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**Lesley Sherratt, Chair of Grantchester Parish Council**

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**If a new civil parish is created, then is a parish council the right choice for the community governance? Should an alternative style be adopted, such as community council? Grantchester Parish Council is involved only as Haslingfield Parish Council wish to transfer Lingey Fen to our parish. We are supportive of this, and regard the other arrangements as between Haslingfield and the new parish.**

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I am not using the published guide for this submission as I feel it is structured in a biased way which is not helpful to the points I wish to make .Instead I have constructed a chronological list of relevant events on this topic .

!930s – Trumpington’s southern boundary moved from Hauxton Mill to its current position in the middle of Trumpington Meadows development .

2011 – Proposed boundary changes between Cambridge City and S.Cambs District Council are submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) for England . Both Councils were praised by LGBC for co-operating over these changes which would have brought significant benefits to local communities, not least ,the rationalisation of democratic representation . These changes would have avoided communities ,like Trumpington Meadows , having parts represented by District and Parish Councillors and some by City Councillors . Future planning applications would be simplified and the delivery of local services would be cost efficient .

Trumpington Meadows is a case in point , where it is more appropriate for an urban development ,to be attached to Cambridge City and not to rural S.Cambs .

In July 2011 , the LGBC was disappointed that S.Cambs withdrew from this boundary review around Cambridge City . The LGBC thought that this refusal was a lost opportunity to create a more coherent governance for existing and planned communities (like Trumpington Meadows ) along the City’s fringes . Had the proposed changes in 2011 been accepted , then the whole of Trumpington Meadows would have been in the Trumpington Ward in the City, as the boundary would have been the M11 . This motorway would be an obvious boundary marker . Haslingfield would ,therefore , not be responsible for the middle section of 600 houses in Trumpington Meadows .This would have been the best outcome for both Trumpington Meadows and Haslingfield ie a win win situation . This review of Haslingfield Parish would have been unnecessary and would have saved money as well .

April 2016 – S.Cambs District Council received a petition from 24 Trumpington Meadows residents and both local MPs , namely Heidi Allen MP and Daniel Zeichner MP . Coincidentally , our petition gave similar reasons to the joint council submission in 2011 for moving the City boundary . Nobody was living in Trumpington Meadows in 2011 so nobody could engage in those proposals at that time . Our petition in 2016 asked for a postponement of the new parish until such time as the City/ District boundary can be discussed .

July 2016 – Civic Affairs Committee meeting . The proposed new parish of Trumpington Meadows was discussed . I was invited to speak on behalf of Trumpington Meadows residents . I was the only person putting forward the views expressed in the above petition but I had no voting powers . One councillor on the committee was moved to say , perhaps we should take account of what Trumpington Meadows residents think . However, this point was quickly dismissed and the committee went on to vote (in a bizarre way) over various options but not option D which was no change . Members of the public who witnessed this were not impressed .

August 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 – Cambridge News article by Jon Vale was published about the proposed new parish but the article made no reference to the fact that Trumpington Meadows residents were against the proposal .This press release by S.Cambs was disingenuous in respect of Trumpington Meadows residents .

November 10<sup>th</sup> 2016 – LGBC consultation in Cambridge . I did a brief presentation to LGBC about the division of Trumpington Meadows development between Parliamentary constituencies . The same issues apply as for local government . The electorate in S. Cambs is greater than Cambridge City , so since LGBC are trying to balance the number of voters , moving all of Trumpington Meadows into Cambridge City would help redress the balance .

December 2016 – Final recommendation of Civic Affairs committee on the new Parish . Based on my experience of the last meeting in July , I will assume that option A will just get passed 'on the nod' at this meeting without any consideration of what it means for the developing community of Trumpington Meadows . Nobody on the committee will represent Trumpington Meadows so how can this decision be democratic ?

This situation is similar to the proposed closure of city roads in the City Deal which was forging ahead despite widespread protests . Then the Cambridge News took up the cause and suddenly its all change . The congestion problem has not gone away but at least the City Deal people are having a rethink . I am minded to involve both the Cambridge News and Radio Cambridgeshire to highlight the bizarre nature of the proposed new Parish which seems to be driven by the residents of Haslingfield . The city boundary actually zigzags its way across Trumpington Meadows development , dividing semi detached houses and running through the middle of terraced houses to create not 2 but 3 areas . Two city areas separated by one district area ! This is not sensible .



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## **Community Governance Review of Haslingfield Parish**

### **Response**

David Plank  
13 October 2016

This response is made in light of a helpful presentation by the South Cambridgeshire District Council's lead officer to the meeting of TRA members on 28 September and subsequent circulation of a draft to all our members for their comment. The TRA's response follows the structure suggested in the Council's online Submission Form.

1. **Question:** Should the existing parish boundaries be altered and the new parished area be created as outlined above?

**Answer:** YES

The TRA's perspective on the review was stated in our response of 13 June 2016 to the first stage of consultation - as follows:

"The Trumpington Residents' Association is very supportive of the development of Trumpington within the approved areas of Clay Farm, Glebe Farm and Trumpington Meadows, most of which were released from the Green Belt in 2006. We are concerned that over 50% of the homes in the Trumpington Meadows development will be outside the City boundary and that residents in that part of the development will come under a different governance regime from other Trumpington residents.

We strongly believe that all the residents of Trumpington Meadows will feel that they are part of Trumpington and Cambridge. The Trumpington Meadows Primary School, local centre and most of the Country Park are in the District, yet are an integral part of Trumpington, while the residents who live in the District will be fully involved with all aspects of Trumpington life, such as attending Trumpington Community College and using its sports facilities, using Trumpington's community centres including The Clay Farm Centre and its library and health centre, belonging to youth groups, local churches, community groups, etc.

We hope that the District Council and the City Council will work together to ask the Boundary Commission to review the District/City boundary, with the aim of incorporating all of Trumpington Meadows within the City, which we strongly believe will be in the interest of its residents. Our response to the current review is underwritten by that vision.

As an outcome of the current review, we believe that a new civil parish should be created and that the boundary of the parish should be the existing area of Haslingfield parish to the east of the River Cam, from Hauxton Mill to the City boundary. This area was part of Trumpington parish until 1934. The parish had existed for 1000 years at that point ...

We believe that establishing this area as a separate parish has a number of strengths: the historic context; it is a natural geographic unit; and it includes the residential area and also the Country Park. Furthermore, if the District and City do agree to pursue a revised boundary, the whole parish could be incorporated within the City, returning the boundary to its 1934 limit, and avoiding the need for a further restructuring of part of the parish."

This continues to be the TRA's position. Administrative boundaries should be shaped by community identity and help to foster community cohesion; in this instance the communities of Trumpington and Cambridge. Until this is fully achieved through amendment of the boundary between the two local authorities, interim governance arrangements should foster community identity and cohesion to the greatest extent possible - and should certainly not impair them. While representing only part of the Trumpington Meadows development (TM), a new civil parish with a parish council and regular parish meetings would benefit residents by ensuring their appropriate democratic representation at all levels within the wholly parished South Cambridgeshire District Council (South Cambs). It would also assist integration of TM as a whole within wider Trumpington by, for example, allowing residents within a three mile radius to stand as parish councillors as well as those in the South Cambs part of TM (which is provided for in national legislation). Other forms of governance would not have these advantages.

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2. **Question:** If no new parish is formed, what alternative do you propose?

**Answer: No alternative is proposed.**

We believe that a new civil parish is the best interim form of governance for the part of the TM within South Cambs until a review of the administrative boundary between South Cambs and Cambridge City Council takes place and brings all of Trumpington together within one local authority area. It would be to the disadvantage of the South Cambs part of TM if it was left in the limbo of being unparished within the wholly parished South Cambs. Continuation within Haslingfield Parish would also be to the disadvantage of the part of TM within South Cambs – and to the disadvantage of Haslingfield. Both would lose out.

Nor would warding within Haslingfield Parish be appropriate because the South Cambs part of the TM development is part and parcel of TM as a whole and TM is part of the Trumpington/Cambridge community. It is not a distinct, separate community in its own right. Nor do we believe that warding would be an arrangement in the best interest of the distinct community of Haslingfield which warrants a civil parish and parish council of its own.

3. **Question:** If a new civil parish is created, what name should it take?

**Answer: South Trumpington or Trumpington South**

This is the natural and historic name for the civil parish. It is essential that the parish should be fully identified with Trumpington - of which it is part; either of these names would help this.

We do not think 'Trumpington Meadows' is an appropriate name for the parish. The term has no historic context and was applied by the current developers when they took on the land. Given that nearly 50% of the homes in the TM development would be within the City not in the new parish, this name would be confusing. It would also be misleading because the TM development would form part only of the parish, the rest of which is identified, as far as we are concerned, with the ancient Parish of Trumpington.

We understand that "Byron's Pool" has been suggested as a possible name. The TRA does not support this. Byron's Pool is a distinct area being separated by the Country Park from the Trumpington Meadows development. Only part of the Pool itself would be in the new civil parish, the other half being transferred to Grantchester Parish under this proposal. Thus it would not be an accurate descriptor for the new parish and would be confusing as part of the Pool would actually be outside the new civil parish.

4. **Question:** If a new civil parish is created, then is a parish council the right choice for community governance? Should an alternative style be adopted, such as community council? (alternative styles have equivalent powers to that of a parish council)

**Answer:** Whatever style is adopted, the new civil parish should have the full powers of a parish council otherwise it would be disadvantaged in comparison with the other parished areas of South Cambs.

In this regard we note the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's guidance that:

"... what sets parish councils apart from other kinds of governance is the fact they are a democratically elected tier of local government, independent of other council tiers and budgets, and possess specific powers. This is an important distinction to make. Parish councils are the foundation stones for other levels of local government in England. Their directly elected parish councillors represent local communities in a way that other bodies, however worthy, cannot since such organisations do not have representatives directly elected to those bodies."

[Local Government Boundary Commission for England, Guidance on community governance reviews, March 2010]

Parish council is the TRA's preferred style. This has the advantage of familiarity in the context of South Cambs and would not single out the new parish from other parish councils. Use of the word "community" would be problematic as only part of the Trumpington community, indeed of the TM development, would be covered by the parish council.

5. **Question:** If not, should an intermediate arrangement be made, for example a parish meeting?

**Answer:** Not applicable.

We note that regular parish meetings are required of parish councils.

6. **Question:** What name should be taken by the new council representing the new civil parish?

**Answer:** South Trumpington Parish Council, or Trumpington South Parish Council

See answer to question 3 above.

7. **Question:** There is no recommendation for the new civil parish to be warded: should a new civil parish be created, would you consider warding necessary?

**Answer: No.**

Warding is neither appropriate nor necessary in these circumstances.

8. **Question:** The draft recommendation is for the new civil parish to be represented by a council of 9 elected members; should a new civil parish be created, would you support the proposal for 9 elected members?

**Answer: Yes.**

This would seem to be broadly in line with national guidance [Local Government Boundary Commission for England and National Association of Local Councils – See paragraphs 153 to 157 of the LGBC's Guidance referred to above – see answer to question 4.]

9. **Question:** If you support the creation of a new civil parish, but feel this is not the right number of councillors, what number do you suggest and why?

**Answer: Not applicable.**

13 October 2016



# Hauxton Parish Council

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For the attention of Clare Gibbons – Development Officer

Dear Clare

## **Community Governance Review of Haslingfield Parish**

I am writing on behalf of Hauxton Parish Council to say how unhappy the council is with the recommendation by the South Cambs DC Civic Affairs Committee on how to modify the existing parish boundaries between Hauxton, Haslingfield and the new parish.

**We wish to object strongly to the proposed recommendation, and call upon the Civic Affairs Committee to reconsider the boundary between Hauxton parish and the new ‘Trumpington Meadows’ parish.**

Hauxton Parish Council made a proposal – supported by Haslingfield Parish Council – to incorporate the area south of the M11 into Hauxton Parish and we feel very strongly this should be the case.

Hauxton Parish Council still wish to support Haslingfield PC in their proposal to reduce the size of their parish by transferring the part of their parish north of the M11 to a new Trumpington Meadows Community Governance unit.

However, Hauxton PC are strongly of the view that the area of Haslingfield PC to the south of the M11, beside the A10 highway – shown in pink on the attached diagram – should become part of Hauxton Parish.

This would permit continuity of the parish beside the A10 up to the natural boundary of the motorway, thereby allowing Hauxton PC to assess and advise on issues relating to the associated cycle way, and development and traffic matters between Hauxton and junction 11 .

There are no assets/residents in this area of transfer between the two parishes, so it

is not anticipated that there would be any other implications on councillor representation or precept.

We hope that South Cambridgeshire DC Civic Affairs Committee will agree our proposed parish boundary between Hauxton and the new 'Trumpington Meadows parish' makes sense both from a geographical viewpoint, using the M11 motorway as the north-eastern boundary for Hauxton, and from an administration viewpoint on issues relating to the A10 through road.

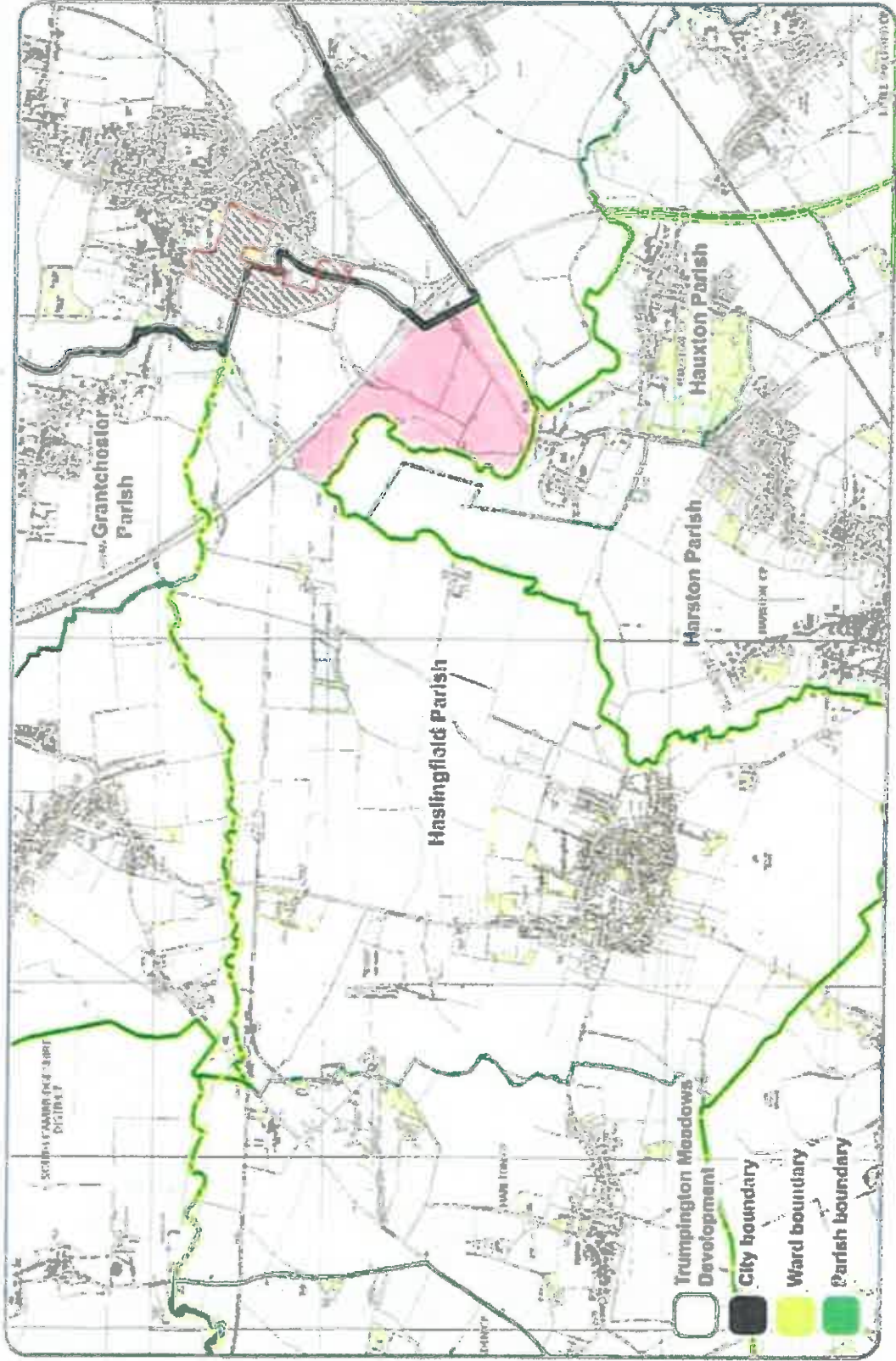
If you have any questions regarding this proposal please do not hesitate to contact myself or the Jane Ward, Chair of Hauxton PC.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hammond', written over a horizontal line.

John Hammond  
Clerk to Hauxton Parish Council

Annex A





From Niall O'Byrne, Chair of Harston Parish Council

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of Harston Parish Council.  
May I refer you to the attached letter on the above topic to South Cambridgeshire District Council dated 9th November 2016 from Hauxton Parish Council.

Harston Parish Council has not been contacted by SCDC on this matter but has been made aware of it by Hauxton Parish Council. I could imagine that you may have felt this matter is outside Harston's area of interest. However, that is not the case. There are two issues that are of interest to Harston in this area:

1. There is a divergence of view about the placing of a new Park and Ride, as part of the City Deal Western Orbital proposal, between, on one side, Councillor Janet Lockwood, and both Hauxton and Harston Parish Councils and, on the other, proponents of the Western Orbital concept. The Western Orbital proposed plan is to locate a new Park and Ride just south of the M11 Junction 11 on Green Belt land. Councillor Lockwood and the two Parish Councils wish it to be placed further south on the A10, near the railway station at Foxton and beyond the Green Belt. This would be an extension of the concept contained in the already promulgated Annex G of "Transport Strategy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire - 2014" that plans to provide a rural interchange at Foxton railway station with dedicated parking for cars and cycles and improved bus infrastructure to increase the number of people using rail to continue their journey to Cambridge. This issue is of major concern to Harston. With a total number of almost 16,00 vehicle movements through Harston High Street on an average working day, the potential of a Park and Ride at Foxton to reduce this is of major concern to us.
2. Our second area of interest relates to the new pedestrian and cycle way through High Street [A10] Harston. This development has been through two rounds of consultation and, subject to committee approval, should begin next year. Harston Parish Council supports the project. It is planned to start just north of Harston and link to the already completed new cycle way just south of Harston. The development of the cycle way between the M11 Junction 11 and this new route through Harston is within our area of interest, as well as Hauxton's. In our case, because because it passes the new housing development at Hauxton Meadows, which will influence the cycle traffic flow through Harston.

For both of the above reasons, may I support the concept that that area mentioned in the attached letter (*Letter from Hauxton Parish Council dated 09 November*) becomes part of Hauxton and not Trumpington Meadows. I see the M11 as a natural boundary between Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire. The new Trumping Meadows Parish, being north of the M11 will have a Cambridge City orientation. But the lands south of the M11 Junction 11 are in South Cambridgeshire. They should therefore be represented and managed by South Cambridgeshire councillors and parish councils.

Niall O'Byrne,  
Chair Harston Parish Council.

