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Dear Andrew


RE: Willingham/Over Boundary

Further to your recent email regarding the above, please find below the reasons for Willingham Parish Council's support of the boundary review.

1. The historic boundary dates back several hundred years and bears no relationship to the development that has taken place since then or the current reality.
2. There are a significant number of homes and businesses to the west of the existing boundary that appear to be clearly part of Willingham. *This area* joins onto Willingham and is separated from the centre of Over by approximately one mile of open countryside.
3. The current boundary is not conducive to good governance. Residential and business properties just to the west of the boundary are technically in Over, so while they serve and are served by Willingham they have no involvement in decisions affecting them.
4. The residents and businesses in *this area* regard themselves as belonging to Willingham. They use Willingham as their address and Willingham as their first port of call for goods and services.
5. Recent consultations indicate a strong preference from the majority of residents and businesses in *this area* to be formally recognised as belonging to Willingham.
6. Whilst there seems to be a strong logical case to formally review the existing boundary the counter arguments appear rather subjective.
7. Willingham Parish Council does not wish to seem difficult on this issue but does strongly believe that it should be resolved by an objective and independent review.

Map showing the current boundary and close proximity of area mentioned above to the centre of the village is attached.

Yours sincerely


Mandy Powell
Parish Clerk

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