

Community Governance Review for Willingham and Over – Appendix B



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Dear Kirstin

RE: Community Governance Review of Willingham and Over Parish Boundary

I am writing on behalf of Willingham Parish Council regarding the ongoing boundary review.

The Council is entirely in favour of changing the border with Over to the first proposed new Boundary (coloured green in Appendix B of the Terms of Reference), for the following reasons:

- (1) There is strong support and preference from the residents and businesses in the area to be formally recognised as part of Willingham. They consider themselves to belong to Willingham, using it as their address and their first port of call for goods and services.
- (2) The homes and businesses west of the current boundary are clearly part of Willingham. The area joins Willingham yet is separated from Over by over a mile of open countryside.
- (3) Businesses and homes serve and are served by Willingham, yet have no involvement in local decisions which may affect them. This is not conducive to good governance.
- (4) The historic boundary bears no relation to the current development.
- (5) The proposed new boundary is easily identifiable as it follows a ditch from Dockerel Brook to Willingham Road, Willingham Road itself, and then established hedged field boundaries.

If you have any queries regarding the above or would like any further information then please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Clerk to Willingham Parish Council