

Community Governance Review of Longstanton and Oakington and Westwick

Consultation Round 2

Prompted by the development at Northstowe

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Subject to revision following Civic Affairs Committee



Submission Form

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Timetable

Community Governance Reviews take a number of months to complete, because we want to spend enough time during each round of the process hearing from residents and parish councils. This Community Governance Review started in November 2019, and you can see below where we are now in the process: Consultation Round 2. You can also see when we expect to be able to announce the new governance arrangements.

ROUND 1

11 NOVEMBER 2019	Publication of the Terms of Reference
NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER 2019	Local briefings and meetings
11 NOVEMBER 2019/ 15 JANUARY 2020	Submissions invited – have your say
3 MARCH 2020	Draft recommendations published: for Civic Affairs Committee

ROUND 2

15 MARCH/ 15 JUNE 2020	Consultation on draft recommendations – tell us what you think
JULY/ AUGUST 2020	Consideration of submissions received/final recommendations prepared: for Civic Affairs Committee (date TBC)
SEPTEMBER 2020	Final recommendations are published, concluding the review
OCTOBER 2020	Council can make a Reorganisation Order

Background

From 11 November 2019 to 15 January 2020 the Council ran a consultation to hear what local people think about future arrangements for governance for the parishes of Oakington and Westwick and Longstanton, given that the new development of Northstowe is being built within the boundaries of these two parishes.

What are governance arrangements?

When we talk about governance arrangements we can mean things like the type of council, location of the boundaries, and how many councillors there are.

Parish, community and town councils operate at a level below the district council. They are a statutory body, independently elected and can raise their own precept (a form of Council Tax) to provide and maintain a variety of local services, which could include management of open spaces and community facilities. They are also statutory consultees on all planning applications in their area. See www.gov.uk/understand-how-your-council-works for more information.

What has been done so far?

We ran events in Oakington, Longstanton and Northstowe; delivered information to every household; and targeted local residents using social media. All the information that was provided can still be viewed on the Council's website. Look for the Terms of Reference and Frequently Asked Questions. Paper copies of the Terms of Reference are still available from Oakington Pavilion; on request from the Oakington Parish Clerk, Longstanton Village Hall (11am to 2pm, Monday to Friday); the Community Wing next to Pathfinder School, Northstowe; and the Council's offices at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne.

Have your say by 15 June

Between now and 15 June 2020 you are invited to have your say about the four options that we are now going to be consulting on, set out over the following pages.

What was the feedback from Round 1?

What residents in surrounding villages said

Comments that residents made in the Round 1 consultation showed that people living in the existing villages around Northstowe have a strong desire for governance arrangements for their villages to be separate from those for Northstowe.

What residents in Northstowe said

Northstowe residents didn't appear to see their future governance arrangements as being joined with the surrounding villages, instead expressing a strong view that all phases (1, 2, 3A and 3B) of Northstowe should be governed on its own.

What happens now?

Based on the views set out above, we have suggested four options for how a new Northstowe parish could be formed.

We want to know which option(s) best meet the aims of the Community Governance Review. As a reminder, the aims of the Review were to make sure any new governance arrangement would:

- Reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area
- Be effective and convenient
- Consider any other arrangements for the purpose of community representation or community engagement.

Consultation Round 2

More than 430 people responded to Round 1 of the consultation, with the feedback helping to shape four options that are now going to be consulted on.

This next stage of consultation – Round 2 – will run from 15 March to 15 June 2020, and residents are all invited to have their say.

On the following pages you will see information about each option, accompanied by a map showing the proposed new boundary. You will also have the opportunity to provide your feedback on the different options as you work your way through this booklet.

Have your say by 15 June 2020

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Northstowe Masterplan

Illustrative Masterplan showing how Northstowe could look in 2036
- produced by Tibbalds Planning and Design for Homes England.



Option A1 – Northstowe would be a parish of its own and Longstanton land north of the busway would be transferred to Willingham

Option A1 is the suggestion that all of Northstowe (Phases 1, 2, 3A and 3B) would form a new parish of its own. It would be taken out of Longstanton and Oakington and Westwick parishes. In this option, Westwick would remain with Oakington, with all current arrangements for Oakington and Westwick otherwise remaining unaffected. Longstanton parish council would also retain the same arrangements as currently, within what would be its reduced boundaries. Land within Longstanton parish, north of the guided busway, would be transferred to Willingham.

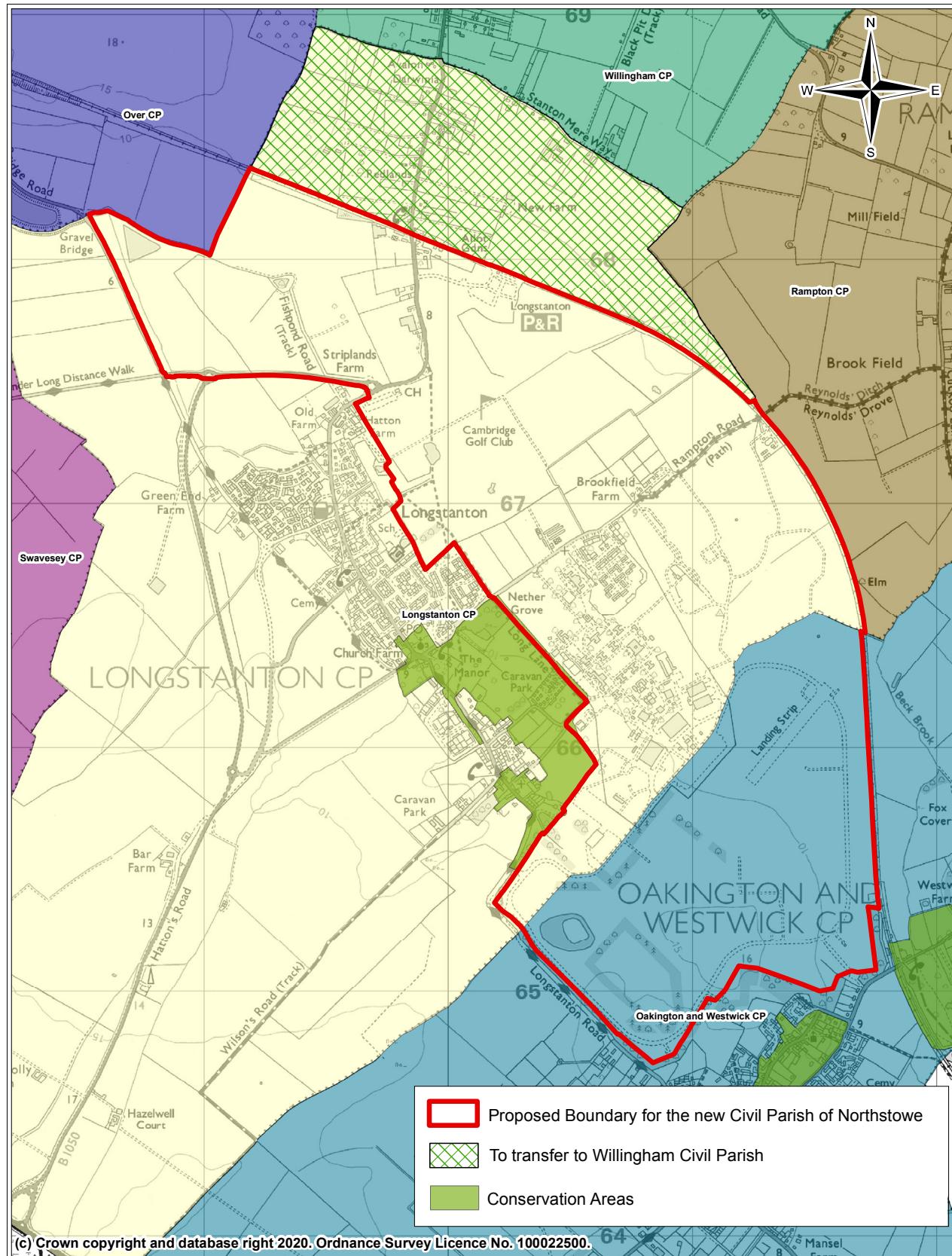
Map A1

Map A1 (opposite page) shows the suggested boundaries of the new Northstowe parish under Option A1.



If you feel this proposal is largely what you would like to happen, but there is some alteration needed to the boundary line, mark up the map(s) to show us what changes you think should be made.

Map A1



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Possible Boundary - Option A1 with
Existing Parish Boundaries

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Option A2 – Northstowe would be a parish of its own, taking in some land in Over near the busway

Option A2 is the suggestion that all of Northstowe (Phases 1, 2, 3A and 3B) would form a new parish of its own. It would be taken out of Longstanton and Oakington and Westwick parishes. In this option, Westwick would remain with Oakington, with all current arrangements for Oakington and Westwick otherwise remaining unaffected. Longstanton parish council would also retain the same arrangements as currently, within what would be its reduced boundaries. Land within Longstanton parish north of the busway would be transferred to Willingham.

The new Northstowe parish would extend up to the limits of the guided busway, taking in some land currently within Over. This would create an identifiable boundary along the minor roads known as Over Road/ Gravel Bridge Road (the current Over Parish boundary lies along the Swavesey Drain). This would leave some land belonging to Over parish south of the busway.

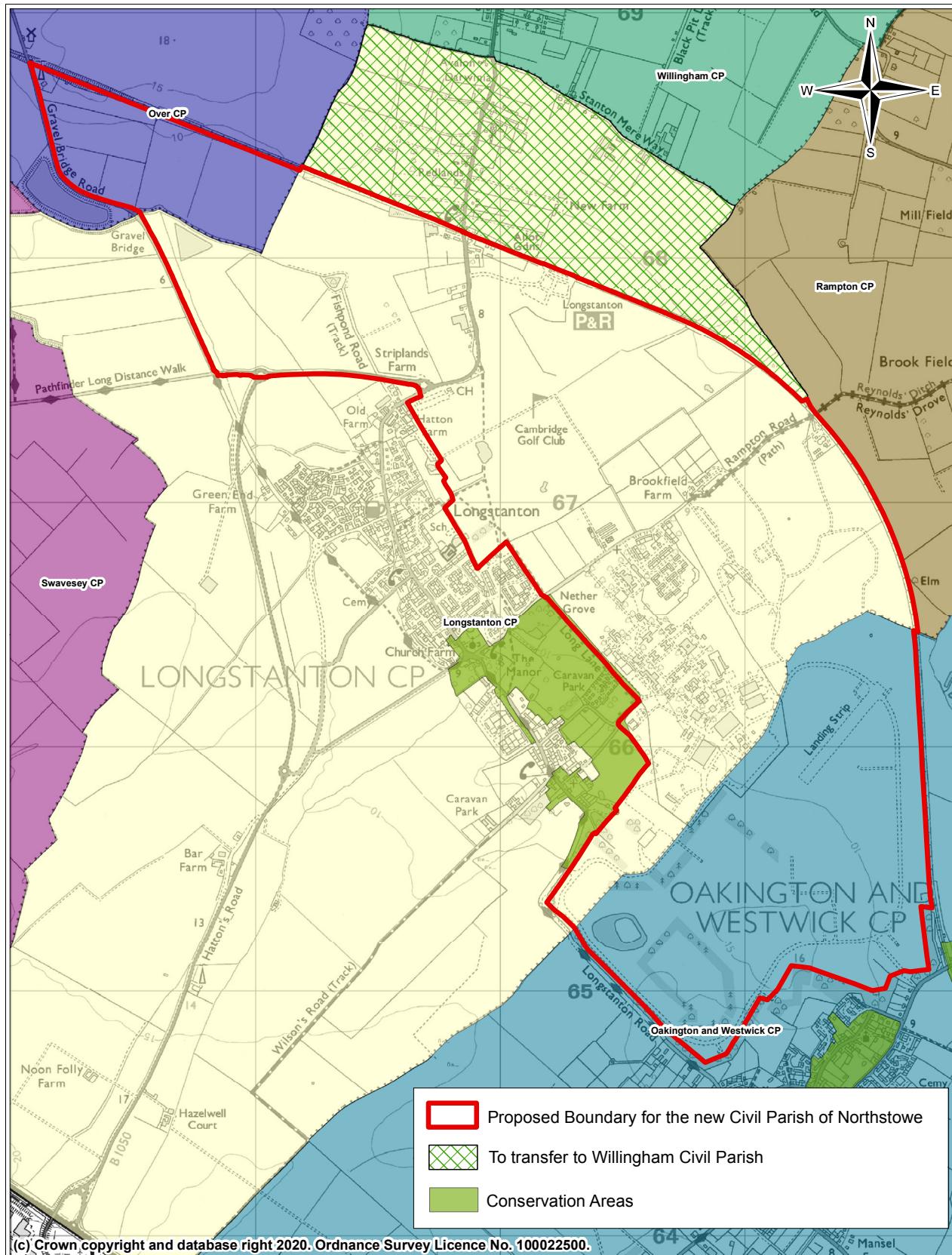
Map A2

Map A2 (opposite page) shows the suggested boundaries of the new Northstowe parish under Option A2.



If you feel this proposal is largely what you would like to happen, but there is some alteration needed to the boundary line, mark up the map(s) to show us what changes you think should be made.

Map A2



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Possible Boundary - Option A2 with
Existing Parish Boundaries

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Option B – Northstowe would be a parish of its own, taking in some land in Longstanton north of the busway

Option B is the suggestion that all of Northstowe (Phases 1, 2, 3A and 3B) would form a parish of its own. It would be taken out of Longstanton and Oakington and Westwick parishes. In this option, Westwick would remain with Oakington, with all current arrangements for Oakington and Westwick otherwise remaining unaffected. Longstanton parish council would also retain the same arrangements as currently within what would be its reduced boundaries.

Land north of the busway within Longstanton parish would be taken into the new Northstowe parish.

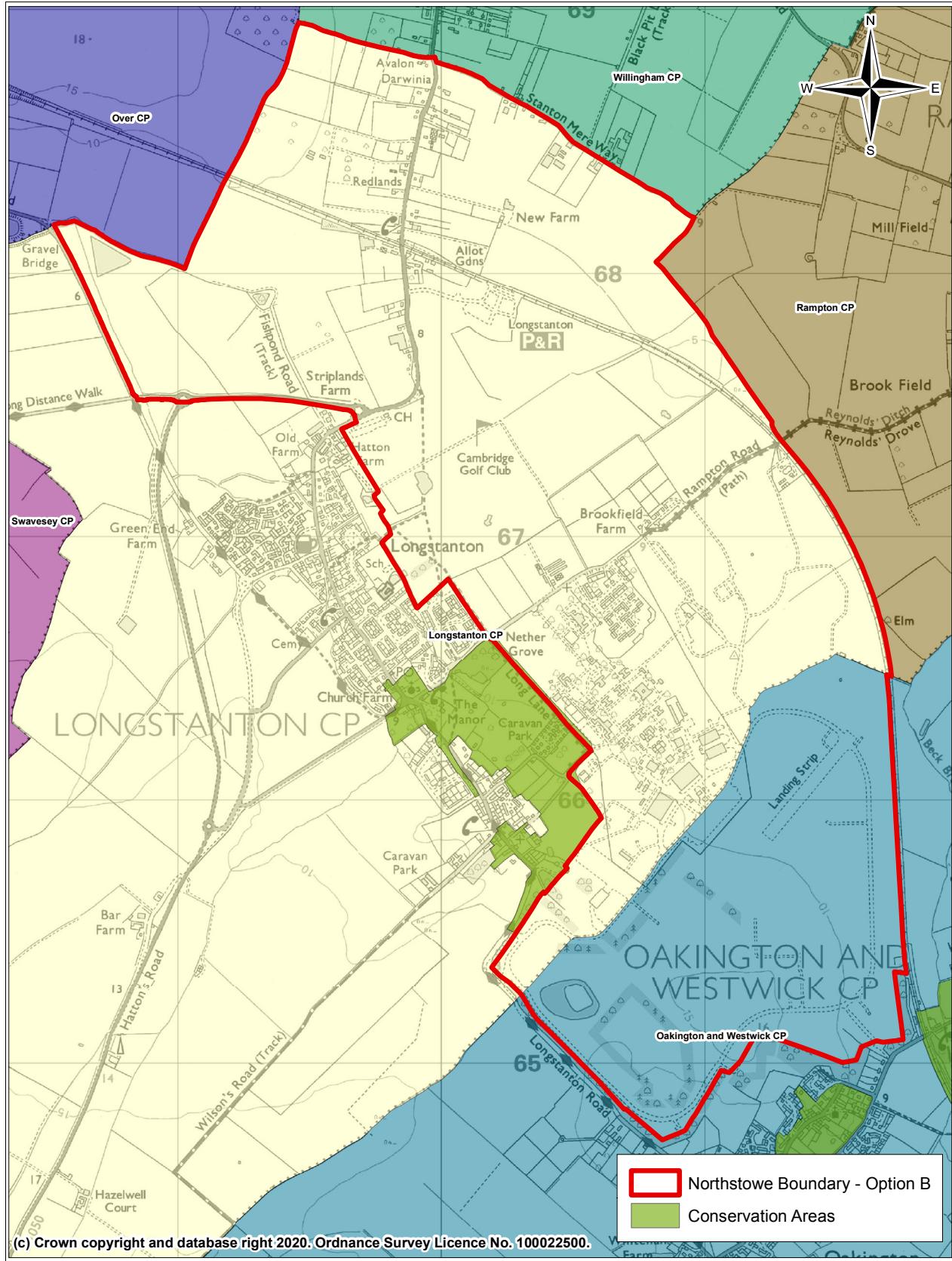
Map B

Map B (opposite page) shows the suggested boundaries of the new Northstowe parish under Option B.



If you feel this proposal is largely what you would like to happen, but there is some alteration needed to the boundary line, mark up the map(s) to show us what changes you think should be made.

Map B



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- Northstowe Boundary - Option B
- Conservation Areas



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Possible Boundary - Option B with
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Option C – a new parish for some of Northstowe, with Longstanton taking some parts of Northstowe

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Option C is the suggestion that the majority of Northstowe – Phases 1, 2 and 3A – would be taken out of Longstanton and Oakington and Westwick parishes, to create **a new parish for only this part of Northstowe. In this option, some parts of Northstowe (Phase 3B – the Bloor parcel – and other parcels within the Northstowe extension land situated west of the B1050) would stay within Longstanton parish, along with Longstanton land north of the busway.**

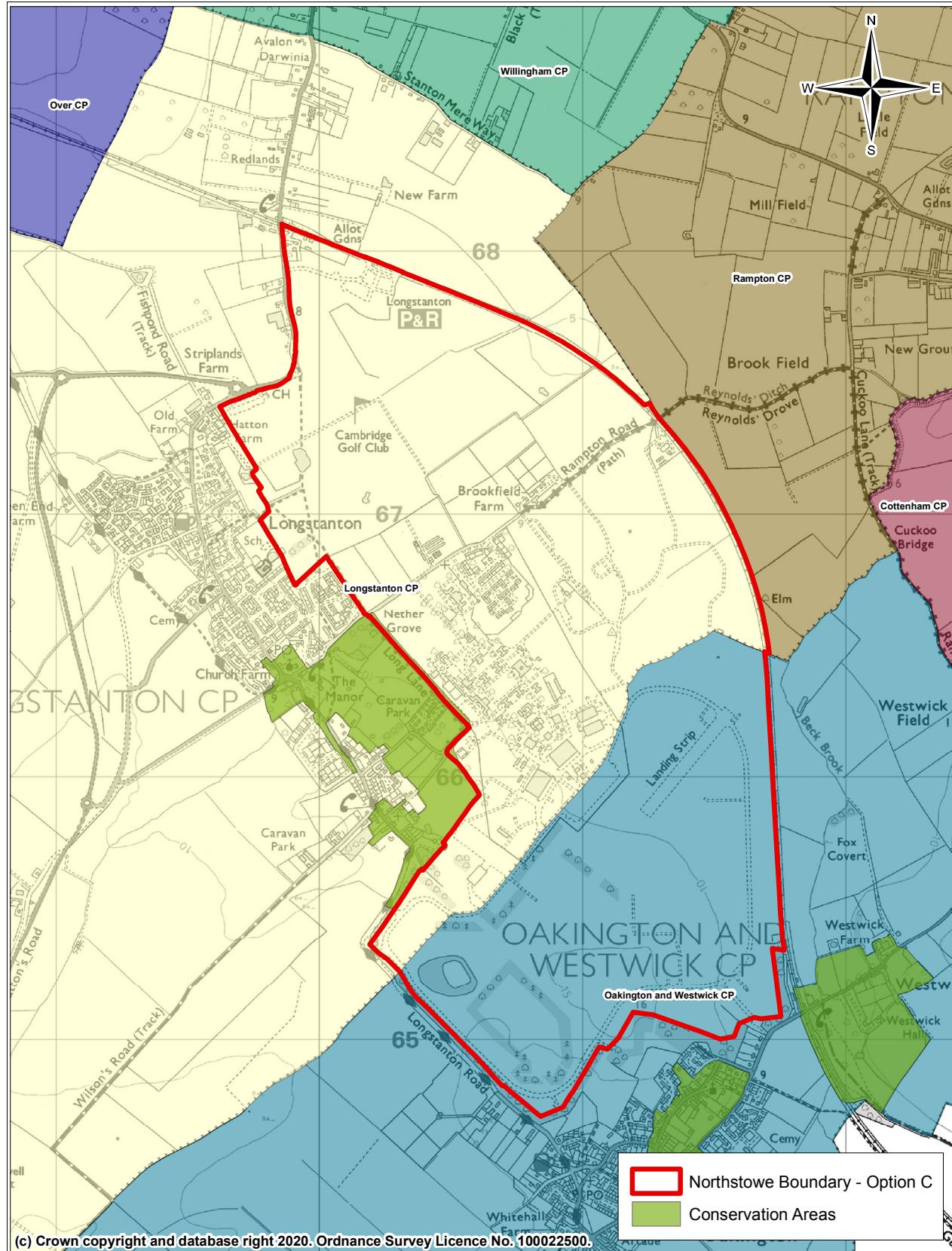
Map C

Map C (opposite page) shows the suggested boundaries of the new Northstowe parish under Option C.



If you feel this proposal is largely what you would like to happen, but there is some alteration needed to the boundary line, mark up the map(s) to show us what changes you think should be made.

Map C



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Possible Boundary - Option C with
Existing Parish Boundaries

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**Use the questions below as a guide
to let us know what you think.**

**There is also a comment box at the end
of the form for general feedback.**

Have your say by 15 June 2020

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Question 1

1. Please indicate your preferred option: A1 A2 B C

With your chosen option in mind, please answer the following questions.

Questions 2 and 3: naming the new civil parish for Northstowe

2. Should a new civil parish for Northstowe be called 'Northstowe'?

Yes No Not sure

3. If you don't think it should be called 'Northstowe', please explain why and tell us what you think it should be called.

Questions 4 to 6: how should the new civil parish for Northstowe work?

A new civil parish for Northstowe would mean Northstowe would have its own local governance. This could be a parish council, town council, community council, or neighbourhood council – all of which have equivalent powers to that of a parish council.

4. Should a new Northstowe parish be a:

- Parish council
- Town council
- Community council
- Neighbourhood council
- Not sure
- Other (please explain)

5. How many people should be elected to govern as part of this new local governance arrangement for a new civil parish for Northstowe?

The National Association of Local Councils has suggested that the minimum number of councillors should be seven and the maximum 25.

6. When should the new civil parish take effect? The next scheduled District Council elections are in May 2022. However, an election could be held in 2021 alongside the County Council election.

- 2021
- 2022
- Not sure

Questions 7 and 8: warded parishes

When there are distinct areas within one parish, a fair representation of the interests of these different areas within one parish can be achieved by creating wards for each of these areas, with a set number of parish councillors representing each ward. Further information on warding is available within the Terms of Reference, Section 6 (6.5, 6.6, 6.7).

7. If you selected Option A1, A2 or B, do you think it will be necessary to create wards within Northstowe (phases 1, 2 ,3A and 3B) for these options?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

8. If you selected Option C, do you think Longstanton civil parish should be warded to reflect the 1,200 potential new homes that could be built west of the B1050 (this area is designated as parcel 3B of the Northstowe development), in addition to the Bloor development of 91 homes that are already built?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure
- Not applicable, I did not select Option C

Question 9: other impacts of the new governance arrangements

9. Do you think there will be knock-on effects of any of the options that will need to be addressed? Please tick all that apply:

- Transfer and management or custody of property
- The setting of precepts for new parishes
- Provision with respect of functions, property, rights and liabilities
- Provision for the transfer of staff, compensation for loss of office, pensions or other staffing matters
- District ward boundaries
- County electoral divisions

Other (please explain)

Please provide any additional comments/feedback relevant to the process

Additional information about District Council and County Council boundaries

Currently there is a District Council ward boundary between the Longstanton ward and the Over and Willingham ward. There is also a County Council division boundary between the Longstanton, Northstowe and Over division and the Cottenham and Willingham division.

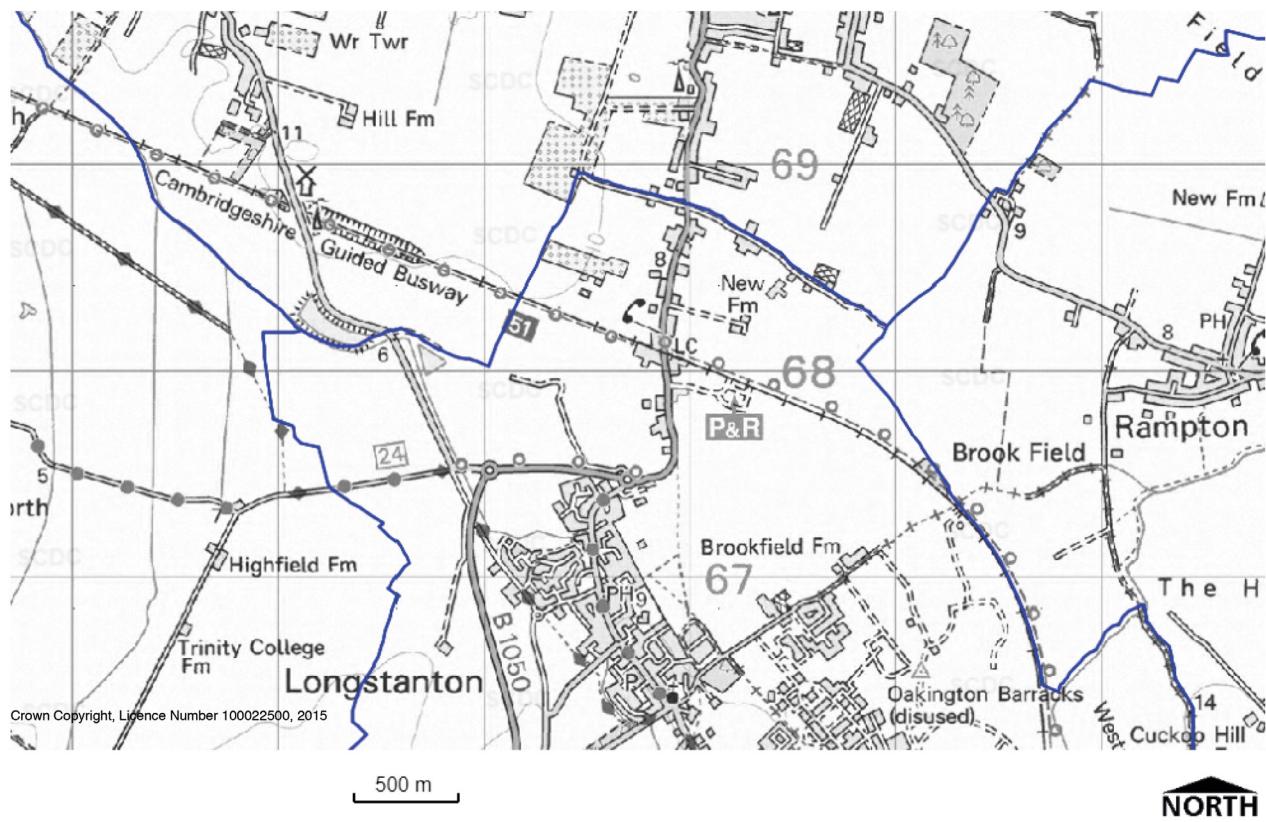
Should there be changes to parish council boundaries as outlined in Options A1 or A2, South Cambridgeshire District Council will seek realignment of the District Council and County Council boundaries so that they are aligned with the new parish boundary arrangements.

On the following maps you can view the current ward boundary and division boundary.

County Council Division Boundaries



District Council Ward Boundaries



Scale = 23073.12

How to have your say

Online

Visit our website to find a web form that you can fill in online at your convenience:

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In person

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This is a consultation, not a vote. While all submissions will be considered, the outcome of the review will be determined by the Civic Affairs Committee in accordance with the aims of the review as stated in the terms of reference.

Submissions can be made between 15 March and 15 June 2020, and cannot be accepted for this stage of the review thereafter.

Completed submission forms can be returned:

By post or in person

- To the Partnerships and Sustainable Communities Team, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge CB23 6EA

In person

- To the Community Wing next to Pathfinder School, Pathfinder Way, Northstowe, CB24 1AA
- To Longstanton Village Hall, 24 High Street, Longstanton, CB24 3BS, between 11am and 2pm, Monday to Friday or via the post box on the outside of the Village Hall
- By arrangement with Oakington and Westwick Parish Clerk. Email oakingtonpc@btinternet.com or call 01223 232 398

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