

Appendix B: Responses received from parish councils

Longstanton Parish Council (received 15 January, 2020)

Following a public meeting hosted by Longstanton Parish Council held on 25th November 2019 and comments made from residents to Councillors both at the meeting and at times between this date and today's date (13 Jan), Longstanton Parish Council would like to submit this letter as their response to the Community Governance Review for both Longstanton and Oakington and Westwick.

It was clear from the 70+ attendees to the public meeting that the majority of residents attending would like Longstanton to remain a village in its own right and for the borders to remain the same.

Longstanton Parish Council understand that the boundaries cannot remain the same if the three communities are to remain separate. LPC would like to stress that it is imperative that when reviewing comments, Officers are aware that the initial question on the questionnaire was misleading if the reader is not 100% aware of a CGR, and that some responses may say that the boundaries are to remain the same, but they wish the village to be separate from Northstowe.

- Residents of Station Road (north of the Guided Busway) strongly feel that they belong in Longstanton and do not wish to be part of Northstowe or Willingham.
- From the small representation of Rampton Drift residents attending, who appeared to be newer residents, they expressed their desire to be part of Longstanton.
- Many residents have expressed their strong desire that the Conservation Area remain in Longstanton which means that the boundary would run along Long Lane (bridleway).
- During a separate meeting of Northstowe residents, it is clear that they wish to have their own Parish or Town Council and that the development to the west of the B1050 be included in the boundary of Northstowe itself.

Yours faithfully

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Parish Clerk/Proper Officer

Response received from Oakington and Westwick Parish Council

(taken from the on-line submission response, received)

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

Before answering this question. Oakington and Westwick Parish Council would like to register their objection to the design of this form. It is misleading and confusing for most respondents. This particular question, for example, requires a YES reply if the respondent largely wishes to retain the status quo - but the wording leads the reader to answer NO.

We would be very cautious accepting any attempt at some form of statistical claims based upon this questionnaire. It is poorly constructed and has no validity or reliability (used in their correct statistical meanings).

Yes, a new Parish should be formed for Northstowe, incorporating the new housing. This should be separate from Oakington and Westwick. This will necessitate the alteration of the current Oakington and Westwick boundary.

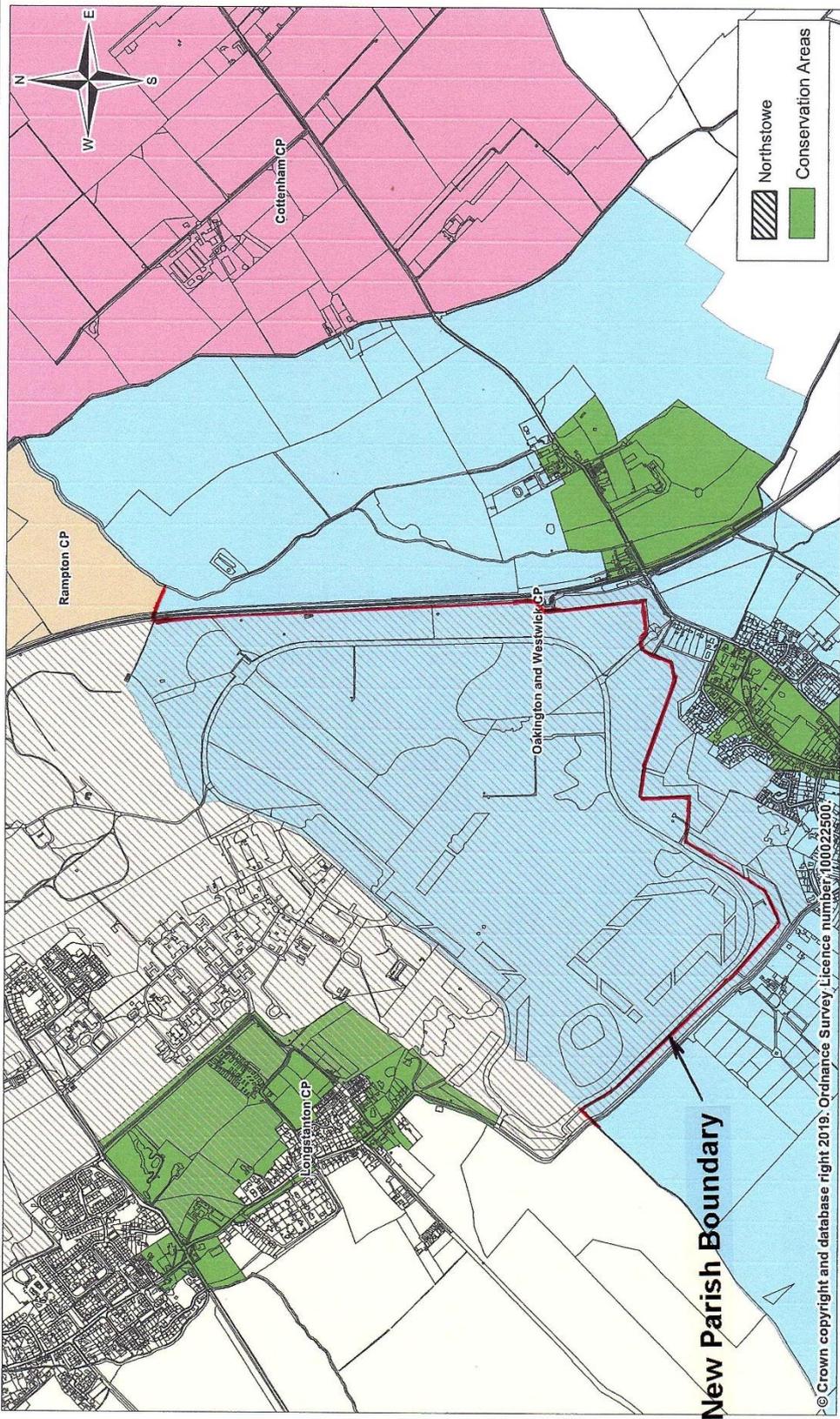
If the existing parish boundaries should be altered or a new parish created, where should the parish boundaries be and would these remain easily identifiable in the future? (You can write a description below or else provide this information by drawing on a map and uploading below)

The Parish of Northstowe should incorporate only the majority of the land of the ex airfield. To the South, the boundary should be on just before the tree line within ex airfield boundary. To the West, it should stop at Longstanton Rd and to the East up to the guided busway. ALL of the green separation should be within the Parish of Oakington and Westwick, as this separation was promised to O&W as their buffer. The point of the separation is to maintain, as far as possible the semi-rural nature of Oakington.

Figures 1 and 2 on the two pages following were provided by Oakington and Westwick Parish Council to illustrate the boundaries they are proposing for a reduced area from that of the current Oakington and Westwick Civil Parish.

Oakington and Westwick PC offered no comment on any other element of the consultation, other than to offer this final comment:

As we have stated earlier - we find this questionnaire inappropriate to present the views of the people of Oakington and Westwick.



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Community Governance Review
 prompted by the development at Northstowe



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boundary.

Suggested Boundary of Oakington & Westwick Parish



boundary

Response received from Willingham Parish Council (via the on-line submission form)

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

The area of Longstanton highlighted in orange on the attached map and which lies immediately north of the busway would under the current development become isolated from the remainder of Longstanton. The Council feel that this would need addressing as it would not be an ideal situation for the cohesion of Longstanton residents. It would make much more sense for this area to be either included within the Northstowe development or Willingham Parish.

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).

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 below or else provide this information by drawing on a map and uploading below)

The area of Longstanton highlighted in orange on the attached map and which lies immediately north of the busway would under the current development become isolated from the remainder of Longstanton.

The Council feel that this would need addressing as it would not be an ideal situation for the cohesion of Longstanton residents. It would make much more sense for this area to be either included within the Northstowe development or Willingham Parish. It would appear a natural adjustment to bring the highlighted area into Willingham and indeed many people already think the boundary between Willingham and Longstanton is located at the busway.

The Council have grave concerns regarding this area forming part of Northstowe as it would mean the boundary of Northstowe moving northwards across the busway up to the boundary of Willingham.

This would enable potential further development into open countryside up to Willingham's boundary which the Council would be opposed to.

The busway also currently acts as a clear geographic boundary to both the north and northeast of the Northstowe development and the Council do not feel it would be appropriate to breach it in the highlighted area.

The Inspector was previously quite clear that the Northstowe boundary should be the busway and this should remain so.

Willingham Parish Council offered a map indicating the area north of the busway, the subject of their proposal outlined above. Please see Figure 3.

If a new parish was created, then is a parish council the right choice for community governance?

Yes

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?)

n/a

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

n/a

Should a new council require naming, what name should it take?

n/a

If a new parish or equivalent be created, should it 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 desirable that any areas of the parish should be separately represented on the council)

No

Should a new council be formed, how many elected members should it have? (no fewer than 5 are permitted for a parish council or equivalent)

n/a

What knock on effects do you think might need to be addressed as a result of any of the changes you have proposed? (Please tick)

Ticked:

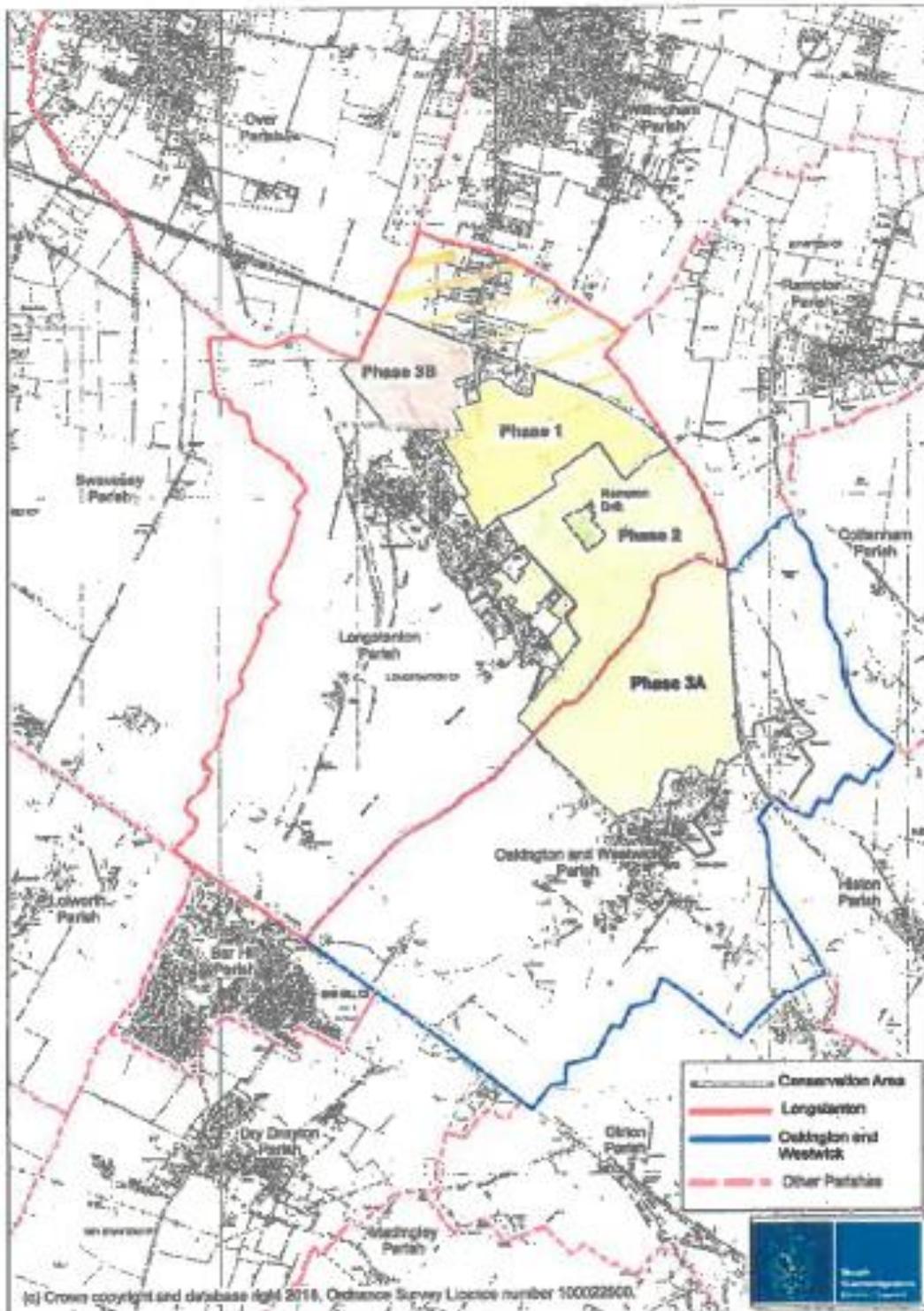
- Transfer and management or custody of property
- The setting of precepts for new parishes
- Provision with respect of functions, properties, rights and liabilities

If other, please specify (optional)

Please see attached email

(Repetition of text included in the on-line submission form.)

Figure 3 Proposed alteration to Longstanton/Willingham boundary



Response received from Rampton Parish Council (by on-line submission)

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

Yes

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.)

No

If a new parish was created, then is a parish council the right choice for community governance?

Yes

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?)

Yes

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

No Comment

Should a new council require naming, what name should it take?

No comment

If a new parish or equivalent be created, should it 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 desirable that any areas of the parish should be separately represented on the council)

(No answer given)

Should a new council be formed, how many elected members should it have? (no fewer than 5 are permitted for parish council or equivalent)

Proportionate to size of new community.

What knock on effects do you think might need to be addressed as a result of any of the changes you have proposed? (Please tick)

Ticked:

- The setting of precepts for new parishes
- Provision with respect of functions, properties, rights and liabilities
- District ward boundaries