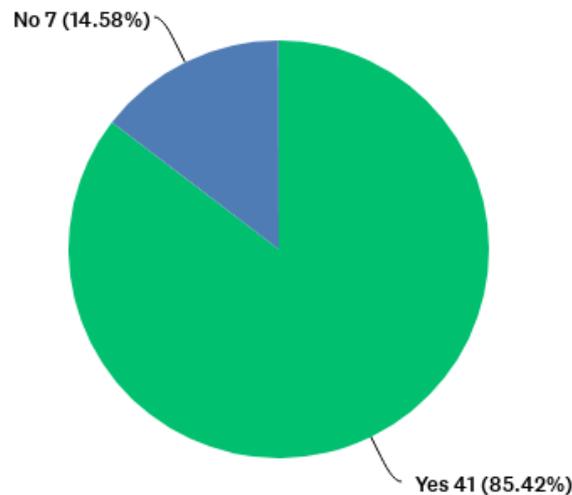


## Appendix C: Analysis of Consultation: Submissions to Sawston and Babraham: Stage Two: Community Governance Review: April to June 2021

### Summary

1. Stage One of the Sawston and Babraham Community Governance Review (CGR) was conducted from January to March 2021. It found majority support for the boundary change proposed by Sawston Parish Council (as presented at Appendix B) and did not identify any reasonable alternative boundary changes.
2. Stage Two of the Sawston and Babraham CGR was conducted from April to June 2021. It considered only whether the existing boundary should be changed according to the aforementioned proposal by Sawston Parish Council. Respondents were invited to respond yes/ no and to provide reasons for their response.
3. 48 people in total made valid submissions to Stage Two of the CGR. More responses were received to the consultation from Sawston residents than Babraham, but these were proportionate to the size of each community.
4. As shown at Diagram 1, the majority 41 (85.42 %) respondents agreed with the proposed boundary change and a minority of 7 (14.58 %) did not.
5. Responses from those who explained why they supported a boundary change can be grouped into four main themes: Geographical definition; Use of Sawston facilities; Allocation of funding/ resources and Community Cohesion
6. Responses from those who explained why they did *not* support a boundary change can be grouped into three main themes: Concerns regarding capacity of facilities or fair allocation of funding; Concerns regarding requirement to change boundary following future development or personal concerns such as having to change address.

**Diagram 1: Question 1a: Should the existing parish boundary be changed to incorporate developments H/1:b and H/1:c as shown on the map provided? (Yes or No response)**



## Background

7. Following an application from Sawston Parish Council, Civic Affairs Committee agreed a Community Governance Review to consider a boundary change between the civil parishes of Sawston and Babraham following two new developments on the Sawston/Babraham Parish Boundary. The application included a proposed boundary change as shown at Appendix B.
8. The agreed Terms of reference (Appendix A) for the review set out two stages. Stage One was to consider whether a boundary change should take place, to ascertain support for the proposed boundary change and invite alternatives.
9. Stage One of this review invited views on the proposed boundary change as well as inviting alternative boundary suggestions. 75 residents responded to the consultation; 64 (85.3%) agreed that the existing boundary should be changed and 11 (14.7%) did not. Three alternative boundary changes were proposed; 2 were broadly similar to the proposed boundary change and one was not supported by Local Government Boundary Commission England (LGBCE) guidance.
10. Therefore, Stage Two considered the boundary change proposed by Sawston Parish Council only. The Stage Two submission form is presented as Appendix C. The submission form was also made available online via *Survey Monkey* which is how the all responses were submitted.
11. Both quantitative and qualitative data has been analysed by question and is presented below. Quantitative data is presented in whole numbers and percentages. Qualitative data has been analysed by theme per question, only information relevant to the Community Governance Review has been included; that which is provided is verbatim with excerpts noted.

## Respondents

12. 49 people in total made submissions to the Community Governance Review. However, examination of IP addresses revealed that one person had submitted two responses, one of which had incomplete data and has been discounted.
13. As shown in Table 1, of the 48 valid responses, 4 (8.3%) were from the parish of Babraham village ward, 40 (83.3%) from the parish of Sawston and 4 (8.3%) from other parishes (Great Abington and Great Shelford).
14. Respondents were advised that only those over the age of 18 years could complete a submission form and asked to confirm that they had read the Terms of Reference and referred to the map of the proposed boundary change.
15. It should be noted that Sawston has an electorate of 5,546 whereas Babraham has an electorate of 223. In comparison to electorate size; 1% of Sawston electorate responded and 2% of the Babraham electorate responded.

Table 1: Respondents by Parish and Electorate

	Number of respondents	Electorate	Percentage of respondents	Percentage of electorate
Babraham	4	223	8.3%	2%
Sawston	40	5546	83.3%	1%
Other	4	n/a	8.3%	n/a
Total	48		100%	

16. Responses were analysed by question as set out below. Where respondents provided written comments, and included comments not relevant to the CGR, only relevant excerpts are provided as noted. Excerpts are provided verbatim at [Annexe One](#).

**Question 1a: Should the existing parish boundary be changed to incorporate developments H/1:b and H/1:c as shown on the map provided? (Yes or No response)**

1. Of the 48 responses to this question, 41 (85.4%) of respondents supported a boundary change and 7 (14.6%) did not support a boundary change. When examined by parish of residency, as per Table 2 below, of Babraham respondents, 2 (50%) agreed that the boundary should be changed 2 (50%) did not agree. Of Sawston respondents, 36 (88%) agreed that the boundary should be changed, and 5

(12%) did not. Of respondents from other parishes (Great Abington and Great Shelford), 3 (100%) agreed that the boundary should be changed.

**Table 2: Response to Boundary Change by Parish**

-	Total		Babraham		Sawston		Other	
	Number of respondents	Percentage						
Yes	41	85.4%	2	50%	36	88%	3	100%
No	7	14.6%	2	50%	5	12%	0	0%
Total	48	100%	4	100%	41	100%	3	100%

**Question 1b: Please explain your answer or provide any relevant comments. (Written response only)**

- 43 respondents provided a written comment explaining their agreement or disagreement with changing the existing parish boundary. Verbatim comments are set out in [Annexe One](#) at the end of this report.
- As per Table 3, the reasons given for supporting the boundary change can be grouped into four main themes.

<b>Table 3: Reasons for Supporting Proposed Boundary Change by Theme:</b>	
Geographical definition	As the two new developments are close to the village of Sawston, they read as part of it.
Use of Sawston facilities	As residents living in the new developments are geographically closer to the village of Sawston, they are likely to use facilities within Sawston.
Community Cohesion	Both of the new developments should be part of Sawston, so that neighbours are within the same parish.
Allocation of funding/resources	As residents of the new developments are likely to use facilities in Sawston, they should be included within the parish of Sawston so that their precept is allocated to Sawston Parish Council

- As per Table 4, the reasons given for *not* supporting the boundary change can be grouped into three main themes.

<b>Table 3: Reasons for <i>not</i> Supporting Proposed Boundary Change by Theme:</b>	
Concerns re capacity of facilities or fair allocation of funding	Concerns that the boundary change would put pressure on local facilities and/or result in unfair distribution of funding.
Concerns re requirement to change boundary following future development	Concerns that any future development would result in further boundary change

Personal	Concerns about the personal impact of the boundary change such as change of address,
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### Cambridgeshire County Council Response

Rob Lewis, 0-19 Area Education Officer, Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire responded on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC). He advised that CCC support the proposed changes to the civil parish boundary and that the council's response is driven by its statutory education place planning duties:

- The two development sites are contiguous with Sawston. It would be logical to plan school places on the basis that pupils attend a school in their own community rather than one (in) a nearby village.
- The development proposals are currently split between the two parishes, and thus two catchment areas. Changing the parish boundaries would avoid this and ensure that the pupils living in the same housing development are served by the same catchment school.
- Not making this change could lead to some pupils travelling to a school outside the built-up area of Sawston. This could increase the number of car journeys for drop off and pick up from school compared to potentially more sustainable modes of travel.

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## Annexe One: Relevant verbatim comments relevant to the Community Governance Review Sawston and Babraham: Stage Two

<b>Table A: Reasons for <i>Supporting</i> Proposed Boundary Change by Theme (Relevant verbatim comments):</b>		
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Parish</b>
geographical definition	It is logical to make the new residents part of Sawston administratively, as they will be geographically and for all other relevant purposes.	Sawston Parish
geographical definition	The development relates to Sawston and should come under the SPC's (Sawston Parish Council's) jurisdiction.	Sawston Parish
geographical definition	They are clearly part of Sawston. Any funds allocated to these developments should go to Sawston rather than Babraham.	Sawston Parish
geographical definition	I think it makes a lot of sense to include the two developments in Sawston - they are at the edge of the current village and are not connected at all with Babraham, so if the change didn't happen the residents would be in an anomalous situation - especially on H1:c where the boundary would split the development.	Sawston Parish
geographical definition	It just makes sense! People living in those houses will be most likely to access services in Sawston (e.g., playgrounds, which parish council pay for) and the houses feel a part of Sawston already.	Sawston Parish
geographical definition	Both developments are clearly an extension to Sawston and having them in a different Parrish would be unhelpful.	Sawston Parish
geographical definition	The new development is continuous with existing Sawston houses and to all appearances is making Sawston larger. The new residents will be using facilities in Sawston.	Sawston Parish
geographical definition	Believe they should be a part of sawston	Sawston Parish
geographical definition	Yes, I have proposed this as a Parish and District Councillor for the area. It will allow proper, rational administration under Sawston's Parish Council's auspices, and the new boundary remedies the anomalous boundary that would otherwise exist.	Sawston Parish
geographical definition	It would be illogical if any part of these new developments, which are a direct extension of Sawston, were in a different Parish, especially given the substantial open land between the development sites and Babraham. The sites will inevitably look almost exclusively to Sawston for their services, especially schools.	Sawston Parish
geographical definition	These new houses will be connected to Sawston rather than Babraham.	Sawston Parish
geographical definition	Makes sense on the ground as the homes look like Sawston	Sawston Parish
geographical definition	Seems sensible to not split the developments in half across two parishes and they are geographically closer to Sawston	Sawston Parish
geographical definition	It makes sense as the new properties are closer to Sawston	Sawston Parish
geographical definition	As the building are closer to Sawston than Babraham and I feel they will be enclosed in Sawston rather than Babraham village	Sawston Parish

geographical definition	The houses developed will be part of Sawston it doesn't make sense to split the responsibility over three parish councils	Babraham Parish
geographical definition	The current boundary leaves the new estates isolated from their parish council. A change in the boundary would better reflect the identity of the houses as part of sawston community.	Great Abington Parish
geographical definition	The housing development is attached to Sawston so it makes sense that the boundary of Babraham parish is adjusted to reflect that	Babraham Parish
geographical definition/ use of sawston facilities	Houses built adjacent to current Sawston parish boundary, residents will be using Sawston amenities, schools and other resources so it makes sense to incorporate them into the Sawston parish.	Sawston Parish
geographical definition	The proposed boundary change would make the boundaries between the relevant parishes reflect the actual arrangement of developments, as the proposed 2 new housing developments (H/1(b) and H/1(c) are immediately adjacent to the built-up area of Sawston and reflect the types of existing residential units in the vicinity.	Sawston Parish
use of Sawston facilities	The new homes being built are a continuation of the Sawston village centre, and are very far from the Babraham village centre. As a result, the people living there will mostly be using facilities in Sawston (including schools), and the costs will be supported by the Sawston rather than the Babraham community. Changing the boundary will mean that the people living in those new homes will also be contributing through council taxes, etc. in Sawston.	Sawston Parish
use of Sawston facilities	The developments are closer to existing Sawston housing and amenities. They will use Sawston facilities. So residence tax and views will be more relevant to Sawston	Sawston Parish
use of Sawston facilities	The extra housing is a significant increase in the population of Babraham and Sawston has more facilities.	Gt Abington
use of Sawston facilities	The development is going to use sawston amenities, schools, shops etc..	Sawston Parish
use of Sawston facilities	To allow catchment of Icknield school to include these developments.	Sawston Parish
use of Sawston facilities	I believe residents of the 2 development areas will associate themselves with Sawston rather than Babraham and will use the facilities provided within Sawston rather than Babraham. The green space between the developments and the village of Babraham is large enough to give the feeling of separation. It makes sense therefore for the parish boundary to reflect those feelings.	Sawston Parish
use of Sawston facilities	The new developments are adjacent to existing housing in Sawston and far from any housing in Babraham. Sawston should benefit from any infrastructure funding as a result.	Sawston Parish
use of Sawston facilities	The new and proposed developments abut the existing extent of development within Sawston. The proposed new boundaries are clearly defined and follow the edges of the new developments. The people that occupy these new dwellings will put an extra burden on the fabric and infrastructure of Sawston and their precept should be received by Sawston PC and not Babraham.	Sawston Parish

community cohesion/ allocation of resources	It makes sense for all the new development to be in a single parish. It is closest to Sawston and closest to a Sawston primary school so entirely logical to make the proposed changed as shown on the map	Sawston Parish
community cohesion	Makes sense not to split up a development into 2 different parishes	Sawston Parish
community cohesion	Makes no difference to me but makes sense for those who are neighbours to pay the same council tax etc	Sawston Parish
community cohesion	As Sawston expands to the East, it makes sense to move parish boundaries to be consistent and make sure homes and other buildings are located in the same parish as adjacent buildings.	Sawston Parish
allocation funding/ resources	The residents of the two developments will look to Sawston for most of their requirements. Sawston will need the community charge from the new properties in order to provide the necessary infrastructure. Sawston will also need a greater proportion of the S106 agreement to help with the above improvement to the Village infrastructure. The change in the boundary will still keep a distinct open space between the two communities.	Sawston Parish
allocation funding/ resources	The proposed boundary changes will allow the new developments of H1(b)/(c) to be managed and controlled by Sawston Parish Council, and will allow SPC to raise revenue in support of local services.	Sawston Parish
Other	This is a sensible move. The map is out of date as it does not show the development of Stanley Webb Close and therefore does not illustrate the density of H1c.	Sawston Parish
Other	I fully agree with the proposal, this will be a massive improvement to the village.	Sawston Parish

**Table B: Reasons for *not* Supporting Proposed Boundary Change by Theme (Relevant verbatim comments):**

Theme	Comment	Parish
Concerns re capacity of facilities or fair allocation of funding	There is not enough capacity in the local schools so they could become overwhelmed and the same for the medical centre as well.	Sawston Parish
Concerns re capacity of facilities or fair allocation of funding	Sawston always new these house were Babraham and Babraham got the grants for the resources.	Sawston Parish
Concerns re capacity of facilities or fair allocation of funding	The boundary should be along the road (Sawston road). A clear line that won't change. The development to the north H1:b should be Babraham (monies going that way) and the larger development to the south H1:c should be Sawston (monies going that way). This seems like a fair way forward and allows for the road to be the clear divide.	

Concerns re requirement to change boundary following future development	The village boundary shouldn't be moved . These houses were built outside on land that should never of been built on	Sawston Parish
Personal		Sawston Parish
Personal	I think that the decision would be for future residents. I am buying a house in the new development and I do not want to undergo again a painful change of address.	Babraham Parish