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Attention Clare Gibbons – Development Officer (South West Locality)

Dear Clare

Community Governance Review

Haslingfield Parish Council (HPC) now submit our formal Stage 1 submission, including comments which have been changed from our earlier informal submission to suit recent developments in the warding of the SCDC, etc.

1. New Haslingfield Parish Council Boundaries

We propose the following changes to boundaries for a reduced size Haslingfield Parish Council area and creation of a new Trumpington Meadows Governance unit within the remaining present HPC Area.

- 1.1 The area of HPC presently to the South East of the River Cam and North East of the M11 shall become part of a new Trumpington Meadows Community Governance Unit.
- 1.2 The present eastern area of HPC generally East of the River Cam downstream of Hauxton Junction and South West of the M11 shall become part of a new Trumpington Meadows Community Governance Unit, or alternatively as noted in Point 4 below, become part of the Hauxton Parish Council area.
- 1.3 Thus after the Community Governance Review Haslingfield Parish Council shall be bounded in the North East by the M11 Motorway and bounded in the East by the River Cam between the M11 Motorway and Hauxton Junction, with its present Eastern boundary remaining South of Hauxton Junction.
- 1.4 The Lingey Fen area North East of the M11 Motorway was originally proposed to be taken into Grantchester Parish, but if there are procedural difficulties in doing this created by proposed new warding for HPC, we would propose that the Lingey Fen area remain within the new HPC area.
- 1.5 Please note the marked up photocopied map for avoidance of doubt.

2. Number of Councillors

We propose no change in the number of Parish Councillors in the reduced area new Haslingfield Parish Council. The increased workload in prospect for Parish Councils from reductions in the activities of County and District Councils and the fact that there will be no reduction in basic village population justifies there being no change.

Since the number of houses in the Trumpington Meadows new entity will be about 600 we suggest that ultimately there should be provision for at least nine members of the council for the entity, the reduction being justified by the more compact area.

3. Assets and Staff

3.1 We have been advised that there should be no re-allocation of assets because all assets are based in Haslingfield village and the main assets were gifted in trust to the village by past residents. There are no Haslingfield Parish Council assets in the area of the new entity of a Trumpington Meadows Community Governance Unit and it will have an immediate income towards it precept from the Council Tax payments of its residents to SCDC. We have been informed that Orchard Park stands as an example.

3.2 Likewise, with staff, there can be no transfer because there is only one Parish Clerk and RFO employed by HPC at present, plus some local occasional labour within the village for maintenance.

4. Hauxton Parish Council

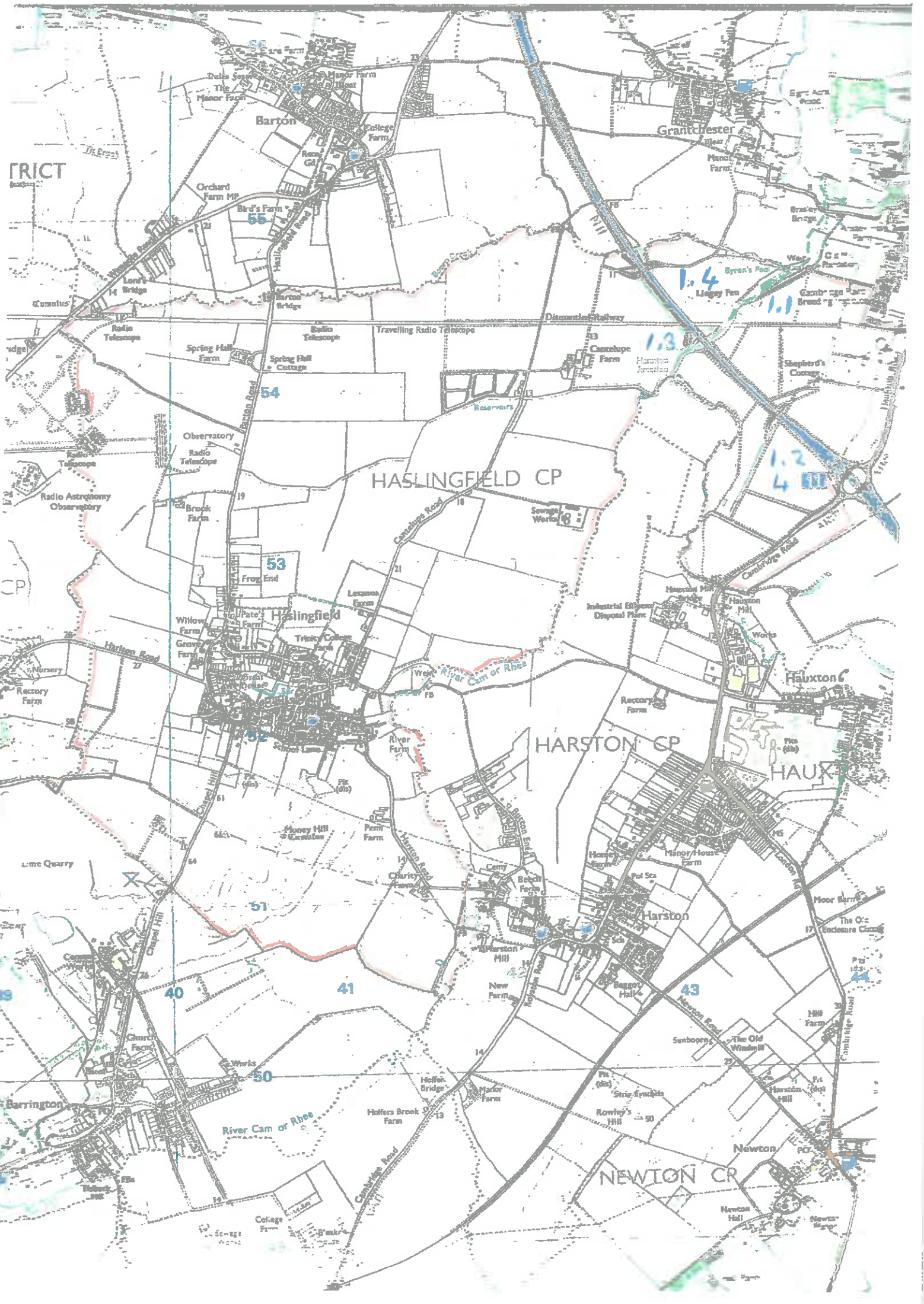
We understand from informal discussions that Hauxton Parish Council wish to take over the land north east of the River and south west of the M11 Motorway presently in Haslingfield Parish. We would have no objection to this, subject to SCDC considering that the area north of the Motorway was sufficient for the new Trumpington Meadows entity and there being no other legal issues affecting Hauxtons' wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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For the attention of Clare Gibbons – Development Officer

Dear Clare

Community Governance Review of Haslingfield Parish

Further to your briefing to Hauxton Parish Council on 2 March the Council have considered this subject at our meetings on 6 April and 11 May. As a consequence of these discussions the Council have asked me to inform you of the following decisions:

1. Hauxton Parish Council wish to support Haslingfield PC in their proposal to reduce the size of their parish by transferring the part of their parish south east of the river Cam and north east of the M11 to a new Trumpington Meadows Community Governance unit.
2. Hauxton PC propose that the area of Haslingfield PC to the south east of the river Cam and south west of the M11, beside the A10 highway – shown in pink on the attached diagram – should become part of Hauxton Parish.

This would permit continuity of the parish beside the A10 up to the motorway, thereby allowing Hauxton PC to assess and advise on issues relating to the associated cycleway and traffic matters between Hauxton and junction 11.

This proposal has been discussed with the Chair of Haslingfield Parish Council and has his support.

3. There are no assets/residents in this area of transfer between the two parishes, so it is not anticipated that there would be any other implications on councillor representation or precept.

We trust that South Cambridgeshire DC recognises that this revised parish boundary between Hauxton and Haslingfield makes sense both from a geographical

viewpoint, using the M11 motorway as the north-eastern boundary for Hauxton, and from an administration viewpoint on issues relating to the A10 through road.

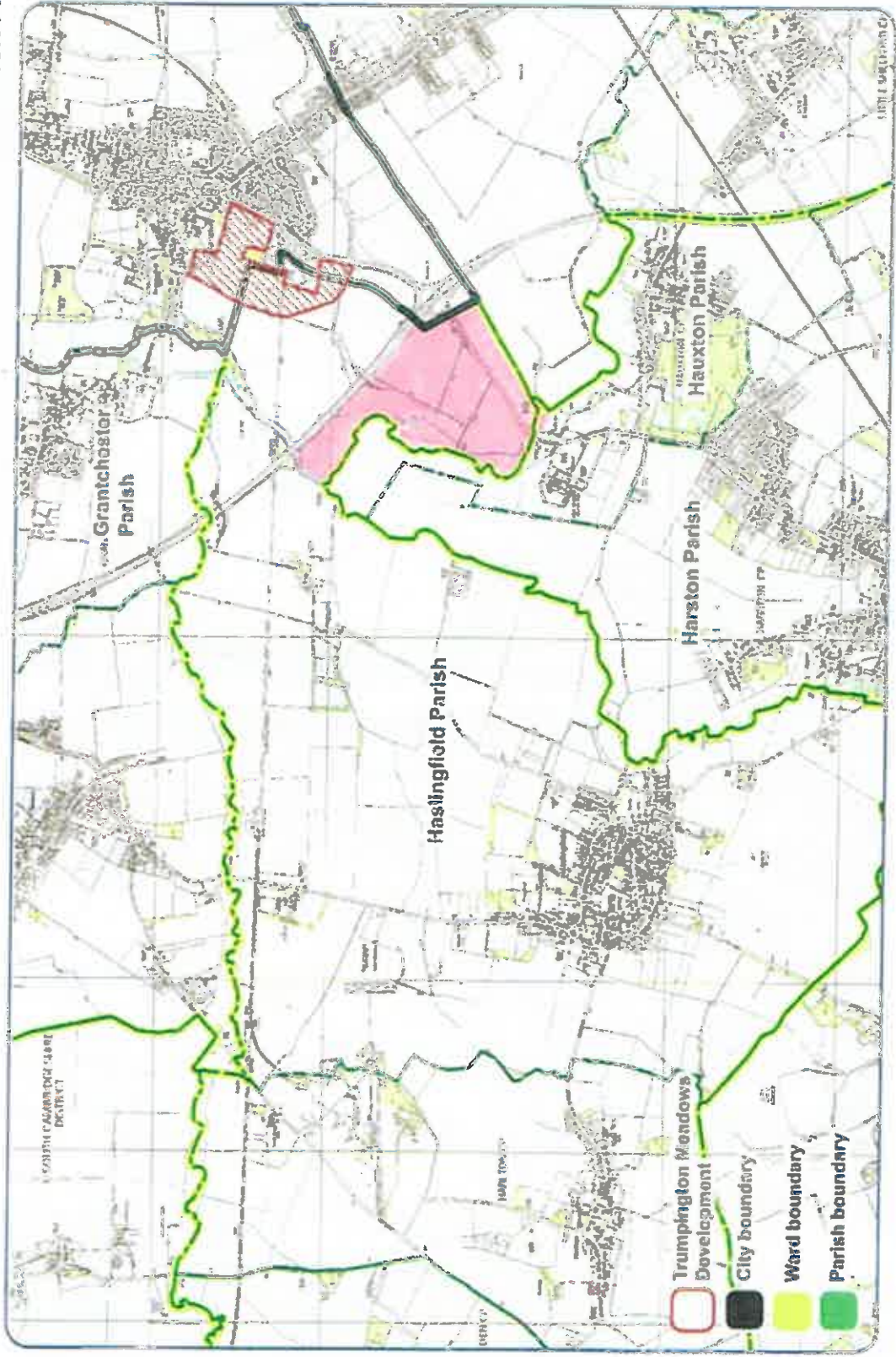
If you have any questions regarding this proposal please do not hesitate to contact myself or the Jane Ward, Chair of Hauxton PC.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hammond', written over a horizontal line.

John Hammond
Clerk to Hauxton Parish Council

Annex A





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Community Governance Review of Haslingfield Parish



Submission Form

www.scambs.gov.uk

The community governance review for Haslingfield Parish aims to secure an arrangement which:-

- Reflects the identifies and interests of the community in that area
- Is effective and convenient
- Takes into account any other arrangements for the purpose of community representation or community engagement

It ought to result in arrangements which will bring about improved community engagement, better local democracy and result in more effective and convenient delivery of local services. Please refer to the Terms of Reference for the review, which were published 15 February 2016, copies of which can be found at Haslingfield Village Hall, Trumpington Meadows Primary School community reception and the district council's offices at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne or online:

www.scambs.gov.uk/content/community-governance-reviews

You may use the following as a guide to structure your submission or use the comments box.

- Should the existing parish boundaries be altered and/or a new parished area be created?

Yes, if Haslingfield Parish Council wish it

- If no new parish is to be formed, should the existing parish be warded? (A parish can be warded when the number, or distribution of the local government electors for the parish would make a single election of councillors impracticable or inconvenient, or if it is desirable that any areas of the parish should be separately represented on the council) ☐ Yes ☐ No

- If the existing parish boundaries should be altered or a new parish created, where should the parish boundaries be and would these remain easily identifiable in the future?

(You can write a description here or else provide this information by drawing on the map on the back of this form)

We (Grantham Parish Council) are aware that it is suggested that the area known as Hengy Fen, currently in Haslingfield Parish, bounded by the M11 to the South and the river to the East, be moved into Grantham Parish (where it once was). We think this is geographically sensible and identifiable, and welcome it.

- If a new parish was created, then is a parish council the right choice for community governance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- If not, should an alternative or intermediate arrangement be made, for example a parish meeting? (a parish council can only be created where there are 151 voters or more on the electoral role)

- If a new parish or equivalent was created would it be viable? (For example in financial terms or for practical considerations, such as would a sufficient number of people come forward as potential councillors?)

- If a new parish is created, should an alternative style be adopted, i.e. community council, neighbourhood council or village council? (the alternative styles have equivalent powers to that of a parish council)



Trumpington Residents' Association

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13 June 2016

Community Governance review of Haslingfield Parish
TRA response to South Cambridgeshire District Council

1. Introduction

The Trumpington Residents' Association has discussed the Community Governance review of Haslingfield Parish at its members' and committee meetings and has the following response. We are grateful to Clare Gibbons for briefing us at our February members' meeting. We previously responded to the informal consultation on 28 February 2014.

2. Our perspective

The Trumpington Residents' Association is very supportive of the development of Trumpington within the approved areas of Clay Farm, Glebe Farm and Trumpington Meadows, most of which were released from the Green Belt in 2006. We are concerned that over 50% of the homes in the Trumpington Meadows development will be outside the City boundary and that residents in that part of the development will come under a different governance regime from other Trumpington residents.

We strongly believe that all the residents of Trumpington Meadows will feel that they are part of Trumpington and Cambridge. The Trumpington Meadows Primary School, local centre and most of the Country Park are in the District, yet are an integral part of Trumpington, while the residents who live in the District will be fully involved with all aspects of Trumpington life, such as attending Trumpington Community College and using its sports facilities, using Trumpington's community centres including The Clay Farm Centre and its library and health centre, belonging to youth groups, local churches, community groups, etc.

We hope that the District Council and the City Council will work together to ask the Boundary Commission to review the District/City boundary, with the aim of incorporating all of Trumpington Meadows within the City, which we strongly believe will be in the interest of its residents. Our response to the current review is underwritten by that vision.

3. Creating a new civil parish

As an outcome of the current review, we believe that a new civil parish should be created and that the boundary of the parish should be the existing area of Haslingfield parish to the east of the River Cam, from Hauxton Mill to the City boundary. This area was part of Trumpington parish until 1934. The parish had existed for 1000 years at that point, as described in the Victoria County History:

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The ancient parish of Trumpington lay immediately south of Cambridge. Almost triangular in shape, before 1900 it covered 2,312 a. ... In 1912 the north-east corner of the parish, 497 a. including all the land north of the Long or Mill road, which runs due east from the Cambridge-Trumpington road to the Hills road, was transferred to the city of Cambridge. In 1934 most of the rest of Trumpington parish, including the whole of the village, was incorporated in the city; 382 a. in the south-west, virtually uninhabited, were transferred to the adjoining parish of Haslingfield. From: 'Parishes: Trumpington', A History of the County of Cambridge and the Isle of Ely: Volume 8 (1982), pp. 248-267. <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=66760>.

We believe that establishing this area as a separate parish has a number of strengths: the historic context; it is a natural geographic unit; and it includes the residential area and also the Country Park. Furthermore, if the District and City do agree to pursue a revised boundary, the whole parish could be incorporated within the City, returning the boundary to its 1934 limit, and avoiding the need for a further restructuring of part of the parish.

4. Parish name

Our suggestion for the parish name is 'South Trumpington'.

We do not think 'Trumpington Meadows' is an appropriate choice for the name. The term has no historic context and was applied by the current developers when they took on the land. Given that nearly 50% of the homes in the Trumpington Meadows development will be within the City and not in the new parish, this name would be confusing.

5. Electoral arrangements

No comments.

6. District/City boundary

We reiterate that we appeal to the District Council and the City Council to work together to ask the Boundary Commission to undertake a review of the District/City boundary, with the aim of incorporating all of the Trumpington Meadows development and the new parish within the City. We do not believe that a separate parish incorporating over 50% of the homes on Trumpington Meadows is a viable long-term solution in the interest of residents and community development.

Trumpington Residents' Association

TO S. CAMBS DISTRICT COUNCIL FROM RESIDENTS OF TRUMPINGTON MEADOWS

DATE APRIL 2016

RE: REVIEW FOR HASLINGFIELD PARISH – COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE

The local briefings and meetings given by Clare Gibbons (s.cambs development officer) has reached only a few of the Trumpington Meadows (TM) residents .This is because only a few TM residents attended the relevant Trumpington Residents Association (TRA) Meeting and the Southern Fringe Forum .The majority of the current Trumpington Meadows residents are unaware of the proposed new Parish of Trumpington Meadows . More than half of the residents of this development have yet to move here and many will not even have made the decision to move to Trumpington Meadows . Therefore , the proposed change to create a new Parish is most undemocratic given the timescale for decisions this year .The TRA may well favour this proposal but none of the committee , who will submit their response , actually live in Trumpington Meadows. However , we residents of Trumpington Meadows are strongly against the proposal .

We can understand that Haslingfield , which is a long standing village community , does not want to be linked with part of a brand new development on the other side of the M11 . However , Trumpington Meadows does not want to be divided into 3 parts by the city/ county boundary so that it goes from city to county and then back to city again as one moves from north to south through the development .This is a nonsense .This will not bring about 'improved community engagement' in Trumpington Meadows or 'better local democracy ' and will result in the ineffective and inconvenient delivery of local services .The Trumpington Meadows community will be ill served by the proposed new parish which only covers part of this development .

In the local briefings and meetings , we have been told that the city / county boundary cannot be changed . This boundary has not been fixed in stone . The Trumpington boundary used to be at Hauxton Mill on the south side of the M11 , until it was moved to its current position in the 1930s .This boundary was discussed as recently as 4 years ago but no changes were made .Apparently , there are other anomalies eg at Orchard park , north of the city near the A14 . In view of all the development going on around the fringes of Cambridge city , a review of the city / county boundary is overdue .

Trumpington Meadows development should either be wholly in s. Cambs or Cambridge city .Then this development can exist as a 'natural settlement pattern' .This cannot happen unless the city /county boundary is changed .Therefore , we strongly urge that the decision about the new Trumpington Meadows Parish be postponed until such time as the city /county boundary can be discussed and moved to a more logical place . Such a postponement would also enable more residents of Trumpington Meadows to engage in a democratic decision as more people would be living here .The current proposal is similar to the devolution of East Anglia which is being forced onto Cambridge city and Cambridgeshire and is not popular with councillors .

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Liz Reid.

Wanda Jones

Jane Hutton

Phil Evans

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Kiera Harris

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