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South Cambridgeshire District Council

Thank you very much for the information about the Parish Boundary Review of the existing Haslingfield parish.

In the absence of a revision of the City/District boundary, the Trumpington Residents' Association supports the proposed new boundaries which seem very realistic. Although it will cover a small area, the new parish will have a substantial urban population compared with the residual Haslingfield parish.

We are less sure about the potential name of the new parish. As you know, the history of the area is that it was in Trumpington parish until 1934. The parish had existed for 1000 years at that point, as described in the Victoria County History:

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. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=66760>.

We do not think 'Trumpington Meadows' would be a good 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 50% of the homes in the Trumpington Meadows development will be within the City and not in the new parish, we feel on balance that this name would be confusing.

We have thought about other permutations of 'Trumpington', and 'West Trumpington', 'South Trumpington' or 'South West Trumpington' seem to us to be possibilities (the latter is the most accurate but may be too cumbersome).

We next considered names with an historic connection with the immediate area. When Trumpington was enclosed by Act of Parliament in 1804-09, land to the west of Hauxton Road was awarded to Christopher Anstey, the owner of Anstey Hall, and the area was called 'Hauxton Field' (http://www.trumpingtonlocalhistorygroup.org/subjects_farming_enclosure3.html). Most of the land was later farmed as Anstey Hall Farm. It was acquired by the Plant Breeding Institute in 1950 and PBI used the local name 'Maris' for many of its plant developments (http://www.trumpingtonlocalhistorygroup.org/subjects_PBIhistory.html). Before the Anstey family, the manor later called 'Anstey Hall' had been held by a series of owners including the

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Bowyer, Bacchus and Thompson families. Unfortunately, none of this offers up a suitable name, with 'Anstey Parish' and 'Maris Parish' both seeming awkward.

Another approach might be to follow the style of nearby parishes and create a name with 'Ha ...' as its starting point and 'ton' as its end, such as 'Hatton Parish'.

A final suggestion is to create a name based on the river, but unfortunately the branch of the Cam that forms the southern boundary of the new parish is the 'Granta' and not the 'Rhee', and there are prior claims on 'Cam' and 'Granta'!

When we had a brief discussion about this at our members' meeting on 26 February, there was no consensus whether it was positive or negative to have 'Trumpington' as part of the parish name, but on balance, our suggestion for the preferred name is 'West Trumpington' or 'South Trumpington'.

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