Council; this village has always managed its own affairs very successfully with the present system and would gain nothing from joining with Great Saling. I truly think this is a bad idea. Bardfield Saling is unique and has been a successful community on its own for hundreds of years, merging with Great Saling will spoil this. Please reconsider your decisions and the effects it will have on the local community
<b>Sanderson</b> New Green, Bardfield Saling	No, we do not want the merger with Great Saling Parish Council to go ahead.
Moira G Rickford Old Mill House Crows Green Bardfield Saling CM7 5EB	I have read carefully the detailed correspondence from Mrs Anne Aggiss and Mrs Sue Baugh re the above. I too, like them ,am a resident (of 17 years standing) of Crows Green, Bardfield Saling, and I have reached the same conclusion, namely: the amalgamation of the 2 parishes is essential in order for Bardfield Saling to have a meaningful voice in all meetings particularly those relevant to proposals for future housing plans. We do need to be kept fully informed of proposals to build on swathes of land which are currently Grade 2 agricultural land. It is extremely worrying ,for example ,that Essex Farms submitted their proposals through the Tendring Portalplans were therefore submitted almost unnoticed by those for whom the impact will be greatest, giving residents very little time to respond, as is their democratic right.
	As Secretary of Little (Bardfield) Saling PCC, I would further add to the discussion the fact that Great and Little Saling have alternated Church services between the churches each week for many years.this pattern of sharing Church worship is well established; so I see no reason why a joint Parish Council could not work equally well." Where there's a will, there's a way". I totally endorse the importance of identity but again, see no problem with retaining the names of both villages: identity can, and should be retained. If we do not join forces, then I fear that Bardfield Saling's identity might well disappear through a lack of voice, and if some building proposals go ahead, its identity will be completely submerged by concrete. This naturally beautiful corner of Essex rightfully deserves to be awarded Conservation status, and to get the recognition it merits.
Diana Christopher,	As residents of Bardfield Saling, we write to express our concern over the above proposal.

Julian Christopher The Leys New Green Bardfield Saling CM7 5EG	We feel that appointing only one extra councillor will not give our village adequate representation and we would lose our ability to influence what happens in our village. Gt Saling has roughly double the population of Bardfield Saling so, if a merger took place, the ratio should be 2:1 to maintain balance and fairness. Gt Saling raises a precept each year and we assume that if a merger took place Bardfield Saling residents would also be required to pay this charge. We cannot see how that money could be used for the benefit of our village and believe we would be simply contributing to Gt Saling's funds. Our two villages already work together on bigger issues such as the Neighbourhood Plan but we believe that maintaining a level of independence for village matters is important. I have been Vice Chairman of Bardfield Saling Parish Meeting for many years and at our meetings there has always been a strong feeling from those present that we should remain independent.
John & Sandra Green Honeysuckle	We are very concerned about the request, instigated by Great Saling, to extend their Parish Boundary to include our village of Bardfield Saling.
Cottage, Bardfield Saling, Braintree,	As residents of Bardfield Saling for over 30 years, we have enjoyed the independence of our Parish. A merger of the two Parishes could mean a loss of identity for our Parish, since it is the smaller of the two.
Essex, CM7 5EG	We would have relatively little representation on the combined Parish Council, being in the minority. It is not clear from your letter how the new Council is proportioned exactly.
	Bardfield Saling could end up with little or no representation and our views could be out voted by Gt Saling for any future planning applications.
	We are already working with Gt Saling Parish Council on issues such as the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan, and the proposed "West of Braintree Development" on Andrewsfield Airfield and the massive amount of "Green" Farmland beyond, and other local issues.
	While our Bardfield Saling Councillors are still willing to stand for us in office, and we believe they are, we would prefer to keep our own identity in order to guarantee a voice for our Parish. We will still work with, and support Gt Saling, as is already the case.
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#### 3.0 Great Notley

Reference No	Proposal (Initial consultation)	Draft Proposal	Final Proposal
3.0.1	That the Great Notley Parish boundary be extended to include the currently unparished area of Braintree bounded by Queenborough Lane, the B1256 (BY-PASS)/ A120 and London Road		

#### 3.1 Consultees

- a) Great Notley Parish Council
- b) Individual contact letters to all households within the area identified by Great Notley Parish Council

# **3.2 Electorate statistics**

	Households	Electors
Braintree (Maylands)	334	729

# **3.3 Commentary and Legislative Appraisal**

3.3.1 The area of consideration has been the subject of a number of proposals for inclusion in an extended Great Notley Parish Boundary. On each occasion, proposals have been strongly resisted by residents of properties which pre date the establishment of Great Notley.

- 3.3.2 The unparished Braintree (Maylands) (Appendix 3.6.1) consists of, in the main three distinct areas, namely pre and post Great Notley development and "Braintree Green".
- 3.3.3 When looking at the map of the area it is clear that the A120 forms a clear and definable boundary between Great Notley and Braintree and as such may be seen as a logical feature to redefine the Great Notley boundary. To do so would however be to disregard the strength of community expressed by the residents of the established pre Great Notley development.
- 3.3.4 One of the overriding principals of any Community Governance Review is the identification of a cohesive Communities and their reflection in the local boundaries.
- 3.3.5 Options presented to members are, on the face of it straight forward; either to maintain existing boundaries or to extend the Great Notley boundary to create a new A120 boundary
- 3.3.6 The map Appendix 3.6.2 provides members with an insight into the built environment in 1971 which pre dates the both the White Court and Great Notley developments.
- 3.3.7 Officers have, during this initial phase of consultation identified a less obvious yet established feature which could present an alternative boundary. This would maintain the community values of the pre Great Notley development whilst extending the boundary to include the remainder of Great Notley Appendix 3.6.3 and 3.6.4 refer.
- 3.3.8 To summarise, this is a complex area and Members are offered multiple options:
  - a) To maintain existing boundaries
  - b) To extend the Great Notley Parish to the A120/London Road
  - c) To redefine the Great Notley Parish Boundary as outlined at 7.3.8 below
  - d) To consider Parish/warding arrangements for "Braintree Green"
- 3.3.9 Any proposals adopted by Members would be subject to further consultation in the next round of community engagement
- 3.3.10 Should Members wish, the alternative boundary could be established using the Public Footpath/Public Right of Way from a point where it crosses Queenborough Lane through to the A120. In so doing the table below details the impact on parishes:

Area	Existing Parish	Option	Impact
A - Pre 1970	Unparished Braintree	Unparished Braintree	No Change
B - White Court	Great Notley	Great Notley	No Change
C - Great Notley/Panners Farm 1996	Great Notley	Great Notley	No Change
D - Great Notley/Panners Farm 2000	Unparished Braintree	Great Notley	Inclusion in Great Notley
E - Pre 1970	Unparished Braintree	Great Notley	Inclusion in Great Notley
F - Great Notley/Panners Farm 1997	Unparished Braintree	Unparished Braintree	No Change

# **3.4 Returning Officer comments**

3.4.1The Returning Officer is content with all options from the perspective of delivering electoral functions and will continue to monitor Members considerations.

# 3.5 Representations

Great Notley Parish	Queenborough Lane Area	
Great Notley Parish Council	Queenborough Lane Area The parish has in the past supported the addition of the residential areas immediately to the north of the parish into its area. There is no physical barrier dividing the northern area that is outside the parish yet those who reside there, particularly those to the north of Queenborough Lane near and to the west of the village's spine path and opposite parished houses in the same road are clearly Great Notley residents. In view of the scope of the current review it would appear that the parish might usefully be expanded to include 1) the area west of the a point where the spine path meets Queenborough Lane and north to the B1256 or the A120 (and it is this area which leads the Council to its view that the current boundary does not reflect the community*);and, additionally 2) the area east of a point where the spine path meets Queenborough Lane and west of London Road northwards to the B1256 or A120. The Parish Council advocates and supports the inclusion of the above areas in the area of Great Notley Parish Council which it believes will more accurately represent the Great Notley community; among other things the areas' nearest two Junior Schools, Church, Doctors' surgery,	

	pharmacy, vets' practice and local shopping parade are in the parish, while the neighbourhood shopping area is also in the parish. The inclusion of these two areas would also have a neatness for far as the public were concerned with the parish residential area – with a couple of outlying homes excepted – being entirely contained within the A131, the A120 (or B1256) and London Road.	
<b>Gordon Compton</b> 1 Oaklands Close, Braintree CM77 7PZ	I do not wish to be part of the Parish of Great Notley. I came to live in Braintree 43 years ago long before White Court and Great Notley were thought of and can see no material benefit to me in being part of Great Notley Parish. We went through all this 15 years ago and then as now you could only offer a Great Notley Magazine and bins with Great Notley on them along our footpaths although seeing these bins now rusting and rotting away we are better off without them. We that live on the north side of Queenborough Lane will never be part of Great Notley Parish we just want to stay part of Braintree.	
<b>J and B Hedges</b> 24 Queenborough Lane, Braintree CM77 7QE	Given the increase in through traffic Queenborough Lane and the increase in litter and vandalism. The boundary change would not change these problems and as most of the residents in this area are retirees the extra cost would not solve the problems so we would not support this proposal.	
Gill Whiley & David Stephenson 14 Maylands Drive, Braintree CM77 7PY	Our main concern and question is what effect will this have on our Council Tax? Will our bandwidth change at all, therefore, increasing our monthly payments by more than the standard rate of inflation.	
<b>D J and P A Beckett</b> 26 Queenborough Lane, Braintree CM77 7QE	Since the extension of White Court and the building of Great Notley Village we have had an increase of traffic, litter and vandalism and can see no advantage of joining the Gt Notley Parish Council area and paying for the privilege in increased rates. So no to joining Gt Notley.	
Arthur Jenner 11 Washall Drive,	The residents were given the opportunity recently to become part of the Parish of Great Notley. A poll was taken and the residents outside the	

Braintree CM77 7GF	Parish decided to not be amalgamated within the Parish boundary. I concur with that decision and the Parish are no doubt now asking Braintree District Council to push through the amalgamation that they want through your greater powers (a bit like Brussels telling the UK what to do - hence we are leaving). Please do not bully us into something we do not want to do.	
Patrick Wheeler 7 Jay Close, Braintree CM77 7GJ	I very much wish the Great Notley parish boundary to remain unchanged. The original housing of London Road, Queenborough Lane, Maylands Drive and Oaklands Close was there long before Great Notley was ever proposed. I do not think it fair to force the residents of these areas, some of whom have been there for many years, to join a community that they do not wish to be part of. Great Notley has been far from a resounding success. The pub is closed and gives the area the feel of a run down 1970's council estate. As the development progressed the drive for profit really took hold resulting in pitiful land allocations per dwelling. Some areas are like rabbit warrens with cars parked on every available scrap of land. Land allocation for the primary school was also pitiful. There are two centres (why?) and the one seemingly owned by Tesco is now too looking increasingly down at heel. I have no vested interest in, nor wish to be forced to join the Great Notley community. Thank you.	
<b>Graham Brine</b> 19 Queenborough Lane, Braintree	Why has this been raised again? The proposal was turned down some years ago by a large majority. Nothing has changed and I have still not been given any good reason for joining with a parish that due to its creation has considerably deteriorated the standard of life in this area, and you expect us to pay more for the pleasure! I have lived in Queenborough Lane since 2003, during that time I have repeatedly tried to get some action on the increasing speeding and often down right dangerous driving in Queenborough Lane and London Road, all to no avail, especially from Gt Notley Parish Council, who initially took interest and latterly have totally ignored any attempt of mine to get an update. I have also tried to get some action from Braintree District Council on this problem, also to no avail. So once again I am very much against this	

	proposal.	
<b>Terry Phillipson</b> 19 Oaklands Close, Braintree CM77 7PZ	I agree we should become part of the Great Notley Parish, with A120 / London Road as the boundary. I feel we are now part of Great Notley , & use many of the facilities the parish provide.	
<b>C H Ludhar-Smith</b> 2 Springmead, Braintree	I feel that I have replied to this same enquiry upon TWO if not THREE occasions when I am sure you will be aware that the original Queenborough Lane residents have voted quite firmly that they DO NOT need a parish council. Having lived in Queenborough Lane for over thirty years, many years before the second Notley was ever thought of, I have found that the services provided by the District Council to be perfectly satisfactory. For this and other reasons I fail to see what benefit my household will receive by paying an extra rate to the said parish. The whole idea of this new Notley has been a disaster for Queenborough Lane when one thinks back to when the Braintree Green area was deemed to be one of the better parts of BRAINTREE. Look at it now????????	
<b>R Redman</b> 4 Queenborough Lane, Braintree CM77 7QE	I feel that I have replied to this same enquiry upon ONE or TWO previous occasions when I am sure you will be aware that the original Queenborough Lane residents have voted quite firmly that they DO NOT need a parish council. Having lived in Queenborough Lane for many years we have witnessed the deterioration of the area by the development of the second Notley. I have found that the services provided by the District Council to be perfectly satisfactory. For this and other reasons I fail to see what benefit my household will receive by paying an extra rate to the said parish. The whole idea of this new Notley	

Louise Martin Pine Trees, 130 London Road CM77 7PU	<ul> <li>has been a disaster for Queenborough Lane when one thinks back to when the Braintree Green area was deemed to be one of the better parts of BRAINTREE. Look at it now</li> <li>WE DO NOT NEED THE NOTLEY PARISH COUNCIL.</li> <li>We would like to reject the proposal for the boundary to change. We see no benefit to us.</li> </ul>	
D.V. Robinson & Mrs S.M. Robinson 1 Springmead, Braintree, Essex, CM77 7PX	Yet again we have received a communication regarding the issue of the Great Notley Boundary. Again we wish to make it clear that we TOTALLY OPPOSE being included in that parish, as will be seen from the copies of our previous letters on this subject. The area of Springmead was here long before Great Notley. When we moved here Panners Farm (farm) was still being farmed. All that the building of Great Notley has done for us is to increase the noise of traffic often defying the 20mph speed limit over the speed humps not far from our bedroom windows and the increase in rubbish put over our garden wall which also borders Queenborough Lane. All this is affecting the value of the area which we moved to and therefore WE STRONGLY OBJECT to the idea of any rate increase and ask for a decrease in the amount in what we do pay, due to the effect it has had since we moved here to get away from the problems at Panfield Lane. As this is our THIRD rejection of any idea of our home being put within the boundary of the Notley parish council we trust that this will be your final enquiry and the closure of the matter.	
<b>Gillian Patton</b> 5 Wainwright Avenue, Braintree CM77 7JL	I agree to the boundary changes proposed.	
<b>Colin Brown</b> 3 Jay Close, Great Notley, Braintree, CM77 7GJ.	Having lived in the unparished Notley area, that is proposed to be included in the extended Great Notley parish, since December 1999. I struggle to understand what it is that will benefit us as residents? Aside from having to pay a parish precept what will we gain? It's not as if the	

	fabric of the unparished area has suffered from not being included within a parish. In fact you could argue that the unparished area is in a better overall state than that of the Great Notley parish area. Perhaps those that live in the unparished area are better capable of making their own representations to the District Council directly, rather than having to go through the bureaucratic drag of involving the parish council. Or maybe I need to be educated in the finer workings of the parish council. As I can see no direct benefit, only a potential cost, I am against the proposals of the boundary extension of the Notley Parish	
Michael Brine 20 Queenborough Lane, Braintree, CM77 7QE	My observations are as follows:- I am vehemently against this proposal. Since the establishment of Gt Notley the quality of our life in Queenborough Lane has diminished considerably. We endure noisy groups of people passing down the lane towards Gt Notley late at night often using foul language, there has been a massive increase in traffic day and night, the majority of which is travelling noticeably faster than the 20 mph speed limit. A very large number of school children pass through on their way to and from Notley High school leaving litter in their wake - mainly on front gardens- and occasionally acts of vandalism. We have lost our easy access to country walks. No, we do not wish to be associated in any way with Gt Notley and consider the Parish's application to envelop us by this unthinking and insensitive expansionism. I am unaware of any attempt by them to pay us the courtesy of contacting us to explain the justification for their proposal. I can only think it is the prospect of an increase in their precept funding. NO thank you!	
<b>A Harris</b> The Laurels, Queenborough Lane. CM77 7QD	Why on earth are we discussing this proposal yet again? This was up for discussion many years ago and the proposal was refused. I do not see that the situation has changed since then for me to change my mind. Why should we join? What benefits would we actually get? Why haven't Great Notley Parish issued all those affected with full details of what the benefits are to us joining? The reasons are, there aren't any or none that I can see apart from a booklet that I don't need and higher Parish rates no doubt! The so called 'pub' in the village centre was a big mistake	

	which never really took off and is now an eyesore! The houses opposite which are part of Great Notley Parish have a grass verge outside that the home owners mow because, if left to the Parish to do it, it would have to be classed as a wild life area! No thanks, I'll remain in Braintree. It's served me well for the past 20 years plus and I'm sure it will serve me well for the next 20!	
Great Notley Parish Council	Great Notley Parish Council would like to make to following representations – With reference to the area marked 'Part B' on the boundary proposal map for Great Notley there are in effect two distinct areas within that area – 1. The area to the west of Washall Drive (comprising roads including Thresher Rise, Crofter's Walk, Quillberry Drive, Wainwright Drive and parts of Queenborough Lane). The houses in this area have all been built over the last 20 years and do not pre-date the construction of houses within the existing Parish of Great Notley. Indeed the houses in that area are very much in the style of housing within the current parish. 2. The area to the east of Washall Drive (comprising roads including Maylands Drive, Oaklands Drive and Greenway Gardens). The houses in this area pre-date the construction of the houses within the area marked 'Part B' on the map Great Notley Parish Council still contend that this entire area should be incorporated into the Parish of Great Notley and would in particular state –	
	<ul> <li>The entire area in 'Part B' is in the same polling district as the Parish of Great Notley.</li> <li>London Road, The A120 and the A131 provide the most logical boundaries for the Parish and it makes sense for the effective administration of the area for the whole of the area marked 'Part B' to be included within the Parish of Great Notley.</li> <li>Recently residents who reside in the area marked 'Part B' on the map have attended various Parish Council meetings and have sought to influence decision making in relation to such matters as</li> </ul>	

	<ul> <li>planning issues, lighting along the main spine footpath within the Parish, issues relating to dog fouling in the Parish and also means of dealing with anti-social behaviour.</li> <li>As previously contended by the Parish Council there is no physical boundary between the existing Parish and the area marked 'Part B' and those residents in that area are clearly Great Notley residents. By including 'Part B' into the Parish of Great Notley it will more accurately represent the Great Notley community. Among other things for the residents in the area marked 'Part B' their nearest two junior schools, church, doctor's surgery, pharmacy, vet's practise and local parade of shops and neighbourhood shopping area are within the existing Parish of Great Notley.</li> </ul>	
<b>D Harris</b> 1 The Laurels, Queenborough Lane, Braintree	I object to the proposed changes. I can see no benefit to this and I would also like to know why, when this was previously proposed and overwhelmingly rejected at that time, is the council wasting our money going through this exercise yet again. No information has been provided in terms of the pros and cons of the scheme on which to make an informed decision. The only con I can envisage is the potential negative of having to pay parish rates. Would this be the case and if so why has this not been mentioned in the communications? Consideration also needs to be given to those that do not have access to computers in terms of how the council provide information which may affect them. I can see no justifiable reason or benefit to this proposed scheme and until such time that this is made available this proposal should be dropped.	
John F. Pike 20 Greenways, Gardens, Braintree, Essex, CM77 7OA	Re. Proposal to extend the Great Notley Parish Boundary to include the Queenborough and I London Road area, comprising London Road, Summerleaze Court, Queenborough Lane, Springmead, Greenway Gardens, Maylands Drive, Oaklands Close. Once again, I am appalled and frustrated that the Great Notley Parish Council should seek to attempt to extend its boundary to enclose and absorb the above area, which is part of the Braintree District Council. The Great Notley Parish Council would seem obsessed by the takeover of this area, and have repeatedly,over the last 15 years, tried and tried to achieve this. This proposal, was rejected in 1998,2002, 2006 and was last	

	unanimously opposed in 2012 by the residents of this area and is still vigorously opposed. In 2012, you Mr, Daynes, as Council Democracy Manager, being well aware of the overwhelming resentment and objections, stated that the residents had no wish to change and rejected the proposals. This state, I can assure you has not changed, and will not change regardless of how many times Great Notley Parish Council try to resurrect the concept. This area is remote from Great Notley, has no connection or affiliation with the Parish and will receive no benefit or living improvements whatsoever from being amalgamated. I am certain that some members of the Parish Council have no idea where Greenway Gardens, or Oaklands Close actually are, and are only considering the increased revenue that will accrue from these proposals. You state that a meeting of the Braintree District Council was held on 24th July 2017, wherein the proposals were formally accepted. This I consider to be totally undemocratic, as to my knowledge, the proposals were not widely advertised and certainly not in keeping and totally against the wishes of myself or any of the residents in the Queenborough Lane area as defined. I most strongly request that these proposals are rejected yet again and recorded for posterity, to deter Great Notley Parish Council from continuing with their persistence in future attempts.	
Susan & Tony Eve 18 Greenway Gardens, Braintree	Five years ago, when Gt Notley Parish Council last tried to push this change through the residents opposed the change by a substantial majority overall and by an overwhelming majority (89% to 11%) in the area that pre-dates the Gt Notley development, i.e. east of Washall Drive. In the last few weeks the survey and petition that was undertaken then has been repeated in the area east of Washall Drive and the opposition to the change, now 90%, shows that resistance is just as strong as it ever was. Gt Notley PC's claims in support of their case are in no way convincing that the proposed change is anything more than an attempt to maximise revenue. Uniformity with the polling district and the "logical" boundary of the A120/A131 may create a convenient administrative unit but convenience is a flimsy reason for changing and the new arrangement would have no affinity with the residents. Whether the facilities they cite are the nearest is questionable. They certainly are not the easiest to	

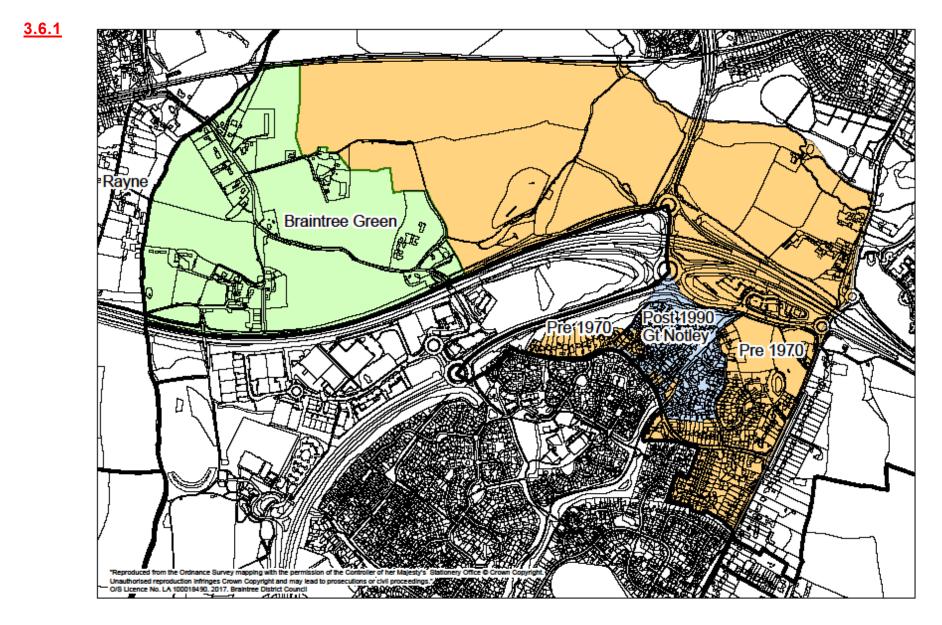
	reach, particularly by public transport. Access to Braintree town centre from this area is far more convenient than it is to Gt. Notley village centre, particularly since the axing of the No. 34/34A bus. In any case, none of these facilities is provided by Gt Notley PC so their reasoning is no more valid than to say we should pay a precept to Chelmsford City for using schools there or for shopping at Springfield Sainsbury's. From other representations here, the alleged attendance of parish council meetings by residents of this area seems more likely to be concerned with the disruption on Queenborough Lane caused by through traffic and the school run than on any wish to become part of the parish. This proposal seems to have become a five yearly ritual but the message remains clear. After almost twenty years of persistence Gt Notley PC is no closer to getting the residents' support for this change than when they started. The latest survey shows that even new arrivals in the area east of Washall Drive, whose support they might have expected, see no reason to change. The gradual erosion of the opposition that they might have hoped for has not happened.	
<b>Resident Group</b> Queenbourough Lane Area	Petition "To ascertain the opinions of the residents of the area of Braintree that pre-dates the development of Gt.Notley on the latest request by Gt. Notley Parish Council to extend its boundary to include the area of Braintree town bounded by the present boundary of Great Notley parish, London Road and the A120 and the A131." <b>Petition - Queenborough Lane Area</b>	Households - 152 Electors - 320 For proposal - 5 Against proposal- 239 No Comment/No response - 76 * Response assumes household view where only 1 signature collected
<b>D Harrison</b> 156 London Road, Braintree CM77 7QF	In reply to your recent letter regarding the above - would you please add my name to the petition AGAINST the extension of the Great Notley Parish boundary. I have lived in London Road, Braintree for 80 years and	

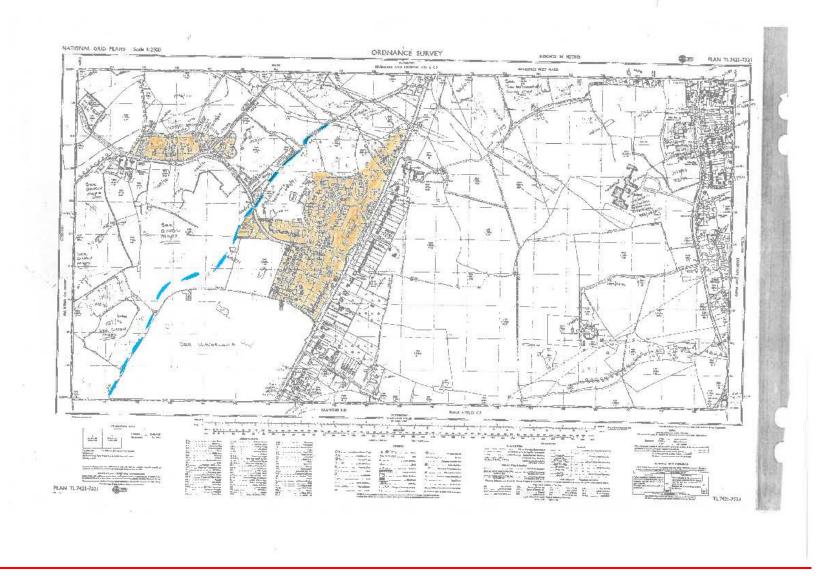
	have no connection with Great Notley for any reason - I cannot even get there, as I am unable to walk to a bus stop - even if there is a bus service. As an OAP I object to being forced to pay tax to a Parish Council from which I would get no benefit.	
<b>Lee M Cole</b> 5 Quilberry Drive, Braintree CM77 7GG	I approve of the boundary change and live within the affected area.	
Joy Darby Lavender Hoppit, Queenborough Lane	It is I believe important to remove the issue of paying more in a parish precept which I believe maybe about £36 for a Band D building. Most people if asked do not want to pay more. What it amounts to is very little and probably less than £1 per week. As a local resident of Queenborough Lane (non parished area) I look at the area that I live in and have to say that I relate to Great Notley and would wish to become part of the parish. My family and I have over the last 16 years benefited by the excellent work carried out in Great Notley. We have and still use the playgrounds, cycle the paths and appreciate the work carried out by the litter pickers making it such a good place to live. I have not benefited in the same way in Braintree. It would be beneficial to be able to be represented by the Parish Council and ensure that our views are represented. Without a Parish Council we miss out. If you look at the map, how can we possibly relate to Braintree when there is a bypass cutting us off from the town. When making the decision we should be thinking of the place we live in and not how much extra it may cost. I am sure that many of my neighbours would also agree that they relate to Great Notley and not Braintree if asked. I am sure that being part of Great Notley is good for us all in many respects including selling our homes if we decide to move in the future. Stop thinking about how much extra and start thinking about our place and our future.	
L Clark,	In response to your letter in July, I am both surprised and disappointed in this	
11 Greenway Gardens, Braintree,	issue being raised yet again, since on the last occasion this issue was raised you stated it was the last time and the subject would not be brought up again.	

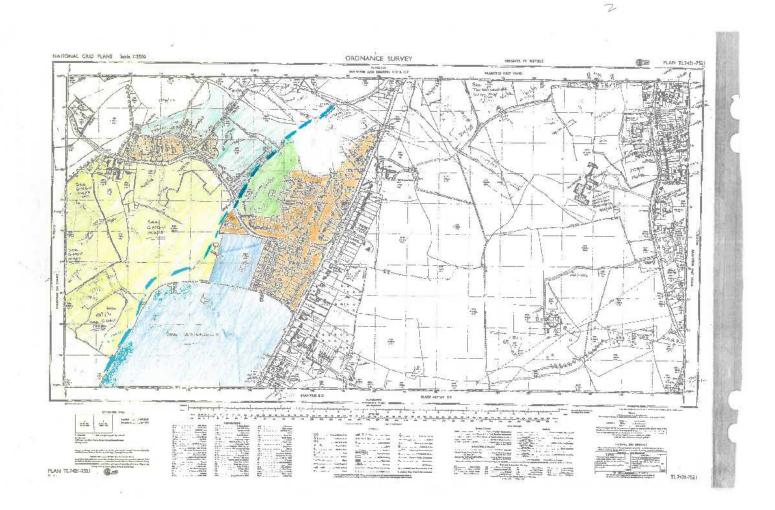
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	I have been a resident of Braintree for over 40 years and always been very happy with involvement in the local St. Michael's Church and the town activities. There is nothing in Great Notley to attract there. The town is more accessible and has all the facilities and interest for a long standing resident. Why now go back on your word? Please don't let us become another fund raiser for Great Notley.	
Richard and Mary Smith Greenway Gardens	Since 1998 there have been several attempts by Great Notley Parish Council to have the area known as Braintree West Ward to be included within their parish. Each time this approach has been met with very strong objections from a high majority of these residents, petitions and letters have been deposited with Braintree District Council also many were sent to the Local Government Boundary Commission in 2014 when changes to electoral arrangements were being considered. The proposal has always been seen as an attempt to increase their funds via parish precept payments from those residents in the affected Braintree area. As residents of Braintree for over 31 years, my wife and I strongly object to the Parish Council's latest attempt to extract more income for no extra services than we already receive from the District Council.	
Mr & Mrs Root Richmond Park 19 Washall Drive Braintree Essex Cm77 7gf	<ul> <li>We did not buy a house on Notley by choice we live on Richmond Park NOT Notley</li> <li>We do not agree with becoming part of Notely</li> <li>We are proud to be separate development NOT Notley. This is not the 1st vote we have already been asked &amp; the answer remains the same We DO NOT Want to be joined with Notely. If we wanted to be, we would have bought on that development. STOP wasting money on Mail outs . The deliberate tactic to get it passed through by empathy due to people's busy lives is outrageous. This whole household feels the same.</li> <li>Shame on you!! No remains No</li> </ul>	
Sid and Lyn Quattrucci	We think it's a disgrace that this discussion of the parish boundary is up again for the fourth time about joining us with Great Notley Village Parish. There's no need for us to join Great Notley other than pay an increase in our council	

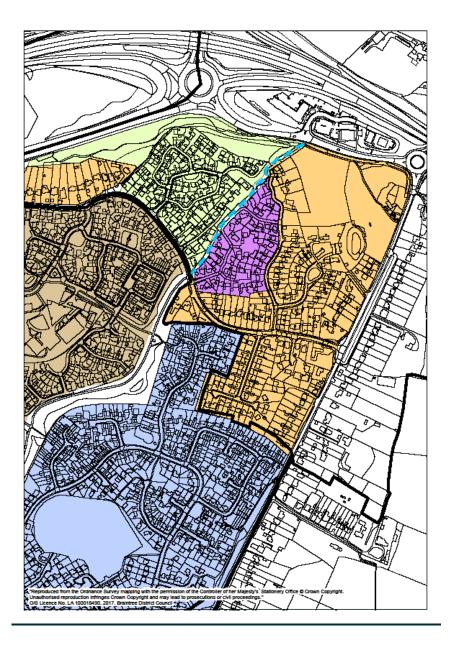
43 Greenway Gardens Braintree Essex	tax for their benefit. We've been part of Braintree for over 26 years and have been very content.	
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# 3.6 Appendix Maps









# 4 Braintree Green

Reference No	Proposal (Initial consultation)	Draft Proposal	Final Proposal
4.0.1	That the area known locally as Braintree Green be included within the Rayne Parish Boundary		

## 4.1Commentary and Legislative Appraisal

- 4.1.1 The area consists of 27 properties, with at present 57 electors registered.
- 4.1.2 The proposals outlined would result the area being incorporated into the Rayne Parish, District Council representation would remain within the Great Notley and Black Notley ward.
- 4.1.3 It is suggested that, for clarity, further representation be made to the LGBCE for a consequential review of the Principal area boundary so as to maintain boundaries which are coterminous.

### **4.2 Returning Officer comments**

4.2.1 If supported, electoral arrangements would need careful consideration as representation for the area would be complex. It is therefore suggested that in addition to a request for consequential review of the Principal area boundary, further comment be submitted to the Final round of consultation of Parliamentary boundaries as this area would remain in Braintree whilst Rayne would be within the Saffron Walden Parliamentary constituency.

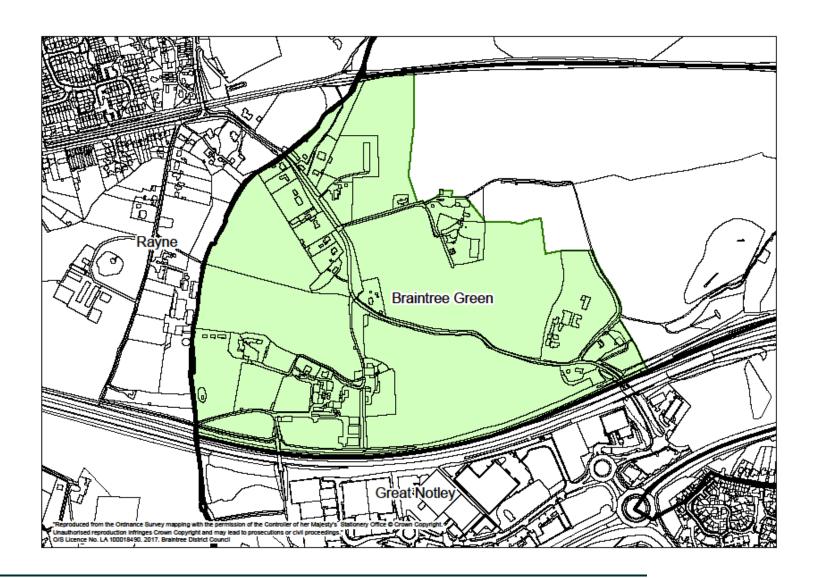
# 4.3 Representations

Rayne Parish Council	Rayne Parish Council requests that the properties within the locality known as	
	Braintree Green up to the border with the A131 are incorporated within Rayne	
	parish. Three properties are already within the parish it therefore makes sense to	
	include the remaining properties on the section of Queenborough Lane up to and	
	including Little Bishops in Rayne.	

# 4.4 Appendix Maps

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### 5.0 Witham

Reference No	Proposal (Initial consultation)	Draft Proposal	Final Proposal
5.0.1	<ul> <li>To rename the following:</li> <li>➢ Witham (West ward) to Witham (Spa)</li> <li>➢ Witham (North ward) to</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Witham (Rickstones)</li> <li>Witham (South ward) to Witham (Maltings)</li> </ul>		

### 5.1 Consultees

## a) Witham Town Council

### **5.2 Electorate statistics**

	Households	Electors
Witham (West ward)	2853	5123
Witham (North ward)	2918	5035
Witham (South ward)	2754	4729

### 5.3 Commentary and Legislative Appraisal

5.3.1 Members are advised that Witham Town Council wish to withdraw their request to rename West, South and North wards. Members have the option to support the removal of the proposal or to continue with the proposal.

## **5.4 Returning Officer comments**

5.4.1 The Returning Officer has no comments as electoral representation is unaffected.

### **5.5 Representations**

Lynda Rockall 7 Boydin Close, Witham CM8 1PD Anthony Nye 15 Constantine Road, Witham CM8 1HL	What is the point of changing Ward names to something which does not reflect their area? I live in Witham South Ward but I do not live on the Maltings Estate. Leave well alone and don't change for change sake.         OK	
<b>Bridget Mudd</b> 11 Gimson Close, Witham CM8 2ER	I have no views either way to the changes to ward names.	
<b>Catherine White</b> 52 Highfields Road, Witham CM8 2HJ	I have no problem with the alteration, though I cannot see the need for this change.	
Witham Town Council	Thank you for your letter regarding the Community Governance Review and the suggestion to consider the renaming of wards which was considered recently by the Town Council. Members are divided over whether the names of wards in Witham should reflect the geographical placement in the town, i.e. North, or names of major roads, i.e. Maltings. It was therefore agreed that there might be merit in changing ward names but it was not necessarily appropriate. They would like to be involved in the draft proposals when formulated and have input into the final decision making process.	
Witham Town Council	After further consideration, Members agreed that the Ward names should remain as they are currently for the time being.	

## 6.0 <u>South Witham, Hatfield Peverel</u>

Reference No	Proposal (Initial consultation)	Draft Proposal	Final Proposal
6.0.1	That the Witham Parish boundary be extended to include the development site		
	at Wood End Farm, Witham		

## 6.1Consultees

- a) Hatfield Peverel Parish Council
- b) Witham Town Council
- c) Individual contact letters to all households within Hatfield Peverel

### **6.2 Electorate statistics**

	Households	Electors
Hatfield Peverel	1854	3426

- 6.3.1 Members are advised that any changes to the Parish boundaries will require the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) to grant consent to proposals as these directly impact on previous recommendations following their Principal Area review in July 2014. The 2014 recommendations are protected for a period of 5 years and can therefore only be amended following a further "consequential review" by them.
- 6.3.2 Whilst the proposals outlined would result the area being incorporated into the Witham Parish, District Council representation would remain within the Hatfiel Peverel and Terling ward.
- 6.3.3 It is suggested that, for clarity, further representation be made to the LGBCE for a consequential review of the Principal area boundary so as to maintain boundaries which are coterminous.
- 6.3.4 A significant proportion of the responses refer to planning matters and Members may well be aware that there have been a number of significant planning applications within the village of Hatfield Peverel. Within the comments there appears to be a misunderstanding of some elements of planning and therefore clarity is

provided. It is however worth noting that the planning merits of sites is not a factor which this committee should take into account as it does not have direct applicability to the decision before Members.

- 6.3.5 A view is expressed in the representations that Hatfield Peverel has a target number of properties to meet within both its Neighbourhood Plan, and or within the 5 year supply. Both of these are incorrect assumptions. The District as a whole has an objectively assessed housing need, which defines the number of new properties which are needed each year across the district. Using this number, permissions granted, sites allocated and current building rates across the district a trajectory is developed which needs to have a five year supply of housing across the district to be compliant with national policy, where the district as a whole cannot demonstrate this there is a stronger presumption in favour of granting development within national planning policy.
- 6.3.6 In setting its development strategy the District council has chosen to focus development on the key towns and then through a hierarchy of villages, with key service villages such as Hatfield Peverel expected to be areas where development is more likely to occur. There have however been no set quotas or targets for each town or village to meet or expect.
- 6.3.7 In terms of coalescence for Witham and Hatfield Peverel, this is a matter for planning and is not impacted by the boundary of the parish as such. The proposed neighbourhood development plan has a number of green wedge areas. The proposal would not impact on these and would not prejudice their inclusion in the neighbourhood plan.
- 6.3.8 Given the above context should a parish boundary be changed, the appropriateness (or otherwise) of the land in the areas for development does not alter within a planning context.

### **6.4 Returning Officer comments**

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## 6.5 Representations

<b>Derek Woodman</b> 3 Bennett Way Hatfield Peverel CM32ER	With the amount of new homes being built have the Council taken into consideration of the local amenities for the amount of residents that these properties will accumulate i.e Doctors Surgeries, Schools, local shops to be sufficient enough to supply the amount of family's that will be moving in and not forgetting the increase of traffic flow that this will cause, we have enough problems and other residents like us for Doctors appointments and also the size of the surgeries, to build more homes in a area like Hatfield Peverel you have to have more facilities, we only have one food store in Hatfield Peverel being the Co-Op and to build more homes on the Stonebridge area will cause problems for the Residents already living here.	
Valerie Bliss 17 Ranulph Way, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2RN	My concern is that Hatfield Peverel village should not be subsumed into the town of Witham. Our villages must be protected and clear boundaries should exist between Witham and Hatfield Peverel.	
Anthony French Ramley, The Spinney, Church Road, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2JY	Most people in Hatfield Peverel wish to keep Hatfield Peverel and Witham separate, maintaining a safe distance between the two. moving the boundary does nothing to help this ideal.If we are going to have houses on Hatfield Peverel land, the land should at least be kept within the village boundary, so that we at least gain something from the development, such as Planning gain monies. Being close to Hatfield Peverel, residents may be inclined to use Hatfield Peverel facilities, so should be expected to contribute to them. Equally it would contribute to Hatfield Peverel's share of housing development. I can see no reason to support the change of boundary and the above reasons for objecting to the change.I therefore oppose the change of boundaries.	
<b>Susan Held</b> 5 Luard Way, Witham	I am concerned at the proposed large number of new houses being built in this area. It is important that a green boundary is maintained between Witham and Hatfield Peverel, a boundary	

CM8 1DE	that is constantly being diminished. There are already lots of new houses built or in course of construction around the Aldi site and the current infrastructure does not support the development of even more new homes. Essex is and should retain its farming community and allow the wildlife to have a habitat in which to live and breed around the field perimeters.	
G Ward 12 Hawthorn Road, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2SE	I have lived in The Braintree Council area for almost a decade and I can assure you that it is very fulfilling to see that the council is succeeding in paving over and building houses on every piece of green land that falls under its authority. I am particularly delighted to see a new and massive development in the Wood End Farm area of Witham where unsightly farmland is being built over with rows and rows of splendid modern residences in addition to the existing rows and rows of new, equally splendid houses on the other side of the road. I am hopeful too that as many as possible of these new residents will drive to Hatfield Peverel railway station every morning and park their cars all over my village where there is presently far too much space not taken up with parked cars. Unlike Witham where parked cars are already placed in every available area successfully blocking everything and everyone. I do particularly admire those vehicles that are parked with advertising slogans on them, informing residents that they can sell their cars both dead and alive. They bring so much character to the place. And I have no doubt that Braintree Council is arranging with the railway authorities to lay on extra trains bearing in mind that they are already over subscribed before all these lovely new residents arrive. So, because of the foregoing you can imagine my enthusiasm that the Witham boundary is now expanded towards Hatfield Peverel so that you can build on that as well in the near future. In fact I am so happy that Braintree Council has successfully grasped the need to abolish farmland, countryside, meadows and everything natural that I have decided to move. I feel I can leave Braintree Council in the total confidence that within another decade they will have	

	eliminated every patch of grass big enough to put a three storey maisonette for modern living on. My own house is currently on the market and my intention is to move to Herefordshire where I intend to bring enlightenment to the Herefordshire councils and bring them round to the Braintree Council ethos of build, build and build. You would be appalled to find that in Herefordshire there are great rolling areas of farmland and grassland, as far as the eye can see, much of it with smelly cows and sheep on. I am sure you will support me in my campaign as soon as I get there to have the whole lot concreted over and houses galore built as quickly as possible. I will let you know how I get on.	
David Groves 23 Chestnut Avenue, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2LL	With respect to the proposal to move Wood End Farm under the control of Witham Town Council, I wish to register my objection to the proposal. As one can see the inevitability of future housing development on this site, the removal of it from Hatfield Peverel will severely limit the amount of impact residents of Hatfield Peverel may be able to exercise in any decision making process. Given that the ever decreasing boundary between Witham & Hatfield Peverel is, in the view of most HP residents, vital to maintain, it is also extremely important to keep such boundary in the control of Hatfield Peverel.	
<b>Peter Sullivan</b> 6 Hawthorn Road, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2SE	I object very strongly to this move. Firstly there was no clear justification made for this in your communication. In the light of this I am deeply sceptical about the motivations behind this move. The new residents can and therefore will use amenities within Hatfield Peverel parish, such as schools, doctors and train station due to easier access/proximity. If new residents use amenities within the Hatfield Peverel parish in preference to others then why should they not be considered to fall within the Hatfield Peverel parish. It seems to me, that this is simply a shuffling exercise to increase the Witham parish allotment of new homes at the expense of Hatfield Peverel, rather than	

	solving an practical problems. I am distinctly unimpressed by this move, especially so since I have been consulted after the district council have formally accepted these proposals and not before.	
<b>Ed Hymas</b> 14 Rookery Close, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2DF	The proposal if implemented would surely further lessen the ability of HP Parish Council to resist the ongoing encroachment of Witham and the various new development proposals affecting the parish in which case I object to them.	
Susan and Robert Farrell 6 Sunningdale Fall, Hatfield Peverel	I am writing with regard to the letter we have received about the relocation of the development at Wood End Farm, Witham . As a resident of Hatfield Peverel, I would like to register my objection to this proposal. There has been much discussion over the allocation of this land in past months. It forms part of the emerging Hatfield Peverel Neighbourhood plan, the progress of which has already been delayed by Braintree District Council for three months between March and June of this year. If this area reverts to the Witham Town boundary, Hatfield Peverel residents will have little or no input into development on the site. An overwhelming view of Hatfield Peverel Residents is that the village should remain just that - a village. We do not want to be subsumed into "Greater Witham" and this area forms part of the green "belt" between the two areas which we should preserve.	
Charles Cope 2 Priory Lodge, Church Road, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2LE	Thank you for the chance to comment on this proposed change in the boundary at Wood End Farm. I agree that it would make sense for the whole estate to be under one council. However I feel it is unfair on Hatfield Peverel not to count these houses towards our quota of new development, especially with the huge pressure from developers at four other key sights in the village. Secondly it is vital that there is a separation between Witham and Hatfield Peverel so there must be a final limit to how far the boundary is moved. Thirdly Hatfield Peverel Parish	

	Council will lose out on the precept that it would have received had the boundary remained as it was when permission was granted. In view of these three points I think there should be some form of benefit to Hatfield Peverel in terms of financial grant, or leverage in resisting unwelcome development in the village. The development at Witham also increases the long felt want for a link road from the A12 junction due south to the B1019 Maldon Road near Doe's Corner.	
Cllr David Bebb (Ward Member for Hatfield Peverel and Terling) White Hart Cottage, Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2HJ	Despite the fact that this block of land at Wood End Farm being remote from the village housing settlement, and that new housing will have Witham addresses and be associated with the adjacent existing development, it is very evident that a number of villagers do feel great concerns at losing part of the parish land area to Witham. There is also the issue regarding potential loss of precept income to the village for homes built on this land. There is also unfortunate wording in the consultation letter, which has concerned villagers, implying that BDC has formally accepted the change of boundary, which as far as I am concerned, it has not, as there has not been a debate of this specific issue, and the consultation is yet to reveal feedback.	
Ken Earney 59 Willow Crescent, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford, CM3 2LJ	As a resident of Hatfield Peverel I'm concerned about the houses in this development, on a field within Hatfield Peverel's parish boundary, which will not be counted within our quota of new builds towards the government imposed target for a five year forward supply of housing - the district council has to demonstrate being able provide this. As an aside, this field was always a bit of an anomaly in modern times and would appear at first sight to belong within Witham's boundaries, but we would want absolutely to hang on to it if were to have a future impact of a similar nature. I'm not sure how this situation came about, parish council acquiescence, not raising objections at the appropriate time, or some other reason, but It would appear to have passed	

	<ul> <li>residents by. However, we are where we are, and my view is that this must represent the absolutely final limit of building of any sort on land between Hatfield Peverel and Witham. It is important to us that we maintain a clear separation between the two settlements, and our emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan makes this point at a number of places -</li> <li>page 9 Key issues from community engagement - second bullet point</li> <li>page 10 Vision and Objectives - Objective 4</li> <li>page 21 Environment - second paragraph</li> <li>page 23 Environment Key issues - Planning - bullet point 1</li> <li>page 32 Environment policy HPE6 Protection of landscape setting - paragraphs 1,2,3,5,7</li> <li>page 35 table items 5 and 6</li> <li>To conclude, my wife's and my position is that it's a case of 'thus far and no further'.</li> </ul>	
Brenda Smith 3 Ferndown Way, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 2JU	I think this is an underhand way of snatching any S106 monies away from a neighbouring village by land grabbing Hatfield Peverel Parish land. As a resident of Hatfield Peverel I'm concerned about the houses in this development, on a field within Hatfield Peverel's parish boundary, which will not be counted within our quota of new builds towards the government imposed target for a five year forward supply of housing - the district council has to demonstrate being able provide this. As an aside, this field was always a bit of an anomaly in modern times and would appear at first sight to belong within Witham's boundaries, but we would want absolutely to hang on to it if were to have a future impact of a similar nature. I'm not sure how this situation came about, parish council acquiescence, not raising objections at the appropriate time, or some other reason, but It would appear to have passed	

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Susan Warrant 3 Stone Path Drive, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford, CM3 2LG	With regard to the letter dated July 2017; the proposal that the development at Wood End Farm should be included within an extended Witham Town Council boundary, I wish to state that I am opposed to this boundary change. This would remove land from the Parish of Hatfield Peverel which I do not feel would be to the village's advantage.	
John Warrant 3 Stone Path Drive, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford, CM3 2LG	With regard to the letter dated July 2017; the proposal that the development at Wood End Farm should be included within an extended Witham Town Council boundary, I wish to state that I am do not support this boundary change. This would remove land from the Parish of Hatfield Peverel. As the development at Wood End will be closer to Hatfield Peverel than the centre of Witham, and the village services and infrastructure would be used, any monies from this development should come to	

	Hatfield Peverel.	
Andrew Cooney Windsong, Church Road, Hatfield Peverel CM3 2RS	Unacceptable for the following reasons : Hatfield Peverel should not and should not be allowed to absolve themselves of responsibility or release much needed council tax revenue to a different governing/spending authority. It may assist the current residents of Hatfield Peverel if the authorities could provide the following documents : I'm certain that individuals from Highways, Education, Water Supply/Drainage, Public Amenities, Health Services, Public Transport were approached about the ability of these current services to expand to accommodate the influx of residents the many developments would bring. What were their responses and were those responses acceptable to the council/s?	
Mark East 18 Stonepath Drive Hatfield Peverel	I feel that Wood End Farm should remain in the Parish of Hatfield Peverel. My justification for this is it's proximity to our village centre and facilities in particular the rail station. In all probability any development at Wood End Farm will require a safe walking and cycling route to our station which only compounds my reasoning.	
Philippa and lan Moody 2 De Vere Close Hatfield Peverel CM3 2LS	You sent a consultation letter in July regarding the proposal to extend the boundary of Witham to include Wood End Farm. My husband and I strongly disagree with this proposal. We do not want the space between Hatfield Peverel and Witham to be further eroded and we do not want the boundary changed to include the area concerned to be included in Witham.	
Jane Tindale 10 Birkdale Rise Hatfield Peverel CM3 2JT	I am writing to strongly object to the proposal in changing parish boundaries so that any development at Wood End would be included in Witham's extended boundaries. Hatfield Peverel Neighbourhood plan calls for the preservation of the two communities of Hatfield Peverel and Witham The dwellings eventually built here would then be included in Witham's 5 year housing quota and not Hatfield Peverel 's .	

	It is beyond my comprehension that this could be considered, A totally cynical way of massaging figures, putting a ridiculous extra pressure in local infrastructure . There are already concerns regarding recent approval being given to developments in the village with two sites being recently called in by the Rt Hon Sajid Javid . When scrutiny is already on your decision making surely someone somewhere will start joining the dots and look at the big picture of what is happening?	
Hatfield Peverel Parish Council	The proposal to extend Witham Town Council boundary, to include the shaded area on the plan provided, which currently falls within Hatfield Peverel Parish, and which also falls within the Designated Area for the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) as approved by Braintree District Council (BDC) on the 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2015.	
	Wood End Farm (HATF315 and 316) and the former HAT4 (which falls within Lodge Farm) are all within the NDP Designated Area. Therefore, any planning application for development on these sites should be assessed against the policies of the emerging NDP. Examination is currently in progress, and Referendum is anticipated early 2018.	
	The green wedge shown in Policy HPE1 abuts the extended development boundary to prevent further coalescence from the main settlement of the village.	
	During consultation for the former Local Development Framework, BDC had assured the Parish Council that any precept arising from HAT4 would be received by them. Therefore, it is reasonable to expect any further precept arising from development in this area should also be received.	
	The Parish Council do not support any changes in the Parish boundary, and ask that consideration be given to the above.	

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Marel Elliston 28 Woodham Drive Hatfield Peverel Essex CM3 2RR	Please note that the Parish Council have met with Witham Town         Council on three occasions to discuss the implications of any         change in the Parish boundary.         I object strongly to any change in the existing parish boundary         and fully concur with the views expressed by Hatfield Peverel         Please note that the Parish Council	
Ron Elliston 28 Woodham Drive Hatfield Peverel Essex CM3 2RR	I am completely opposed to the proposed boundary change. There is no necessity for any change and I fully support the comments made by Hatfield Peverel Parish Council, which has also opposes this proposal.	
<b>Ted Munt</b> 9, Woodham Drive, Hatfield Peverel	Seems like a naked land grab by Witham Town Council. I'm sure some of these residents will be using the Hat Pev station, surgery, school, etc, so I would like to see the precept to this land accruing to Hat Pev P.C.	
<b>Lesley Wild</b> 26 Ranulph Way Hatfield Peverel Essex	Very unfair on Hatfield Peverel to change the boundary, meaning we lose out on any financial benefits resulting from this huge development which is mostly within the parish of Hatfield Peverel	
Jodi Earwicker 41 Church Road, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford, CM32LB	I think the planned changes to our parish boundaries without due consideration, or acknowledgement of the wider impact of such change in the current planning climate, is outrageous. Shame on you BDC, you DO NOT have the interest of this village at heart. We have a housing quota to meet, which we've been working towards our NDP to address. We've been hit with planning applications on all sides of the village and with the wider parish boundary. Having set us a quota, to then move our boundaries to gift developments on it to another parish to meet BDCS housing quota is obvious, disingenuous and disgusting. Whilst this is bad	

	enough, I can not see how due consideration is being given to things like infrastructure, schools, roads, pollution and the future wellbeing of all those affected by these plans? Whether the boundaries move or not, this site will impact on our village with increased trade, traffic and use of facilities such as the doctors surgery and school.	
<b>Helen Peter</b> Walnut Tree Cottage, The Street, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford	I am concerned that this area seems to be destined for housing and although many of the new residents will go into Witham for services they are also likely to go to Hatfield Peverel for train and health and other services plus use the roads. However Hatfield Peverel will receive none of the precept in addition to none of the housing contributing to its housing allocation. Also it is in the designated area of the emerging Neighbourhood development Plan. That would presumably require alterations to the Plan. If this area is taken into Witham then the boundary should be fixed by a sizeable green wedge that prevents further expansion of the development and coalescence between the two settlements.	
<b>Roderick Pudney</b> , 6 Priory Mews, Hatfield Peverel.	<b>C Pudney</b> , Mews,Please excuse email. I tried several times to use the website but the second page refused to load.	
	Peverel facilities but Hatfield Peverel will not get any funding as a result of the development if the houses are in Witham.	
Joanne Melly 30 stone path drive Hatfield Peverel Cm3 2lg	I strongly object to the boundary change. The current plan gives no credit to Hatfield Peverel Parish for this building land NOR does it allow for any monies due to flow to Hatfield Peverel Parish for infrastructure and facilities to Hatfield Pevrel's detriment.	

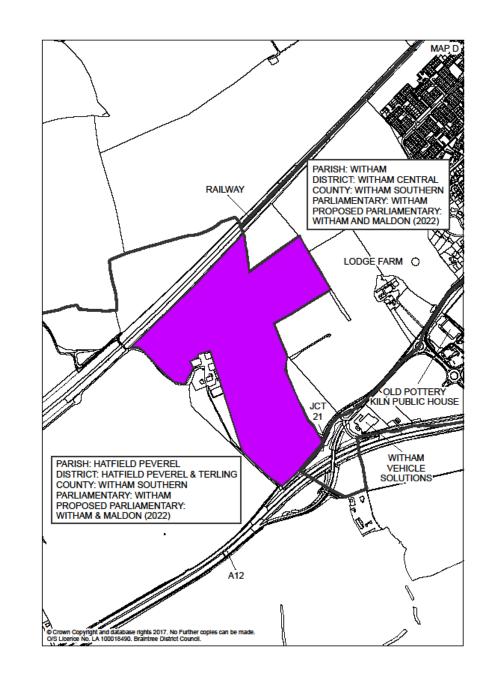
George BOYD RATCLIFF 3 Salisbury Cottages	Object strongly. This is just another step towards Hatfield Peverel being a part of Witham. You've already broken Witham, don't now	
Maldon Road Hatfield Peverel CM3 2HS	include Hatfield Peverel. If there are any boundaries we would want to be part of Maldon District Council	
Kevin Dale	I object to current plan.	
31 Sportsmans Lane Nounsley Hatfield Peverel	The Parish boundary needs tidying up so it does not cross the A12 at Latney's.	
	The houses to be built on what is currently Hatfield Peverel Parish should count towards our Parish's contribution to the District 5 year housing supply target.	
	The residents of the site will be using the facilities of Hatfield Peverel so any monies due should fairly and rightfully go towards Hatfield Peverel Parish.	
<b>Christopher Johnson</b> 4 Hawthorn Road Hatfield Peverel	With reference to the letter sent to residents of Hatfield Peverel headed "Community Governance Review" dated July 2017.	
Chelmsford CM3 2SE	The letter addressed to residents of Hatfield Peverel beggars belief.	
	First we are told in the letter that "the District Council formally accepted these proposals" ie that Wood End Farm should be "included within an extended Witham Town Council boundary" and	
	then it invites "all residents and stake holders within a review area to submit comments". What sort of democracy is this when comments are sought after the decision has been made?	
	Next it must be emphasised that Wood End Farm is something approaching 90% or more within the Parish of Hatfield Peverel.	

If Wood End Farm is "included within an extended Witham Town Council boundary" as stated in the letter then there will be no financial contribution from this development at the time of construction (technically s106) or subsequently from Council Tax to Hatfield Peverel. That is not acceptable.	
This ignores the fact that from Wood End Farm it is easier to access Hatfield Peverel facilities than it is to access the facilities in the centre of Witham.	
By the way, this same convenience of access to Hatfield Peverel applies to Lodge Farm which is largely within Witham (though, in fact, even some of this development is within the Hatfield Peverel boundary).	
And again much of the rest of the extensive new development in the south of Witham has easy access to Hatfield Peverel. None of these make any contribution to Hatfield Peverel which we understand.	
So with the current Wood End Farm proposal Hatfield Peverel would miss out even when the development is within the parish boundary,	
And we are expected to believe that the Wood End Farm Development, which is within the Hatfield Peverel Parish boundary, does not justify financial support to the Hatfield Peverel Parish.	
Those of us that live in Hatfield Peverel are well aware of the pressures, within the village, on the surgery, the school, the roads and the station that currently exist and will put under more pressure by other developments within the Hatfield Peverel Parish (ARLA, Bury Road Farm etc) that have already been passed by Braintree Planning Committee.	
The Wood End Farm Development (if passed by planning) will only	

	<ul> <li>add to these pressures. The very least that Hatfield Peverel is entitled to receive are the financial compensations associated with the development (s106) and subsequently from the resulting Council Tax.</li> <li>Therefore Wood End Farm should IN ALL RESPECTS remain part of Hatfield Peverel.</li> </ul>	
Witham Town Council	Consideration was given to two specific areas, namely 'Forest Road Witham/Rivenhall' and 'South Witham / Hatfield Peverel'. Members recommended that to achieve the maximum benefit to existing Witham residents and to new residents on potential housing sites, the Witham Town 'parish' boundaries would need to be amended accordingly. For the sake of clarity maps, showing the proposed new boundaries are attached. Members considered that the following changes should be made.	
	<b><u>4.b) South Witham / Hatfield Road – (see attached).</u></b> The Town Council wishes to extend the parish boundary to the mark indicated by the thick black line super-imposed on the map.	
<b>Graham Bushby</b> Hollies CM3 2HG	There appears to be no benefits to Hatfield Peverel in ceding land to Witham and everything once again to BDC advantage. Several years ago there was an agreement that any housing built on the land in question would have the precept allocated to Hatfield Peverel - will BDC be reneging on that agreement? The Boundary Commission will also need to be consulted by the NDP group and villagers.	

# 6.6 Appendix Maps





# 7.0 Forest Road Witham/Rivenhall development site

Reference No	Proposal (Initial consultation)	Draft Proposal	Final Proposal
7.0.1	That the Witham Parish boundary be extended to include the development site Forest Road/Rivenhall		

# 7.1 Consultees

- a) Rivenhall Parish Council
- b) Witham Town Council
- c) Individual contact letters to all households within Rivenhall

# 7.2 Electorate statistics

	Households	Electors
Rivenhall	306	605

- 7.3.1 Members are advised that any changes to the Parish boundaries will require the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) to grant consent to proposals as these directly impact on previous recommendations following their Principal Area review in July 2014. The 2014 recommendations are protected for a period of 5 years and can therefore only be amended following a further "consequential review" by them.
- 7.3.2 Whilst the proposals outlined would result the area being incorporated into the Witham Parish, District Council representation would remain within the Silver End and Cressing ward.
- 7.3.3 It is suggested that, for clarity, further representation be made to the LGBCE for a consequential review of Principal and Parliamentary boundaries so as to maintain boundaries which are coterminous.

# 7.4 Returning Officer comments

- 7.4.1 The Returning Officer supports proposals for consequential reviews of Principal and Parliamentary boundaries.
- 7.4.2 Members are advised that the development site will be included in the new Braintree Parliamentary constituency as the proposed Witham/Braintree boundary uses the current Witham District ward boundary. The final stage of the Parliamentary review concludes on 11 December and Members may consider representation so as to maintain boundaries which are coterminous.

### 7.5 Representations

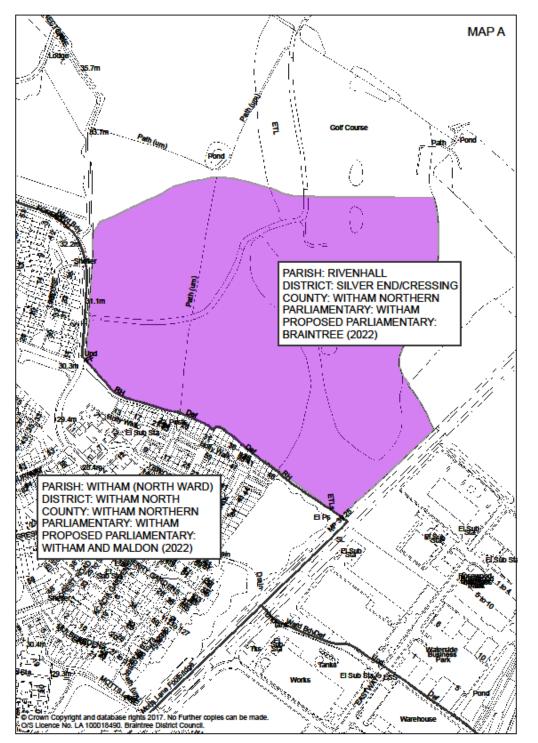
7.5.1 A number of representations related to multiple proposals, the elements which are considered linked to this proposal have been highlighted as bold text where there is a mixed response.

Rob Fossett 9 Foxmead, Rivenhall End CM8 3HD	Thank you for allowing me to express my views on the development to land north of Forest Road, Witham, whilst it does not affect me directly, I would raise a concern that with rising costs in maintenance and tightening of council budgets are Rivenhall Parish Council (RPC) missing out on vital funds? The development is known as Rivenhall Park, built on land in Rivenhall and being claimed by Witham council, i hope you could take the time to clarify the council tax for this area and are the RPC going to get anything?	
<b>Bob Wright</b> 303 Rickstones Road, Rivenhall CM8 3HH	I do not want development north of Forest Rd which is in Rivenhall, added within the boundary of Witham. It is called Rivenhall Park because it is in Rivenhall. It would be very confusing to be Rivenhall Park in Witham. <i>I agree with putting the industrial site in Witham.</i>	

Anne Wright 303 Rickstones Road, Rivenhall CM8 3HH	I disagree with the proposed development in Forest Road North being moved into Witham. This would cause conurbation of Rivenhall and Witham in contravention of planning policies. I do not want to lose our lovely village identity. <i>I agree with the industrial site being moved into Witham.</i>	
<b>Keith Taylor</b> Clerk – Rivenhall Parish Council.	In response to your undated letter re the above Rivenhall Parish Council would comment as follows: The Parish Council agree with the BDC decision regarding the established any proposed extension of Eastways Industrial Estate be merged and included within the Witham Town Council Parish boundary. Although your point is taken the new residents of the development north of Forest Road are more likely to look to Witham for goods and services, (railway, supermarkets and schools), this is not in itself a good enough reason why the Witham Parish boundary should be extended to include this development; therefore, Rivenhall Parish Council request that this recommendation should be withdrawn.	
Witham Town Council	Consideration was given to two specific areas, namely 'Forest Road Witham/Rivenhall' and 'South Witham / Hatfield Peverel'. Members recommended that to achieve the maximum benefit to existing Witham residents and to new residents on potential housing sites, the Witham Town 'parish' boundaries would need to be amended accordingly. For the sake of clarity maps, showing the proposed new boundaries are attached.	
	<ul> <li>Members considered that the following changes should be made.</li> <li><u>4.a) Forest Road Witham / Rivenhall – (see attached).</u></li> <li>The Town Council wishes to extend the parish boundary to the mark indicated by the thick black line super-imposed on the map.</li> </ul>	community review 2_201709291134.pdf



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# 8.0 Rivenhall

Reference No	Proposal (Initial consultation)	Draft Proposal	Final Proposal
8.0.1	Extend the Witham Parish		
	boundary to include the		
	Eastway Industrial Estate		

## 8.1 Consultees

- a) Rivenhall Parish Council
- b) Individual contact letters to Rivenhall households

# 8.2 Electorate statistics

	Households	Electors	
Rivenhall	306	605	
Eastways	Industrial Park	None	

- 8.3.1 This is an established Industrial site with no current or proposed residential development potential therefore there are no electoral administration implications.
- 8.3.2 Members are advised that any changes to the Parish boundaries will require the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) to grant consent to proposals as these directly impact on previous recommendations following their Principal Area review in July 2014. The 2014 recommendations are protected for a period of 5 years and can therefore only be amended following a further "consequential review" by them.
- 8.3.3 Whilst the proposals outlined would result the area being incorporated into the Witham Parish, District Council representation would remain within the Silver End and Cressing ward.

8.3.4 It is suggested that, for clarity, further representation be made to the LGBCE for a consequential review of Principal and Parliamentary boundaries so as to maintain boundaries which are coterminous.

## 8.4 Returning Officer comments

- 8.4.1 The Returning Officer supports proposals for consequential reviews of Principal and Parliamentary boundaries.
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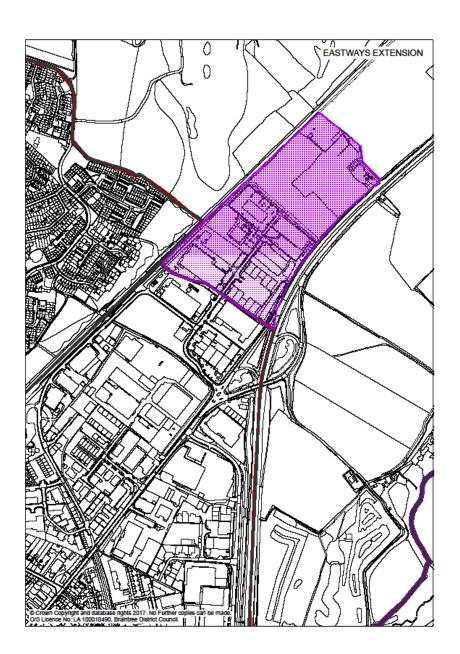
8.5.1 A number of representations related to multiple proposals, the elements which are considered linked to this proposal have been highlighted as bold text where there is a mixed response.

<b>Keith Taylor</b> Clerk – Rivenhall Parish Council.	In response to your undated letter re the above Rivenhall Parish Council would comment as follows: <b>The Parish Council</b> <b>agree with the BDC decision regarding the established any</b> <b>proposed extension of Eastways Industrial Estate</b> <b>be merged and included within the Witham Town Council</b> <b>Parish boundary.</b> <i>Although your point is taken the new residents of the</i>	
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Anne Wright 303 Rickstones Road,	I agree with the industrial site being moved into Witham.	
Rivenhall CM8 3HH	I disagree with the proposed development in Forest Road North	

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<b>Bob Wright</b> 303 Rickstones Road, Rivenhall CM8 3HH	I do not want development north of Forest Rd which is in Rivenhall, added within the boundary of Witham. It is called Rivenhall Park because it is in Rivenhall. It would be very confusing to be Rivenhall Park in Witham.	
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# 8.6 Appendix Map

<u>8.6.1</u>



## 9.0 Oak Road Halstead development site

Reference No	Proposal (Initial consultation)	Draft Proposal	Final Proposal
9.0.1	That the Halstead Parish boundary be extended to include the development site south of Oak Road, Halstead		

## 9.1Consultees

- a) Greenstead Green Parish Council
- b) Halstead Town Council
- c) Individual contact letters to all households within Greenstead Green

# **9.2 Electorate statistics**

	Households	Electors
Greenstead Green	270	545

- 9.3.1 Members are advised that any changes to the Parish boundaries will require the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) to grant consent to proposals as these directly impact on previous recommendations following their Principal Area review in July 2014. The 2014 recommendations are protected for a period of 5 years and can therefore only be amended following a further "consequential review" by them.
- 9.3.2 Whilst the proposals outlined would result the area being incorporated into the Halstead Parish, District Council representation would remain within the Gosfield and Greenstead Green ward.
- 9.3.3 It is suggested that, for clarity, further representation be made to the LGBCE for a consequential review of the Principal area boundary so as to maintain boundaries which are coterminous.

# **9.4 Returning Officer comments**

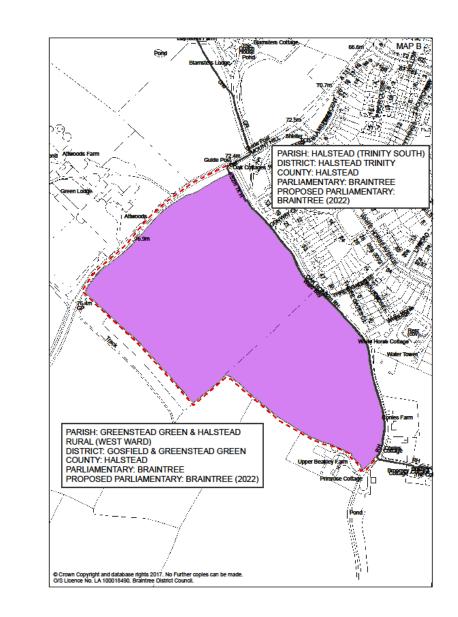
- 9.4.1 This is an established Industrial site with no current or proposed residential development potential therefore there are no electoral administration implications.
- 9.4.2 The Returning Officer supports proposals for consequential review of the Principal area boundary.

## 9.5 Representations

Julia Smith Old Woodyard, Southey Green, Sible Hedingham, CO9 3RN	It would make sense for this new development to be encompassed within Halstead boundary as residents will use Halstead facilities	
Mr & Mrs B Hastings 2 The Haven Church Road Greenstead Green Halstead Essex CO9 1QP	Further to your letter sent in July 2017, my husband and I wish to state that we would prefer the area being developed South of Oak Road, Halstead, to remain within the Parish Boundary of Halstead Rural and Greenstead Green. This is so that the money attached to the new development remains within our Parish instead of passing to Halstead Town Council.	
Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural Parish Council	The Parish Council at their meeting, on Wednesday 20th September 2017, looked at Braintree District Council's proposed boundary move of the Oak Road development to Halstead Town Council as discussed at your Committee meeting on the 12th July 2017. After much discussion Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural Parish Council unanimously agreed to accept the proposed boundary change.	

# 9.6 Appendix Maps





## 10 Land East of Sudbury Road Halstead

Reference No	Proposal (Initial consultation)	Draft Proposal	Final Proposal
10.0.1	That the development land East of Sudbury Road Halstead be included within an extended Halstead Parish boundary.		

## **10.1 Commentary and Legislative Appraisal**

- 10.1.1 Members are advised that any changes to the Parish boundaries will require the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) to grant consent to proposals as these directly impact on previous recommendations following their Principal Area review in July 2014. The 2014 recommendations are protected for a period of 5 years and can therefore only be amended following a further "consequential review" by them.
- 10.1.2 Whilst the proposals outlined would result the area being incorporated into the Halstead Parish, District Council representation would remain within the Gosfield and Greenstead Green ward.
- 10.1.3 It is suggested that, for clarity, further representation be made to the LGBCE for a consequential review of the Principal area boundary so as to maintain boundaries which are coterminous.
- 10.1.4 As can be seen from Map 10.4.1 the development site is divided into 2 distinct areas. The residential area is contained within the existing Halstead parish boundary and as such no decision is required.
- 10.1.5 The proposed development of a new Public open space is however situated entirely within Halstead Rural and Greenstead Green Parish Council
- 10.1.6 Members are asked to consider whether the development open space should remain within Halstead Rural and Greenstead Green Parish Council or be included in an extended Halstead Town Council boundary

#### **10.2 Returning Officer comments**

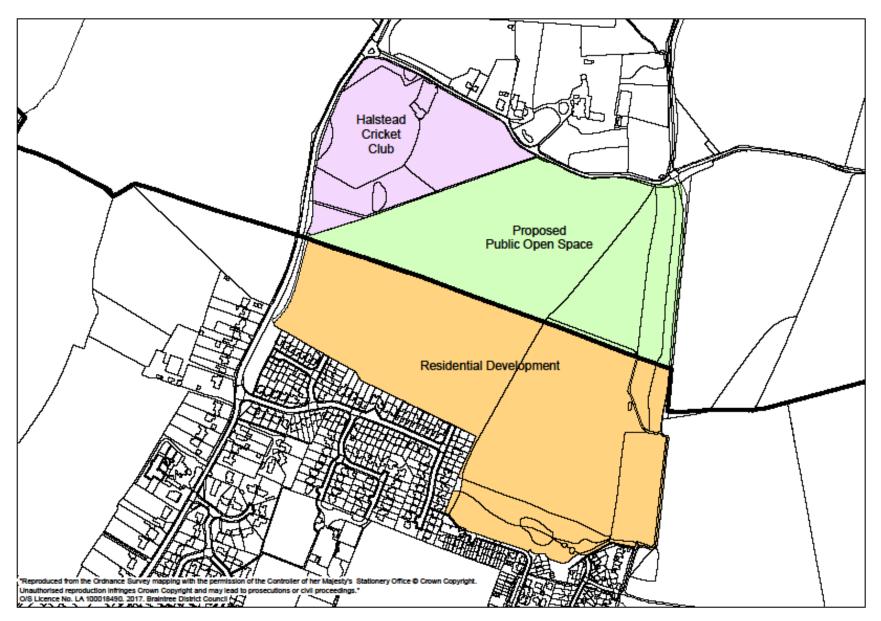
10.2.1 The Returning Officer supports proposals for consequential review of the Principal boundary.

#### **10.3 Representations**

Town Clerk	Now that the planning has gone through, I am writing to confirm our recent statement on	
Halstead Town Council	the boundaries. When consulted we stated that we would hope that this land would come	
Mill House	within the Halstead Town boundaries, and I am just confirming this now. The new	
The Causeway	residents are likely to see themselves as part of Halstead, and we would hope that the	
Halstead CO9 1ET	boundaries will be moved to reflect this. Halstead will be providing facilities to those	
	houses.	

## 10.4 Appendix Map

10.4.1



## 11.0 Kelvedon

Reference No	Proposal (Initial consultation)	Draft Proposal	Final Proposal
11.0.1	That due to the impending development an increase in representation by 1 Councillor be supported		

## **11.1 Consultees**

a) Kelvedon Parish Council

## **11.2 Electorate statistics**

Households	Electors
1518	2710

## **11.3 Commentary and Legislative Appraisal**

11.3.1The request has been by the Kelvedon Parish Council. There are no legislative constraints which would preclude the increase in Kelvedon Councillor numbers.

#### **11.4 Returning Officer comments**

11.4.1The Returning Officer is content with proposals.

## **11.5 Representations**

11.5.1 No responses received during the Consultation period.

## 12 Feering

Reference No	Proposal (Initial consultation)	Draft Proposal	Final Proposal
12.0.1	That warding arrangements be removed from Feering Parish Council		

# **12.1 Proposed Consultees**

a) Feering Parish Council

## **12.2 Electorate statistics**

	Households	Electors
Feering (North)	191	372
Feering (South)	634	1267

## **12.3 Commentary and Legislative Appraisal**

12.3.1The proposals do not conflict with any representational protocols.

## **12.4 Returning Officer comments**

12.4.1The Returning Officer has no comments

## 12.5 Representations

# 13.0 - <u>Coggeshall</u>

Reference No	Proposal (Initial consultation)	Draft Proposal	Final Proposal
13.0.1	To merge existing North and East wards and rename (7 Councillors)		
13.0.2	To merge South and West Wards and rename (6 Councillors)		
13.0.3	To increase representation to the new South/West ward by 1 additional Councillor		

# 13.1Consultees

a) Coggeshall Parish Council

# **13.2 Electorate statistics**

	Households	Electors
North ward	557	1070
East ward	450	843
Couth word	240	616
South ward	349	616
West ward	766	1155

## **13.3 Commentary and Legislative Appraisal**

- 13.3.1 The proposals do not conflict with established Parish boundaries and as such there is no reason why a simplified warding structure could not be supported
- 13.3.2 Members attention is drawn to representation from Mr Hutton who suggests that the ALL of Tilkey Road be included in the new North ward

## **13.4 Returning Officer comments**

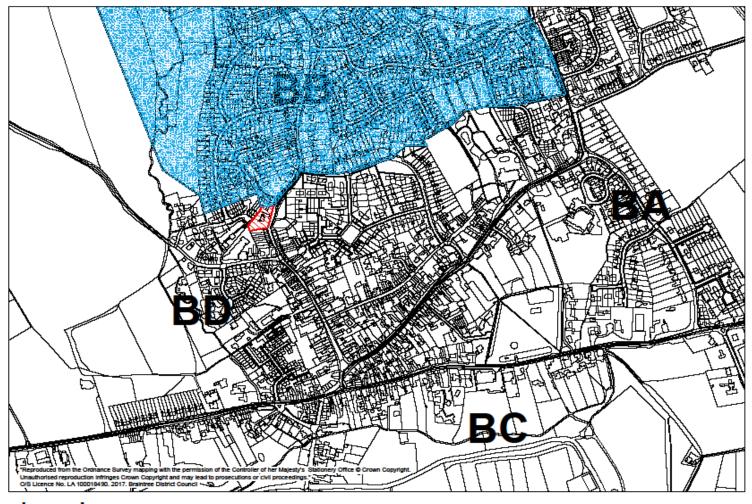
- 13.4.1 The Returning Officer is content with both the proposals for the amalgamation of existing South (BC) and West (BD) Wards into a new "South Ward" and North (BB) and East (BA) Wards into a new- "North Ward". Appendix 13.6.1
- 13.4.2 The suggestion that No's 3 and 5 Tilkey Road be included in the new North Ward has merit and would consolidate, what is, an anomalous historical internal boundary as highlighted in Appendix 13.6.2

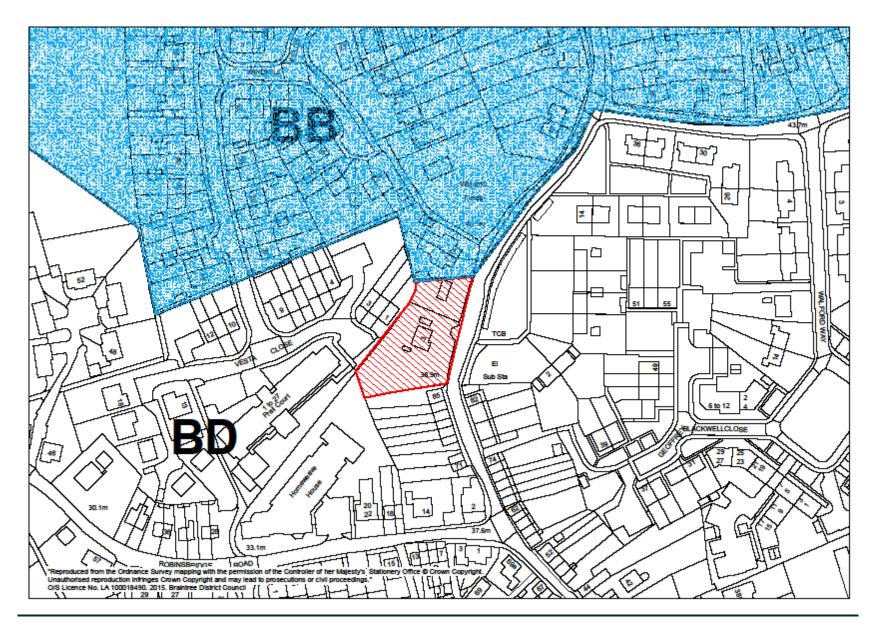
# 13.5 Representations

Coggeshall Parish Council	Coggeshall Parish Council support the proposals to merge the	
The Council Offices,	current four wards into two. They also request that the wards	
The Village Hall,	be renamed as follows:-	
25 Stoneham Street,	Existing South and West Ward – "South Ward"	
Coggeshall	Existing North and East Ward – "North Ward"	
CO6 1UH	Coggeshall Parish Council also support the proposals for one	
	additional Parish Councillor which would bring the total to 14.	
Peter Hutton	Generally sensible, but why leave the anomalous part of Tilkey	
109E Tilkey Road,	Road in West Ward? If you are reviewing the boundaries surely	
Coggeshall	it is better to tidy up this boundary so that Tilkey Road is put	
CO6 1QN	into North Ward?	

# 13.6 Appendix Maps







## 14.0 Panfield

F	Reference No	Proposal (Initial consultation)	Draft Proposal	Final Proposal
1	4.0.1	That the Panfield Parish		
		Boundary be extended to		
		include an undeveloped rural		
		area known as Panfield Wood		

#### 14.1 Consultees

a) Panfield Parish Councilb) Rayne Parish Council

#### **14.2 Electorate statistics**

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## 14.3 Commentary and Legislative Appraisal

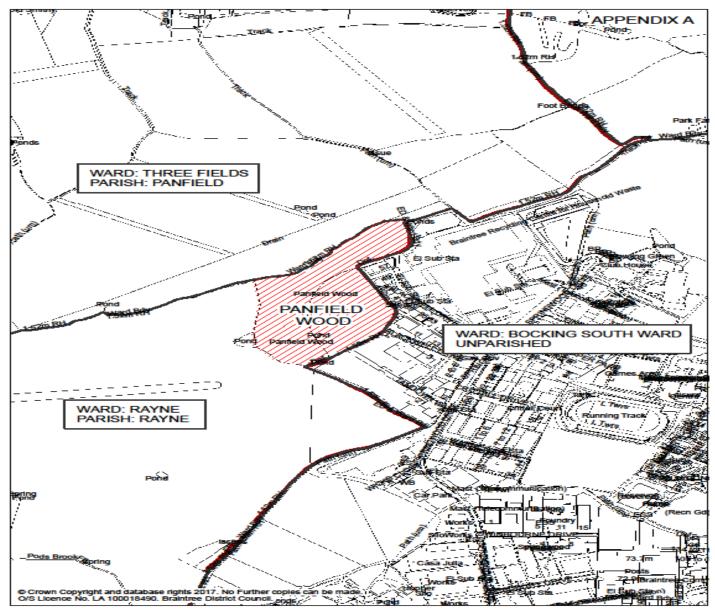
- 14.3.1 The request from Panfield Parish Council was to include in their Parish envelope, an area of woodland currently within the Parish of Rayne known as Panfield Wood.
- 14.3.2 There have been two representations, most notably from the incumbent administrative parish namely Rayne Parish Council who see no merit in the redefining of the Parish boundaries.

## **14.4 Returning Officer comments**

14.4.1This is established woodland with no current or proposed development potential therefore there are no electoral administration implications whilst it remains undeveloped. Should development of housing occur at some point in the future this may change the implications.

## 14.5 Representations

Jean Simmons Fieldings, Bell Lane, Panfield CM7 5AG	I agree with them	
Rayne Parish Council	Rayne Parish Council wishes to retain Panfield Wood as part of the parish of Rayne.	



## 15.0 East of London Road Braintree

Reference No	Proposal (Initial consultation)	Draft Proposal	Final Proposal
15.0.1	That any decision with regard to Parish Governance be deferred until the new development is established.		

## 15.1Consultees

- a) Great Notley Parish Council
- b) Black Notley Parish Council

## **15.2 Commentary and Legislative Appraisal**

15.2.1 Representation will need consideration when new community established

## **15.3 Returning Officer comments**

15.3.1 No comment at this stage

## 15.4 Representations

Great Notley Parish Council	London Road Area Without prejudice to the above, and looking to the future, the review ought to examine the possibility that the following residential areas be included in the Parish –	
	<ul> <li>(i) immediately to the east of London Road from Bakers Lane northwards to where the current parish boundary meets London Road; and</li> <li>(ii) from that point on London Road northwards to the A120 (or B1256).</li> </ul>	

Some of these areas are in Black Notley Parish and others are unparished. It is believed that residents on the east side of the road mentioned at (i) could well consider themselves just as much residents of Great Notley as those across the road on the west side which are in the Parish (Not least of which was evidenced in issues around the development of land at the Bakers Lane/London Road junction).	
The Parish Council advocates and supports the inclusion of the above areas in the area of Great Notley Parish Council.	
Future 'Great Notley (East)'	
Without prejudice to the above, and looking to the future, the review ought to examine the possibility that all the area east of London Road adjoining the already developed areas of London Road including that mentioned above that is likely to be allocated an area of housing growth in the District plan (with the notationss BLAN 114 and BLAN 115) should be included within the area of Great Notley Parish Council. The Draft plan says	
'Land East of Great Notley (within Black Notley Parish)	
6.74 This site is the largest urban extension allocation in the Local Plan and will expect to provide a new community linked to both neighbouring Great Notley and Braintree. Whilst in Black Notley Parish the development will need to ensure that the character of Black Notley village remains separate to the development. '	
The inclusion of the area within Great Notley PC would aid the linkage mentioned and the aspiration to ensure its separation from nearby villages and to be firmly associated with the Great Notley project. Additionally, the undeveloped nature of the land immediately to the east would act as a buffer further protecting the village character of Black Notley.	
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Furthermore, it would be helpful if GNPC was to be the host statutory consultee in the planning process during the development of this area and it is considered that the interests of the current residents of Great Notley would be better served if the potentially newly developed areas were also in the parish.

The Parish Council advocates and supports the inclusion of the above areas in the area of Great Notley Parish Council in due course. Should this suggestion be adopted further thought might usefully be given the appropriate number of councillors (Q1 above).

If this were to be pursued the review might include any area on the eastern fringes of BLAN 114 and BLAN 115 that might assist in making a neater, more rational boundary.

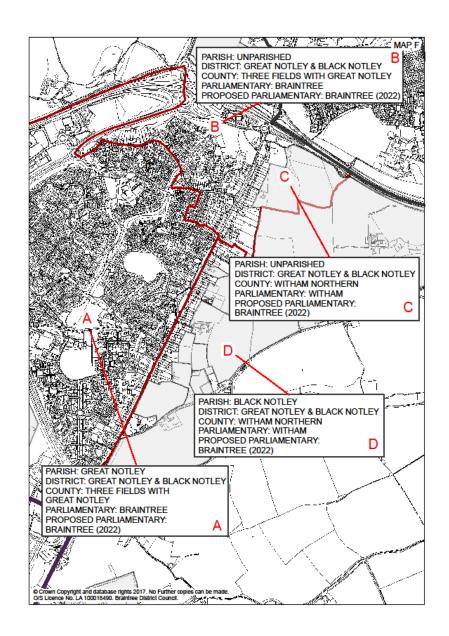
## A120 Boundary

Consideration ought to also be given to rationalising the parish's boundary as it meets the A120. As currently drawn the Parish includes a triangle of highway land to the north of the A120. It would be better if the boundary consistently either rested alongside the A120 west bound carriageway or along the central reservation.

The Parish Council advocates and supports the rationalisation of the above boundary as described.
* A resident of the north side of Queenborough Lane as made representations to us twice in recent months in respect of a planning application north of their home and yet inside Great Notley Parish. It is difficult for some to understand the seemingly arbitrarily drawn boundary just here. Similarly we often have visitors to our meetings from the Queenborough Lane area mentioned and London Road seeking our assistance on local matters which impact on them (eg a planning application in respect of a foodstore in the parish; traffic conditions at the London Road/Queenborough Lane junction; and the withdrawal of the 34/34A Bus Service).
Policy LPP 17
Strategic Growth Location - Land East of Great Notley, south of Braintree
A Strategic Growth Location has been identified at land east of Great Notley, south of Braintree and is shown on the Proposals Map. Development will be expected to provide;
<ul> <li>Up to 2,000 new homes of a mixed size and type appropriate to the area</li> <li>Affordable housing as per the Council's requirements</li> <li>Appropriate employment uses to support a major new community</li> <li>Primary and secondary education facilities</li> <li>Community facilities including a contribution to or location for NHS facilities</li> <li>Local retail and food outlets as part of a village centre</li> <li>Public open space, and informal and formal recreation</li> <li>Provision of a Gypsy and Traveller site</li> </ul>
The delivery of each facility shall coincide with the completion of different phases of development to ensure that local services are in place when they are needed
The main access to the site will be from London Road and Notley Road, with additional minor, vehicle access from Bakers Lane. All access points will have to be agreed to the satisfaction of Essex County Council Highways.
The development will be expected to integrate with existing developments and the wider area through provision of public footpath, cycle ways and, where opportunities exist, to Bridleways. This could be done through the enhancement of existing public rights of way or by the creation of new rights of way.
Development proposals which would compromise the delivery of an identified strategic growth location will be resisted.

## 15.5 Appendix maps

15.5.1



#### 16.0 Braintree (unparished)

Reference No	Proposal (Initial consultation)	Draft Proposal	Final Proposal
16.0.1	That a Braintree Town Council be established		

## **16.1** Commentary and Legislative Appraisal

16.1.1 Should this proposal be supported a full appraisal and review process would be required outside the current Community Governance review process

## **16.2 Returning Officer comments**

16.2.1Electoral and administrative arrangements would need consideration following separate appraisal and review

## **16.3 Representations**

Mr Sheehy	I write regarding the Community Governance Review and offer the following	
6 Hammond Place	comments as a new resident of Essex who moved to the Braintree District from	
Nowell Close	Bournemouth Borough in September 2016.	
Bocking		
Braintree	By far, the most profound observation I can make is a gaping hole in the structure of	
Essex	Braintree District, in that the entirety of Braintree & Bocking remains unparished,	
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	representation. Although the area is well represented by Braintree District	
	Councillors, and overall the boundaries of the District and existing parishes seem	
	reasonable given minor administrative alternations to accommodate new development	
	and changes over time, the residents of Braintree & Bocking lack a significant voice	
	at a local level which I believe harms the District overall. It is my belief that Braintree	
	District Council is not fully committed to its duties as a District Council and principal	
	authority as it is inclined to act primarily as a 'Braintree Town Council'. I think it is	
	quite evident that other areas are neglected in favour of Braintree as the hub of	
	development, in particular Witham, a settlement of notable size, is left in the shadow	
	of continued investment and development in Braintree despite Witham having better	

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	transport links and being on the main Al2 commuter corridor and a stunning investment opportunity.
	As part of this Community Governance Review, I would therefore suggest that a new parish is established and the formation of a Braintree & Bocking Town Council is considered. Although this would represent an increase in costs to the tax payers of this area by virtue of introducing another precept on the council tax bill, I think there is ample scope for some local services to be gifted to the new Town Council and that generally, Town and Parish councils exercise very good value for money. Furthermore, I believe this to be very much in line with the whole concept of Localism, something that Braintree District Council, as a Conservative Council would be very keen to promote I would have thought.
	I believe the establishment of a new Braintree Town Council would be extraordinarily important for local democracy by encouraging a separation of interests for the duties that Braintree District Council as the principal authority is required to carry out for the whole of the area. If a new Town Council was established, the local councillors elected to this chamber would be a positive voice and lobby to the District Council and would ensure that there is a fairer representation and distribution of funding across the District.
	Where currently residents of Witham, Panfield and so forth would seek to raise issues through their parish council in the first instance, effectively residents of Braintree & Bocking can go direct to the main source of power and funding. This, I believe, inadvertently contributes to the District Council focusing too much on the Town in which it is based and does not do enough work for the remainder of the District, perhaps unintentionally.
	Whilst I do not imagine this to ever come to pass, as there is no incentive for District Councillors to effectively give up power to another body, as a matter of public interest I think this is the right thing to do, as what is the point of having Town and Parish Councils if a District Council effectively acts like a unitary authority in cahoots with the County Council. Alternatively, if a Town Council was not to be formed for the Braintree & Bocking area, I would be very much in favour for the dissolution of the District Council for a new county-wide unitary authority as is being carried out in many other counties across the UK.

To assist Members the maps contained within this report have, for clarity, been reproduced in a larger format. These can be viewed below.

