



CHEL TENHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

APPENDIX 2D
a) Consultation letter to St Nicholas Drive.
Please scroll down to see letter to Merestones Drive

Addressee details

ask for: Helen Down
ddi number: 01242 774960
email: Communityservices@cheltenham.gov.uk
date: July 14, 2017

Consultation: Please Respond by 29.9.17

Dear Resident,

Proposed extension of Prestbury Parish Council’s boundary

We are writing to you because Cheltenham Borough Council is carrying out a Community Governance Review, and as part of the review, we wanted to take the opportunity to include your address within the boundary for Prestbury Parish Council. Currently a small part of St Nicholas Drive is the only part of Prestbury borough ward not to be included in the Prestbury Parish Council area. We are also consulting with residents in Pittville to see whether there is support to create a new parish council for Pittville, which would mean the small section of St Nicholas Drive was the only area not within a parish council area if the Pittville Parish Council proposal went ahead. **Please take the time to read the attached background information sheet and to have your say by completing the response form below and returning it in the freepost envelope provided.**

Alternatively, you can respond online at [WEBSITE ADDRESS] – you will need to enter your unique identification code: [UNIQUE ID CODE].



COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW 2017 - CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

Please respond as soon as possible. All responses must be received by 29.9.17. Please note you must include your name and full address for this response to be taken into account. Your details will not be shared or used for any other purpose than this review, which concludes in January 2018, when your details will be deleted.

Name: _____

Address: _____

I have read the enclosed background information and I am in favour of my area becoming part of Prestbury Parish:

YES NO

Please leave any comments you wish to make in connection with this consultation on the reverse of this slip, or include additional sheets. Please return this slip in the freepost envelope provided.

Community Governance Review 2017 – Background Information

Why is Cheltenham Borough Council carrying out a community governance review?

A campaign group in Pittville submitted a valid petition to Cheltenham Borough Council in January 2017, calling for the creation of a new parish council for Pittville. This means Cheltenham Borough Council is required under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to carry out a community governance review to decide whether or not it should be created.

As part of the review, the five existing parish councils were asked if they would like explore whether there was support to extend their boundaries. As described in the attached letter, a small part of St Nicholas Drive is the only part of Prestbury borough ward not to be included within the Prestbury Parish Council boundary and this is an opportunity to change this if residents are supportive.

What does a parish council do?

Parish councils are the most local form of government. Parish councils are usually made up of local people who stand for election as (unpaid) parish councillors to represent their area, usually for a four year term. They are the voice of the local community and work with other tiers of government and external organisations to support the community and co-ordinate and deliver services.

How much would my council tax bill increase by if my area becomes part of the parish council area?

Households within a parish are subject to what is known as a 'precept', which is the amount of council tax added to the bill per household and can only be used by the parish council to run itself and to invest in the area to deliver or improve services or facilities for which they have the legal powers. The amount is based on the number of households within the parish, and the cost of the services the council provides. The precept for Prestbury Parish Council currently is £22.34 per household in a Band D property PER YEAR.

How to respond to this consultation

Cheltenham Borough Council will use the responses received to decide whether there is sufficient support for your area becoming part of the Prestbury Parish Council area. Please take the time to have your say by completing the response slip and returning it in the freepost envelope provided.

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All responses must be received by [DATE].

Many thanks for taking the time to respond to this consultation. Further details about the review and the results of this consultation (once completed) will be published at www.cheltenham.gov.uk

For further information please contact:

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Dear Resident,

Consultation: Community Governance Review

We are writing to you because Cheltenham Borough Council is carrying out a Community Governance Review, and as part of the review, we wanted to take the opportunity to see whether you would like your address removed from the boundary for Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council. Currently a very small part of Merestones Drive is included within the Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council area while the rest of the road is not, and we would like to know whether residents would be supportive of a change to remove these addresses from the parish council area.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

I have read the enclosed background information and I am in favour of my area being removed from the Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish:

YES NO

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What does a parish council do?

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Statement from Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council

“As a local authority, Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council powerfully represents local people. It uses objective evidence from experts, public consultations, traffic surveys, computer modelling, professional studies and legal advocates. It advises CBC planners on local planning applications and it submits evidence to local and national consultations that affect residents. The Council is currently finalising its Neighbourhood Plan to link into the Cheltenham Local Plan. Begun in 2013, the neighbourhood planning and Local Green Space Application have been crucial in protecting the beauty and amenities of the area, including the views from Leckhampton Hill, and in achieving sustainable development and good quality of life and prosperity. The Council’s vigorous fight against the massive development in Leckhampton originally proposed in the draft JCS has been well vindicated by the findings of the JCS Examiner and the Secretary of State on unacceptable landscape damage and severe traffic congestion. With the precept funds the Council provides amenities, such as Brizen Young People’s Centre and the Salisbury Avenue games area, often by leveraging other big sources of funding. It supports youth work, schools, local charities, voluntary groups, community development and other community benefit. Councillors help keep the area well maintained and act as voluntary wardens for open spaces, footpaths, transport, flooding, snow and emergencies.”

How much would my council tax bill decrease if my area was not in the parish?

Households within a parish are subject to what is known as a ‘precept’, which is the amount of council tax added to the bill per household and this is used by the parish council to run itself and to invest in the area to deliver or improve services or facilities. The amount is based on the number of households within the parish, and the cost of the services the council provides. It should be noted that parish councils are under similar constraints as local authorities in how much can be set. The precept in Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish currently is £18.35 per household in a Band D property PER YEAR.

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