

Final Recommendations for the Community Governance Review

Proposals of the Democratic Renewal Working Party

The proposals below are intended to form the basis of the final recommendations for the CGR, the precise wording of which will be prepared by officers in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. The Borough Council must indicate, for any existing parish affected by the review, its view on the whole of the electoral arrangements for that parish, endorsing current arrangements as effective as well as indicating areas for change. For instance, the Council must indicate whether the CGR will result in any change to the name of the parish and whether or not it will continue to have a parish council or meeting. For simplicity, however, the information below only indicates the changes to the existing arrangements which might result from the CGR.

Background information for each of these issues is contained in the report to the Working Party on 2 December 2015.

As it affects all others, issue 26 is shown first for ease of reference.

Addendum – 16 December 2015

Important note

This document is as presented to Council on 15 December. However, the proposals for issues 12-14 (Haverhill) were amended by the Council at its meeting. These amendments to issues 12-14 (and the basis for the final recommendations on these issues) can be seen in the supplementary document published with the agenda pack at:

[Agenda for St Edmundsbury Council on Tuesday 15 December 2015, 7.00 pm](#)

No	Area or Properties Under Review	Parishes Directly Affected	Matters on which CGR will or could focus
26	The whole Borough (consequential impact of CGR)	•All	Consequential impacts and changes to Parish and Borough Council wards and County Council divisions representing the Borough associated with any proposed changes to parish boundaries or wards arising from the CGR. Changes may be in the form of ward/division boundaries and numbers of councillors.

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More information is provided on these recommendations in Appendix A. It is recommended that:

- (a) the Council requests a full electoral review of the electoral arrangements for St Edmundsbury Borough Council by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.
- (b) subject to the outcome of issue 7, the ward boundaries (and number of councillors) of Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill Town Councils be left unchanged within their existing boundaries as part of this CGR, pending any electoral review of the Borough Council;
- (c) if the CGR results in the extension of either of the towns' boundaries then the new area(s) be added, on an interim basis, to an existing adjacent town council ward, with no increase in the number of town councillors. This will result in a temporary electoral imbalance, but this imbalance can also be corrected by the subsequent electoral review before any scheduled elections;
- (d) ward boundaries and other electoral arrangements for any other parishes (existing or new) be fully considered as part of this CGR, but it be explained to the parishes involved that these may be subject to later change by the LGBCE if they need to ensure electoral equality for, and coterminosity with, their own scheme for borough wards or county divisions.

Implicit in the above approach would be a need to make it clear in any final recommendations for phase 2 of the CGR that the Borough Council would, as a fall-back, seek the appropriate consequential changes to existing borough wards and county divisions if, for any reason, the LGBCE could not carry out full electoral reviews before 2019 or 2021 respectively. This would keep electoral arrangements across all three tiers in step.

No	Area or Properties Under Review	Parishes Directly Affected	Matters on which CGR will or could focus
1	Vision 2031 Strategic Site "North-West Bury St Edmunds"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bury St Edmunds •Fornham All Saints 	Whether or not existing parish governance arrangements should be amended in respect of new homes and/or employment land included in the strategic growth site. If amendments are needed, this could be through changes to existing parish boundaries or wards and/or the creation of new parish(es).

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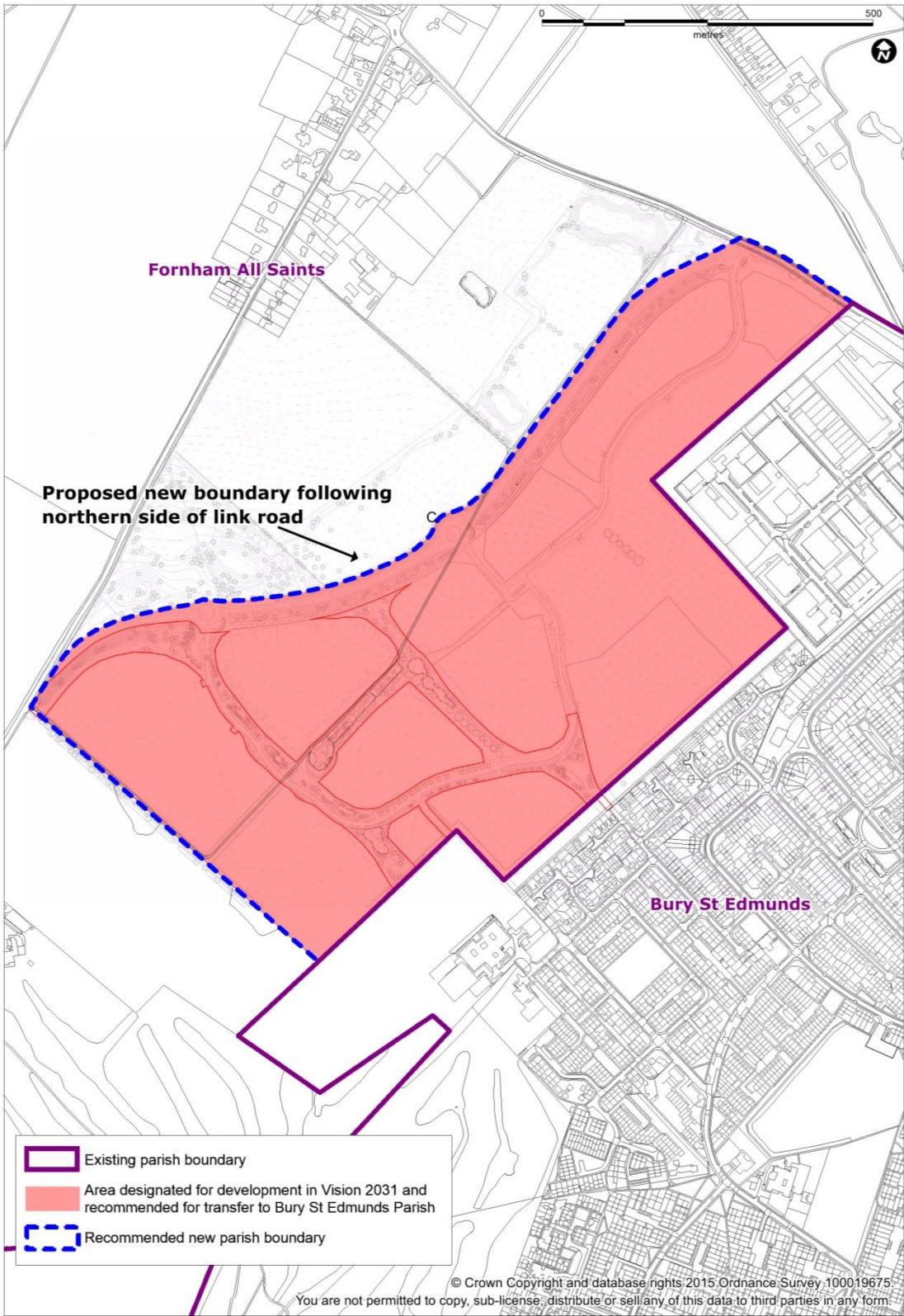
The boundary of Bury St Edmunds Parish be extended to include the residential element of the "North-West Bury St Edmunds" Vision 2031 growth site.

The new boundary (in part) would follow the north side of the new relief road. The recommended new boundary is shown on the map overleaf (with road and landscaping detail from a recent planning application super-imposed).

In accordance with the recommendations for issue 26 above, the extended parish area will be temporarily added to the existing St Olaves Ward of Bury St Edmunds Parish pending any review of town and borough council wards by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

The reasons for the recommendation include:

1. local preference (the principle of the proposal was supported by all respondents including the Parish Council); and
2. it potentially provides more appropriate parish boundaries to reflect the identities and interests of local residents (current and future) and offers them more effective and convenient local government (respondents felt that the new electors would have more in common with existing electors of Bury St Edmunds and the identity and cohesion of the existing Fornham All Saints Parish should be preserved).



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No	Area or Properties Under Review	Parishes Directly Affected	Matters on which CGR will or could focus
2	Vision 2031 Strategic Site "West Bury St Edmunds" This issue should also be read in conjunction with issue 11.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bury St Edmunds •Westley 	As per 1. above

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The boundary of Bury St Edmunds Parish be extended to include the residential element of the "West Bury St Edmunds" Vision 2031 growth site.

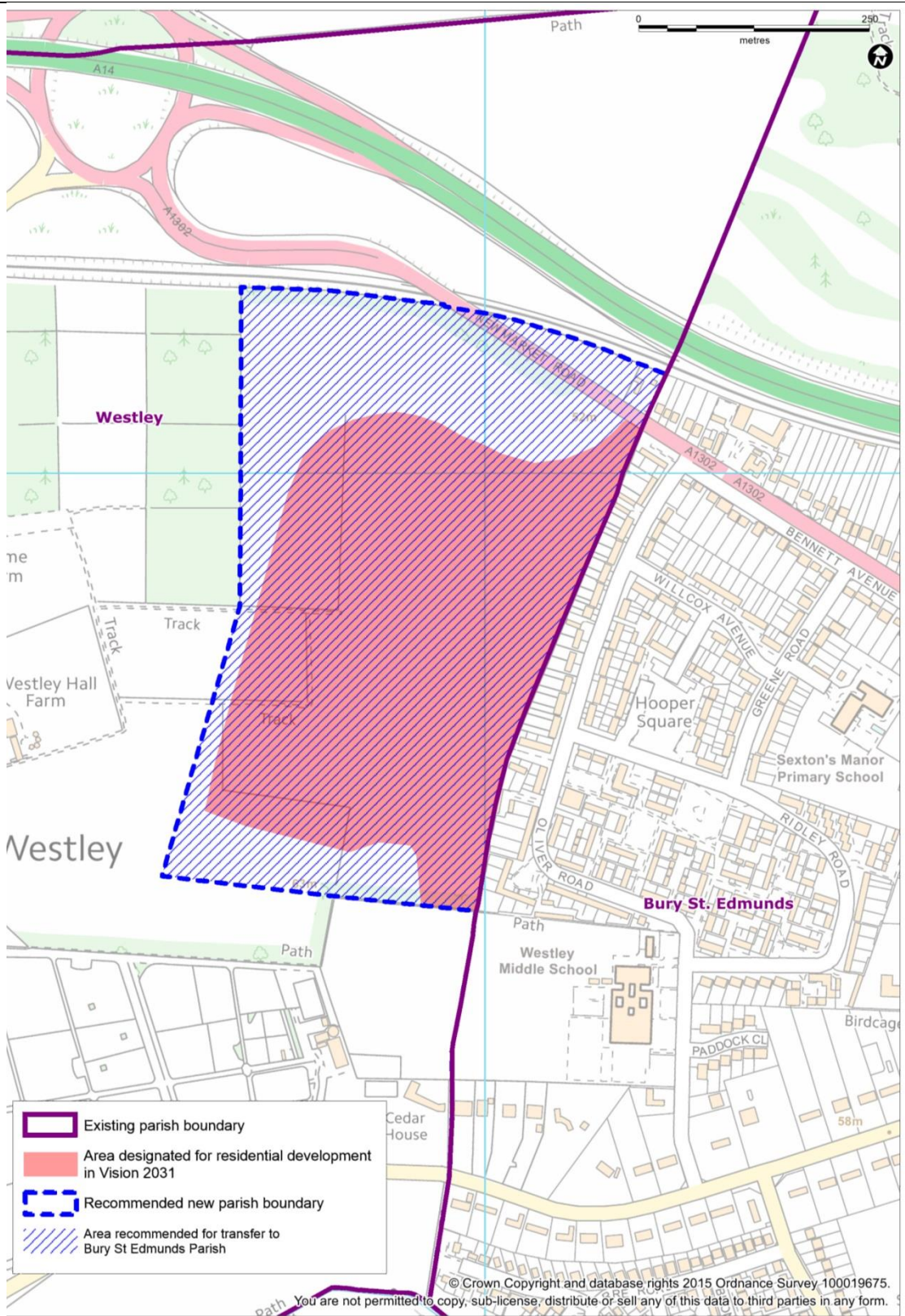
The proposed new boundary, which is shown on the map overleaf, reflects the concept statement for the growth site in Vision 2031 and, in part, existing field lines and the strong natural boundary of the railway. The proposal also deals with issue 11 (136 Newmarket Road).





As only a concept statement exists at this point, any new boundary may need to be reviewed in a future CGR when the precise detail of any development is known (e.g the line of the relief road). In addition, the Working Party felt that, if and when any proposal for a sub-regional health campus emerges, this could also be the subject of a separate CGR if needed. However, as there was currently no detail on the likelihood of such a scheme, it would be premature to include it in this CGR.

In accordance with the recommendations for issue 26 above, the extended parish area will be temporarily added to the existing Minden Ward of Bury St Edmunds Parish pending any review of town and borough council wards by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

The reasons for the recommendation include:

1. local preference (the principle of the proposal was supported by Bury St Edmunds Town Council and no response was received in phase 1 from Westley Parish Council);
2. it potentially provides more appropriate parish boundaries to reflect the identities and interests of local residents (current and future) and offers them more effective and convenient local government (respondents felt that the new electors would have more in common with existing electors of Bury St Edmunds and the identity and cohesion of the existing Westley Parish should be preserved).



-  Existing parish boundary
-  Area designated for residential development in Vision 2031
-  Recommended new parish boundary
-  Area recommended for transfer to Bury St Edmunds Parish

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3	Vision 2031 Strategic Site "North-East Bury St Edmunds"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bury St Edmunds •Great Barton 	As per 1. above

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The "North-East Bury St Edmunds" Vision 2031 growth site be retained in Great Barton Parish within a newly created parish ward.

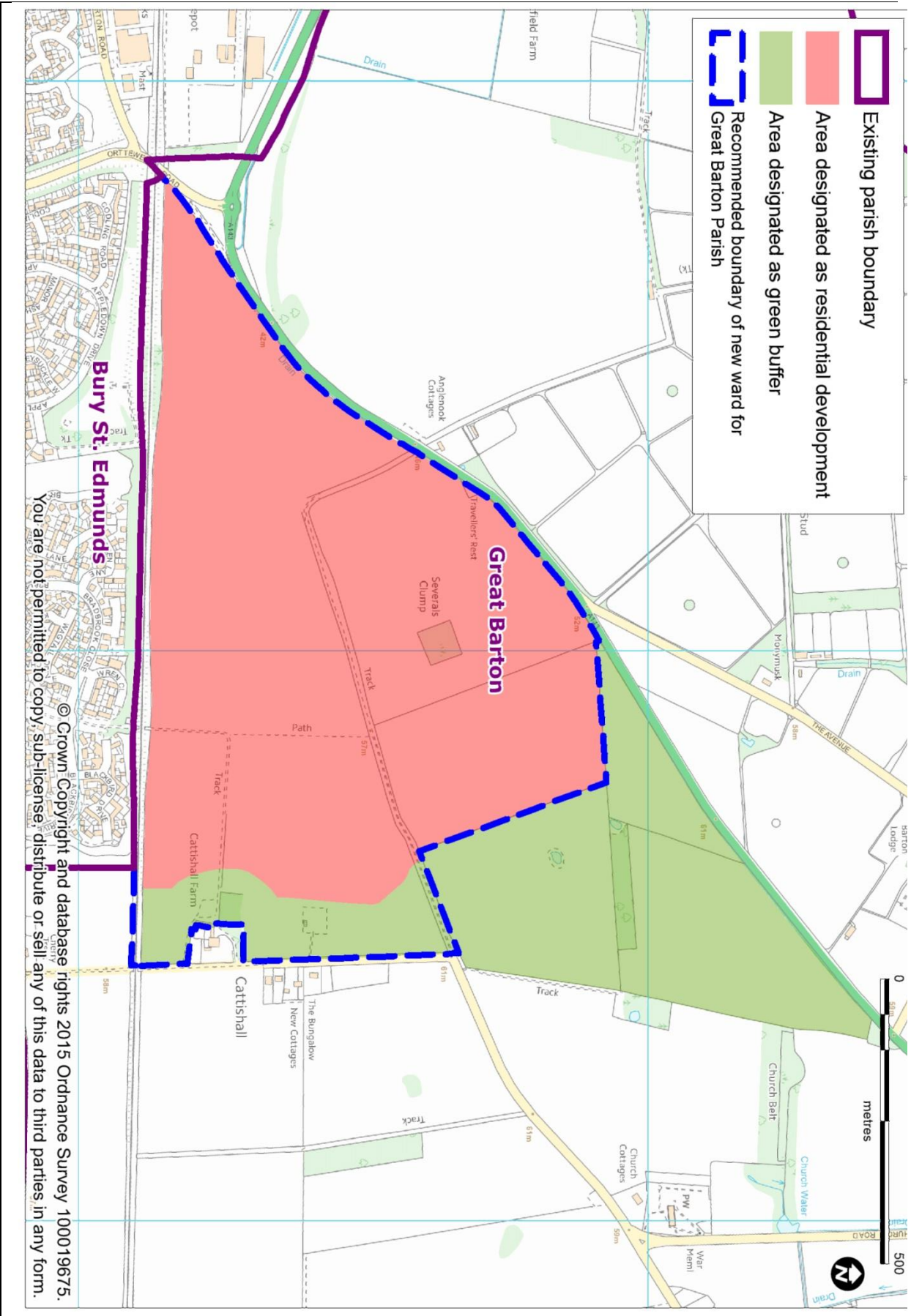
The proposed new boundary for consultation, which is shown on the map overleaf, reflects the masterplan for the growth site in Vision 2031 as well as existing field lines and strong natural boundaries provided by the existing roads and the railway.

Under delegated authority and in consultation with the Parish Council, the officers will prepare a final recommendation for the warding arrangements of the Parish i.e. ward names and number of councillors. This proposal will reflect five year electorate forecasts.

The Working Party noted that, if this recommendation were adopted, further CGRs would be required between parish council elections to ensure electoral equality between the two parish wards as the new development grew.

The reasons for the recommendation include:

1. local preference (while there were alternative proposals and views, this option was supported by Great Barton Parish (council and electors). Local electors in Cattishall also felt strongly that that their homes were part of Great Barton Parish);
2. it potentially provides parish boundaries to reflect the identities and interests of local residents (current and future) and offers them more effective and convenient local government (Great Barton felt that being an integrated part of their Parish would allow the new community to develop with strong and focused democratic representation and reflect shared interests and needs with the rest of the Parish (which already has several distinct but strongly connected communities i.e. village, Cattishall and East Barton). The Parish Council also felt that this option would provide the new residents the chance to develop their own community identity and local services while development is taking place, and then decide their own future at a later CGR after building is complete);
3. it reflects, in community identity terms, the barrier created by the railway.



No	Area or Properties Under Review	Parishes Directly Affected	Matters on which CGR will or could focus
4	Vision 2031 Strategic Site "Moreton Hall" This issue should be read in conjunction with issues 6, 7 and 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bury St Edmunds •Great Barton •Rushbrooke with Rougham 	As per 1. above

Proposal of DRWP for Final Recommendation

- (1) The "Moreton Hall" Vision 2031 growth site be retained in Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish within a newly created parish ward;**
- (2) the external boundaries between Bury St Edmunds, Great Barton and Rushbrooke with Rougham Parishes be amended as shown on the map below.**

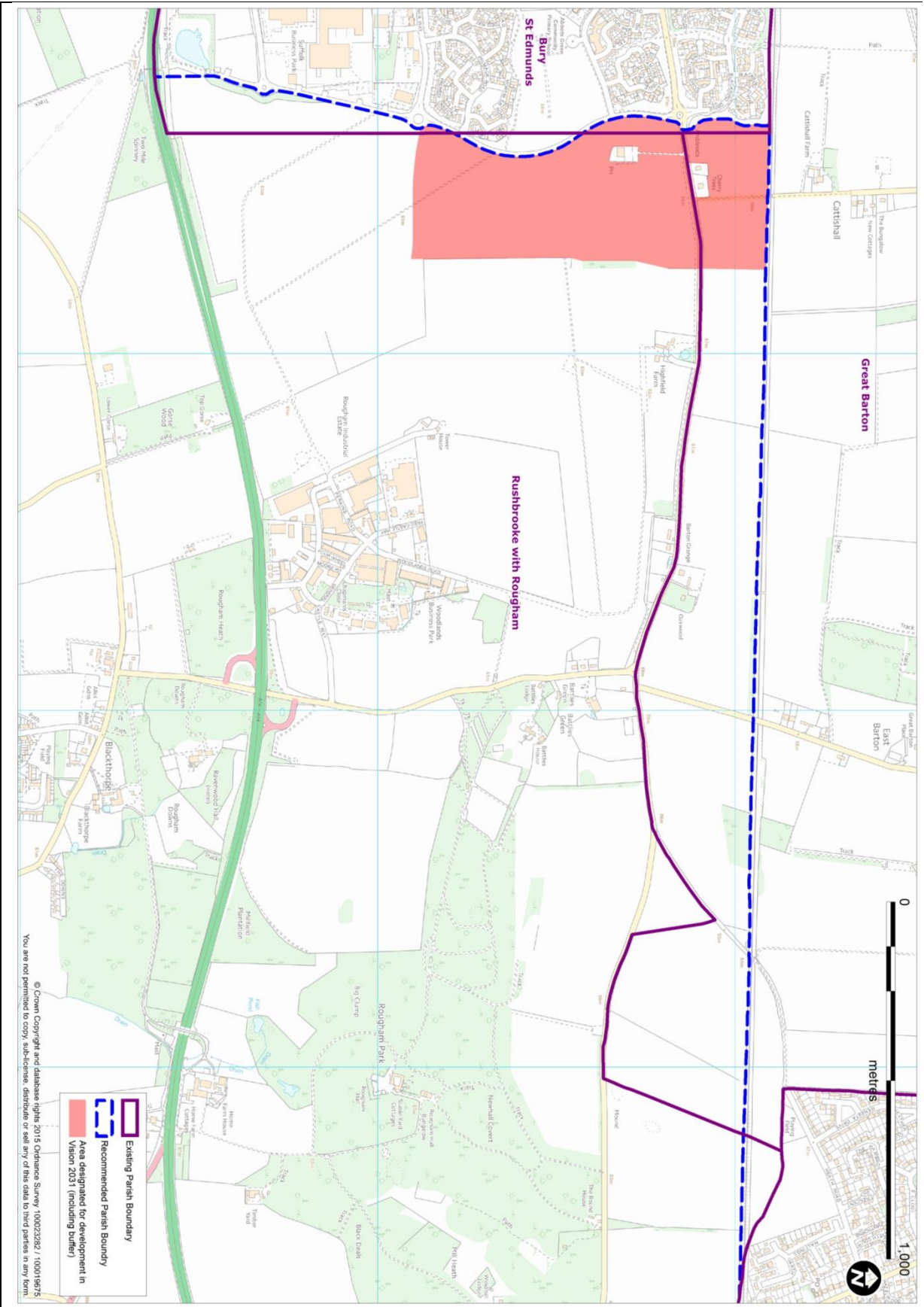
The proposed new external parish boundaries for consultation, which are shown on the map overleaf, reflect a recent planning consent the growth site as well as the strong natural boundaries provided by the existing roads (including Lady Miriam Way) and the railway.

The map does not show proposals for parish wards. Under delegated authority and in consultation with the Parish Council, the officers will prepare a final recommendation for the warding arrangements of Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish i.e. ward names and number of councillors. This proposal will reflect five year electorate forecasts.

The Working Party noted under if this recommendation were adopted, further CGRs would be required between parish council elections to ensure electoral equality between parish wards as the new development grew.

The reasons for the recommendation include:

- 1. local preference (while there were alternative proposals and views, this option was supported by both Great Barton and Rushbrooke with Rougham Parishes (councils and electors) and by many stakeholders (including the Rougham Tower Association and the new Academy. Both rural parishes also wished to see a change in their common boundary);
- 2. it potentially provides parish boundaries to reflect the identities and interests of local residents (current and future) and offers them more effective and convenient local government (respondents supporting the option felt that: the identity and history of Rushbrooke with Rougham (particularly its airfield) could be lost if there is any further movement of the boundary with Bury St Edmunds; and creating a new parish ward would allow the new community to develop with a distinct local identity, appropriate local services and strong and focused democratic representation, as well as being an integrated part of the existing parish (which already has several distinct communities); and
- 3. it reflects, in community identity terms, the barrier created by the railway.



No	Area or Properties Under Review	Parishes Directly Affected	Matters on which CGR will or could focus
5	Vision 2031 Strategic Site "South-East Bury St Edmunds"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bury St Edmunds •Nowton •Rushbrooke with Rougham 	As per 1. above

Proposal of DRWP for Final Recommendation

(1) The boundary of Bury St Edmunds Parish be extended to include the whole of the "South-East Bury St Edmunds" Vision 2031 growth site.

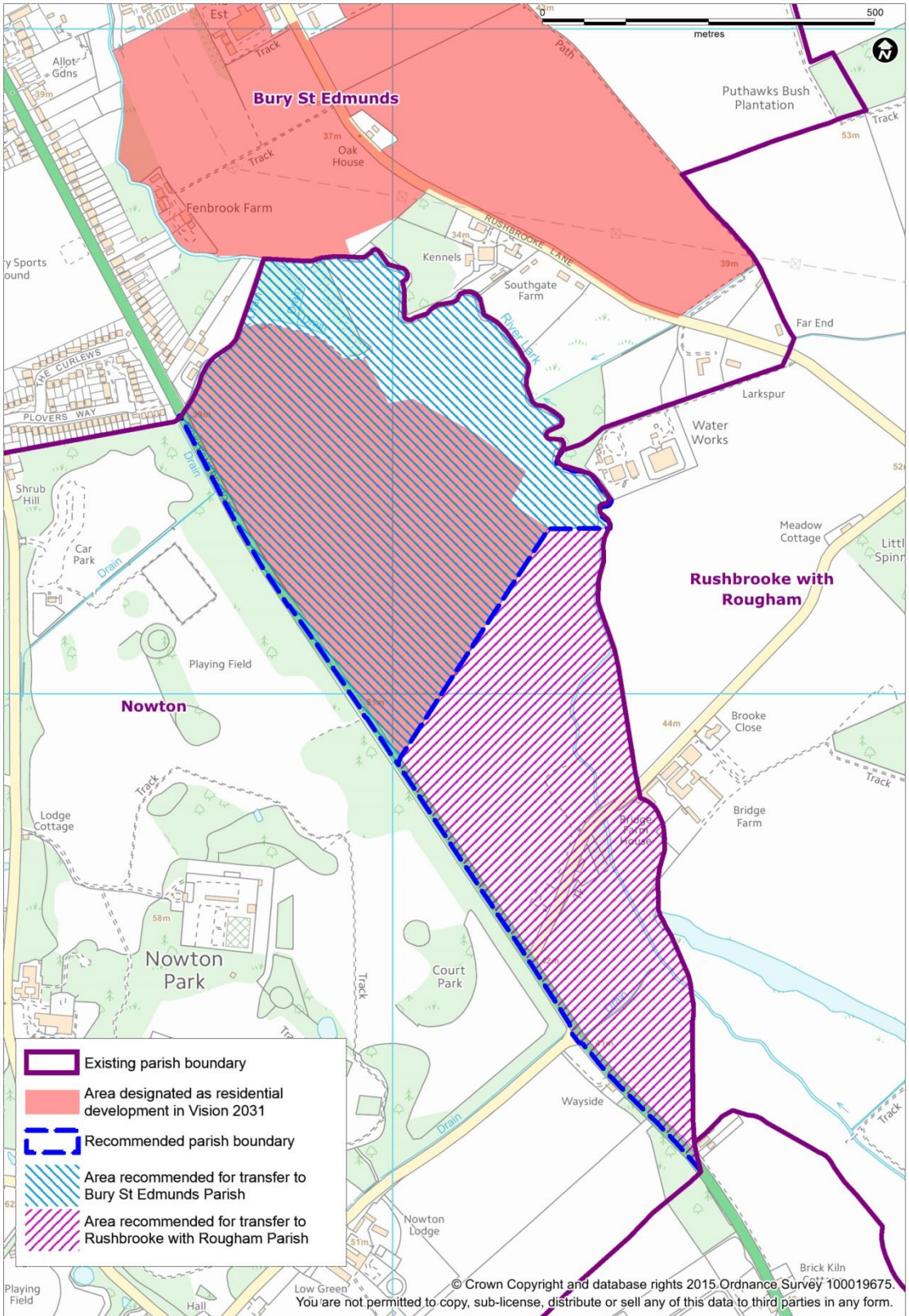
(2) The boundary of Nowton and Rushbrooke with Rougham Parishes be amended so that it reflects the A134 and transfers Willow House, and adjacent land, from Nowton to Rushbrooke with Rougham.

The recommended new boundary is shown on the map overleaf and reflects the Vision 2031 growth site and existing ground features such as roads and field lines.

In accordance with the recommendations for issue 26 above, the extended parish area of Bury St Edmunds will be temporarily added to the existing Southgate Ward of Bury St Edmunds Parish pending any review of town and borough council wards by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

The reasons for the recommendation include:

1. local preference (the principle of the proposal was supported by all respondents including the Parish Councils); and
2. it potentially provides more appropriate parish boundaries to reflect the identities and interests of local residents (current and future) and offers them more effective and convenient local government (respondents felt that the new electors would have more in common with existing electors of Bury St Edmunds and the identity and cohesion of the existing Nowton Parish should be preserved. Similarly, the electors at Willow House more strongly identify with Rushbrooke with Rougham).



No	Area or Properties Under Review	Parishes Directly Affected	Matters on which CGR will or could focus
6	Vision 2031 Strategic Site "Suffolk Business Park" This issue should be read in conjunction with issues 4, 7 and 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bury St Edmunds •Rushbrooke with Rougham 	As per 1. above

Proposal of DRWP for Final Recommendation

- (1) The "Suffolk Business Park" Vision 2031 growth site be retained in Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish; and**
- (2) The boundary of Bury St Edmunds and Rushbrooke with Rougham Parishes be amended in relation to the business park to follow the southern stretch of Lady Miriam Way.**

The map for issue 4 illustrates this proposal.

The reasons for the recommendation include:

- 1. local preference (the principle of the proposal was supported by the Parish and Town Councils);
- 2. it potentially provides more appropriate parish boundaries to reflect the interests and identity of local electors and businesses (current and future) and offers them more effective and convenient local government (respondents commented on the need to preserve the community and historic identity of Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish Council);
- 3. it reflects the strong boundary of Lady Miriam Way.

No	Area or Properties Under Review	Parishes Directly Affected	Matters on which CGR will or could focus
7	Moreton Hall area of Bury St Edmunds This issue should be read in conjunction with issues 4, 6 and 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bury St Edmunds •Great Barton •Rushbrooke with Rougham 	The CGR will look at the proposal of Cllr Beckwith to create an entirely new parish of Moreton Hall (by removing these properties from existing parished areas). The initial consultation for the review will seek views on potential boundaries as well as electoral arrangements. Since this element of the review will need to link with issues 4, 6 and 8, it will potentially affect Great Barton and/or Rushbrooke with Rougham parishes.

Proposal of DRWP for Final Recommendation

That the Moreton Hall area of Bury St Edmunds remains in Bury St Edmunds Parish.

The Working Party noted that the County Councillor for Moreton Hall (Cllr Beckwith) supported the proposal to create a new parish council. Bury St Edmunds Town Council had opposed the proposal, as had a neighbouring parish council and other elected representatives for a neighbouring ward and division. The small number of local electors responding to the phase 1 consultation were split fairly evenly on whether creating a new parish council would be appropriate.

On balance, the Working Party felt that there was currently insufficient evidence to allow the Borough Council to recommend to electors that a new parish be created for Moreton Hall and that it should be the status quo position that is tested in the final stage of the review. However, they suggested that, in consulting on such a final recommendation, the Council should indicate to respondents what the alternative option would be (including providing hypothetical electoral arrangements for a new parish and the implications of creating a new parish for both Moreton Hall electors and the existing Bury St Edmunds Parish).

No	Area or Properties Under Review	Parishes Directly Affected	Matters on which CGR will or could focus
8	29 Primack Road 67 Mortimer Road 87 Mortimer Road 89 Mortimer Road 91 Mortimer Road 93 Mortimer Road 95 Mortimer Road This issue should be read in conjunction with issues 4, 6 and 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bury St Edmunds •Rushbrooke with Rougham 	The parish boundary between Bury St Edmunds and Rushbrooke with Rougham in the vicinity of Mortimer and Primack Roads.

Proposal of DRWP for Final Recommendation

The properties be transferred from Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish to Bury St Edmunds

This recommendation would apply irrespective of the outcome of issues 4, 6 and 7. If this change were to be made in isolation, the Working Party would propose the new boundary shown in the map for Issue 4 (i.e. using Lady Miriam Way as the new boundary).

In accordance with the recommendations for issue 26 above, the extended parish area of Bury St Edmunds will be temporarily added to the existing Moreton Hall Ward of Bury St Edmunds Parish pending any review of town and borough council wards by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

The reasons for the recommendation include:

1. local preference (the principle of the proposal was supported by the Parish and Town Councils and the local electors who responded);
2. it potentially provides more appropriate parish boundaries to reflect the interests and identity of local electors and offers them more effective and convenient local government; and
3. it reflects the strong boundary of Lady Miriam Way.

No	Area or Properties Under Review	Parishes Directly Affected	Matters on which CGR will or could focus
9	71, 73 and 75 Home Farm Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bury St Edmunds •Nowton 	The parish boundary between Bury St Edmunds and Nowton to the rear of 71, 73 and 75 Home Farm Lane

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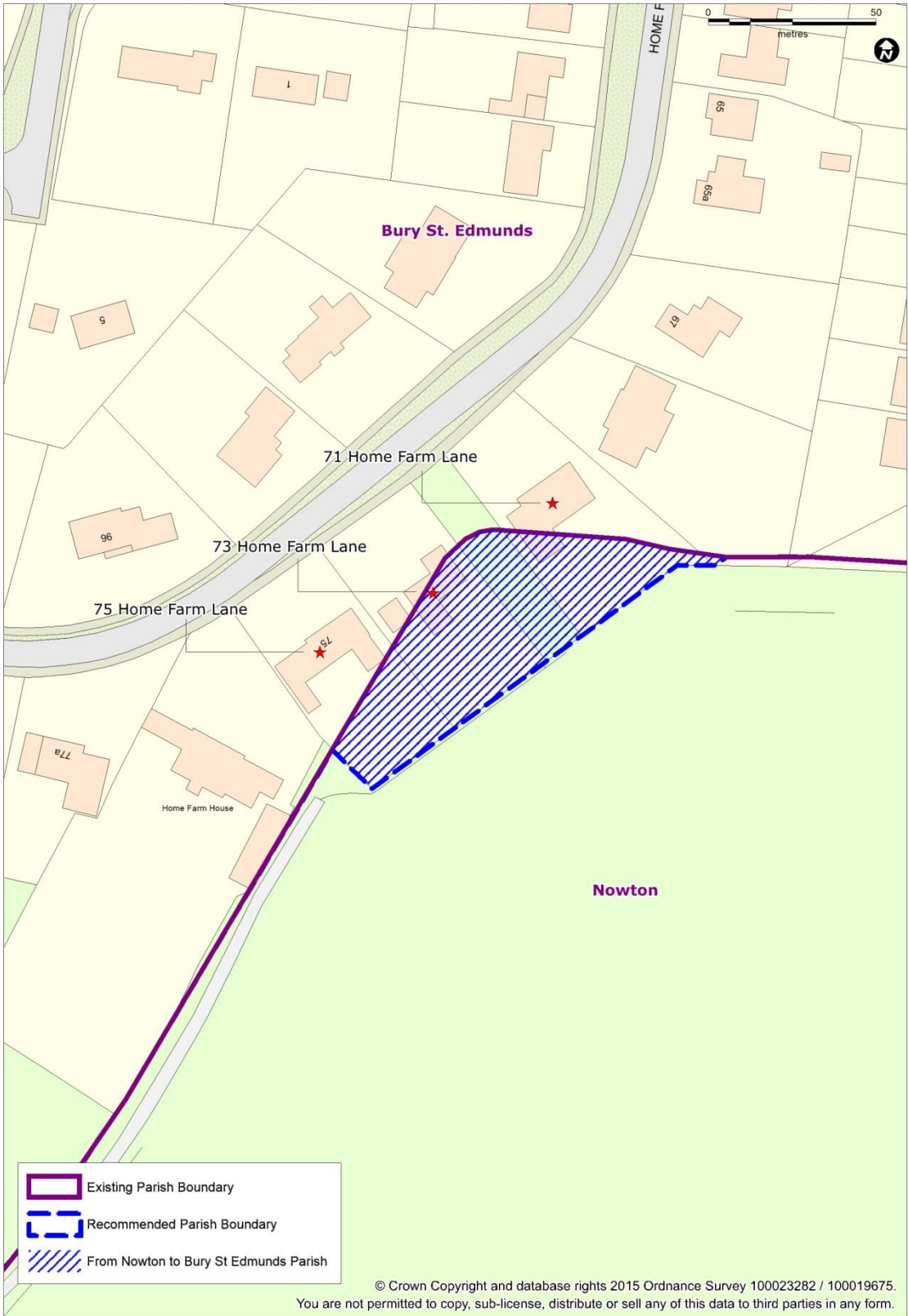
The properties be transferred from Nowton Parish to Bury St Edmunds

The proposed new boundary is shown on the map overleaf.

In accordance with the recommendations for issue 26 above, the extended parish area of Bury St Edmunds will be temporarily added to the existing Southgate Ward of Bury St Edmunds Parish pending any review of town and borough council wards by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

The reasons for the recommendation include:

1. local preference (the principle of the proposal was supported by the Town Council and the local electors who responded); and
2. it potentially provides more appropriate parish boundaries to reflect the interests and identity of local electors and offers them more effective and convenient local government



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10	School Bungalow, Hardwick Middle School, Mayfield Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bury St Edmunds •Nowton 	The parish boundary between Bury St Edmunds and Nowton in relation to Hardwick Middle School.

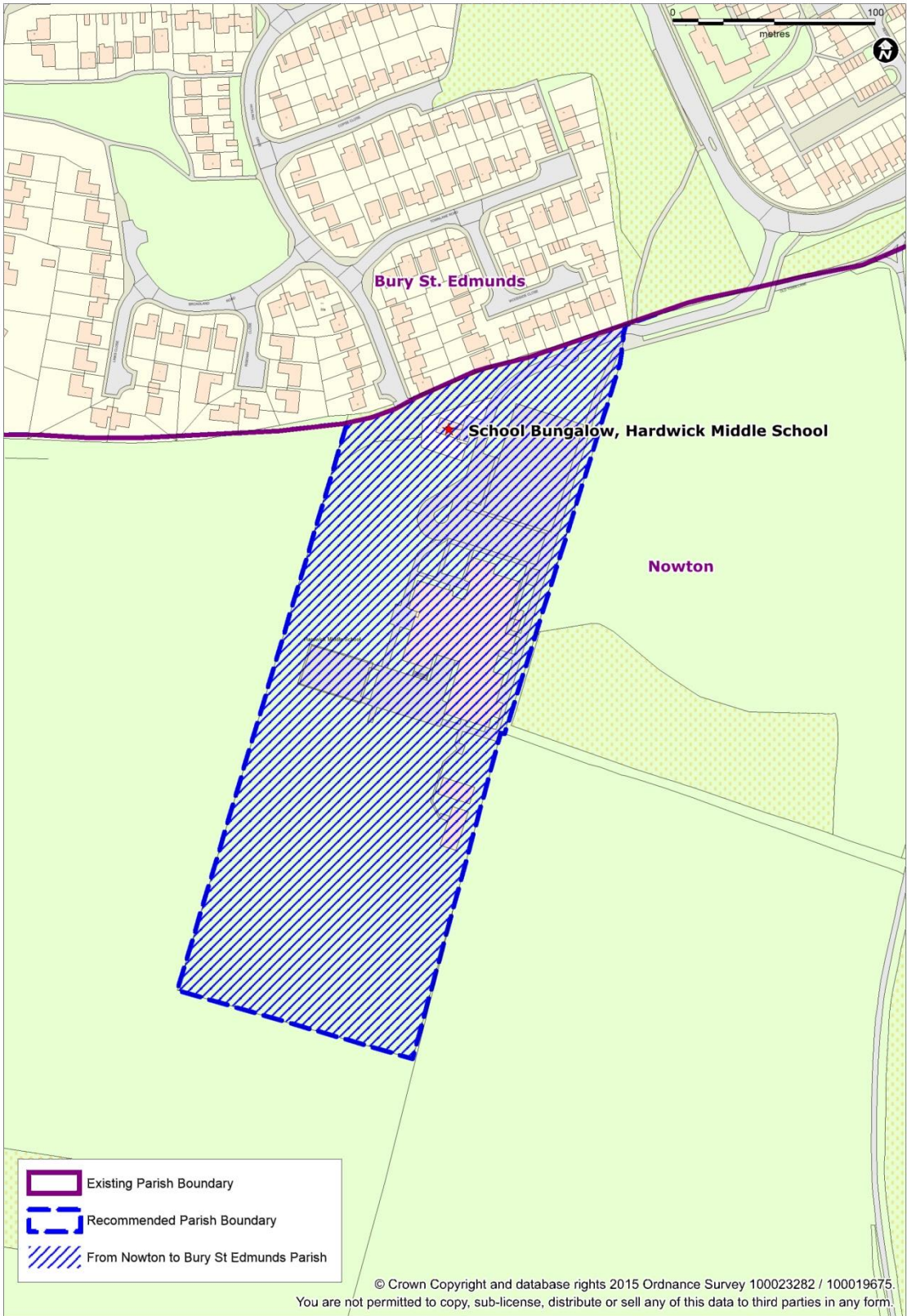
Proposal of DRWP for Final Recommendation

The whole school site (including bungalow) be transferred from Nowton Parish to Bury St Edmunds

In accordance with the recommendations in issue 26 above, the extended parish area of Bury St Edmunds will be temporarily added to the existing Southgate Ward of Bury St Edmunds Parish pending any review of town and borough council wards by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

The proposed new boundary is shown on the map overleaf.

The reason for the recommendation is that it potentially provides more appropriate parish boundaries to reflect the interests and identity of the local electors and offers them more effective and convenient local government, as well as reflecting the association of the whole school site with Bury St Edmunds Parish(from which it is accessed).



No	Area or Properties Under Review	Parishes Directly Affected	Matters on which CGR will or could focus
11	136 Newmarket Road This issue needs to be read in conjunction with issue 2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bury St Edmunds •Westley 	The parish boundary between Bury St Edmunds and Westley

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The property be transferred from Westley Parish to Bury St Edmunds

This recommendation would apply irrespective of the outcome of issue 2 and is illustrated in the map for that issue.

If this change were to be made in isolation, the new boundary would simply follow the railway line and Newmarket Road to enclose the property and allow its transfer to Bury St Edmunds.

In accordance with the recommendations for issue 26 above, the extended parish area of Bury St Edmunds will be temporarily added to the existing Minden Ward of Bury St Edmunds Parish pending any review of town and borough council wards by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

The reasons for the recommendation include:

1. local preference (the principle of the proposal was supported by the affected local electors; and
2. it potentially provides more appropriate parish boundaries to reflect the interests and identity of local electors and offers them more effective and convenient local government.

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12-14	12.Vision 2031 Strategic Site "North-West Haverhill" 13.Vision 2031 Strategic Site "North-East Haverhill" 14.Vision 2031 Strategic Site "Hanchett End" (Haverhill Research Park) <i>(All of the area bounded by the A1017, A1307 and Hanchett End)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Haverhill •Little Wratting •Kedington •Withersfield 	As per 1. above

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- (1) The boundary of Haverhill Parish be extended as indicated on the attached map to incorporate the "North-East Haverhill" and "Hanchett End (Haverhill Research Park)" Vision 2031 strategic sites (alongside the "North-West" site); and**
- (2) the boundary of Haverhill Parish boundary also be extended in the vicinity of Melbourne Bridge/Meldham Washland as shown on the attached map.**

Addendum: Please see note on cover page

The new northern boundary for Haverhill which the Working Party suggests should be tested through consultation reflects the Vision 2031 growth sites and the submissions of the town and parish councils and parish meeting.

In addition, the Working Party has proposed *the testing of* the Town Council's suggestion that, between the Hanchett End and NW Haverhill Vision 2031 sites, a more coherent electoral arrangement would be provided by extending its boundary outwards to follow the river and field lines, encapsulating some existing properties by Melbourne Bridge. The Town Council also felt that, since the green buffer for the North-East growth site by Calford Green is designated as park land, it would also make more sense to include this area within the Haverhill boundary.

The Working Party noted that the Parish Council and existing electors by Melbourne Bridge had not yet been consulted on the Town Council's proposal to transfer this area to Haverhill (since the properties were not in a growth site). It was also noted that Withersfield Parish Council had reserved its position on issues 12 and 14. Such local evidence would therefore be obtained during the consultation on (and testing of) any final recommendations for these issues in 2016.

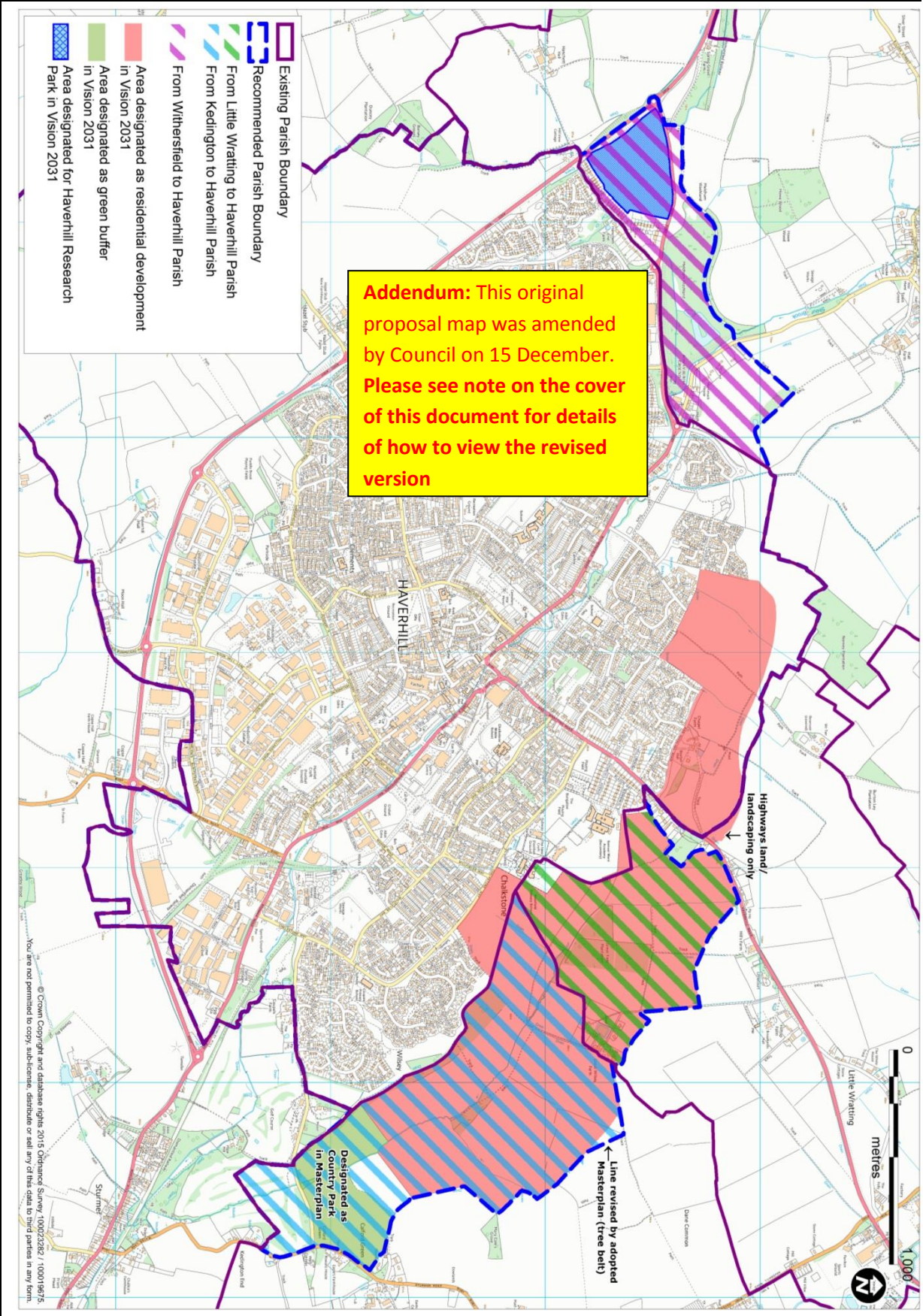
In accordance with the recommendations for issue 26 above, if these proposals are agreed, the extended parish areas would be temporarily added to the existing Haverhill East, West and North Wards (as applicable), pending any review of town and borough council wards by the Local Government Boundary

Commission for England. Any new boundary of the Haverhill West/North Wards would run along Withersfield Road.









The reasons for the recommendations include:

1. local preference and/or evidence (the principle of the proposals for issues 12 and 13 was supported by the town and parish councils and parish meeting, and by many of the local electors who commented. There was no consensus over issue 14, with most existing local electors who responded opposed to what is being recommended but the Town Council and the Research Park operator providing evidence that the growth site should be in Haverhill. Withersfield Parish has also reserved its position on issue 14 at this stage of the review. Therefore this will need to be tested further through the publication of a final recommendation);
2. the recommendations potentially offer parish boundaries to reflect the identities and interests of local residents and businesses (current and future) and offer them more effective and convenient local government (the Town Council has suggested that administrative boundaries around Haverhill should reflect the patterns of everyday life and the ability of the respective parish and town councils to provide effective local government to new and existing electors. There was also consensus that the identity of all surrounding villages should be protected through the CGR).

N.B. Changes to parish boundaries would not normally affect existing postal addresses, postcodes, school catchment areas or insurance premiums.



Addendum: This original proposal map was amended by Council on 15 December. Please see note on the cover of this document for details of how to view the revised version

-  Existing Parish Boundary
-  Recommended Parish Boundary
-  From Little Wratting to Haverhill Parish
-  From Kedington to Haverhill Parish
-  From Withersfield to Haverhill Parish
-  Area designated as residential development in Vision 2031
-  Area designated as green buffer in Vision 2031
-  Area designated for Haverhill Research Park in Vision 2031

Highways land/
landscaping only

← Line revised by adopted
Masterplan (tree belt)

← Designated as
Country Park
in Masterplan

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15	County boundary between Suffolk and Essex adjacent to Haverhill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Haverhill •Withersfield •Kedington •Parishes in Essex 	The boundary between Essex and Suffolk around Haverhill. <i>The Borough Council does not have the ability to make changes to county boundaries as part of this CGR but can consult on this issue and raise these concerns with the Local Government Boundary Commission and ask them to carry out a Principal Area Boundary Review.</i>

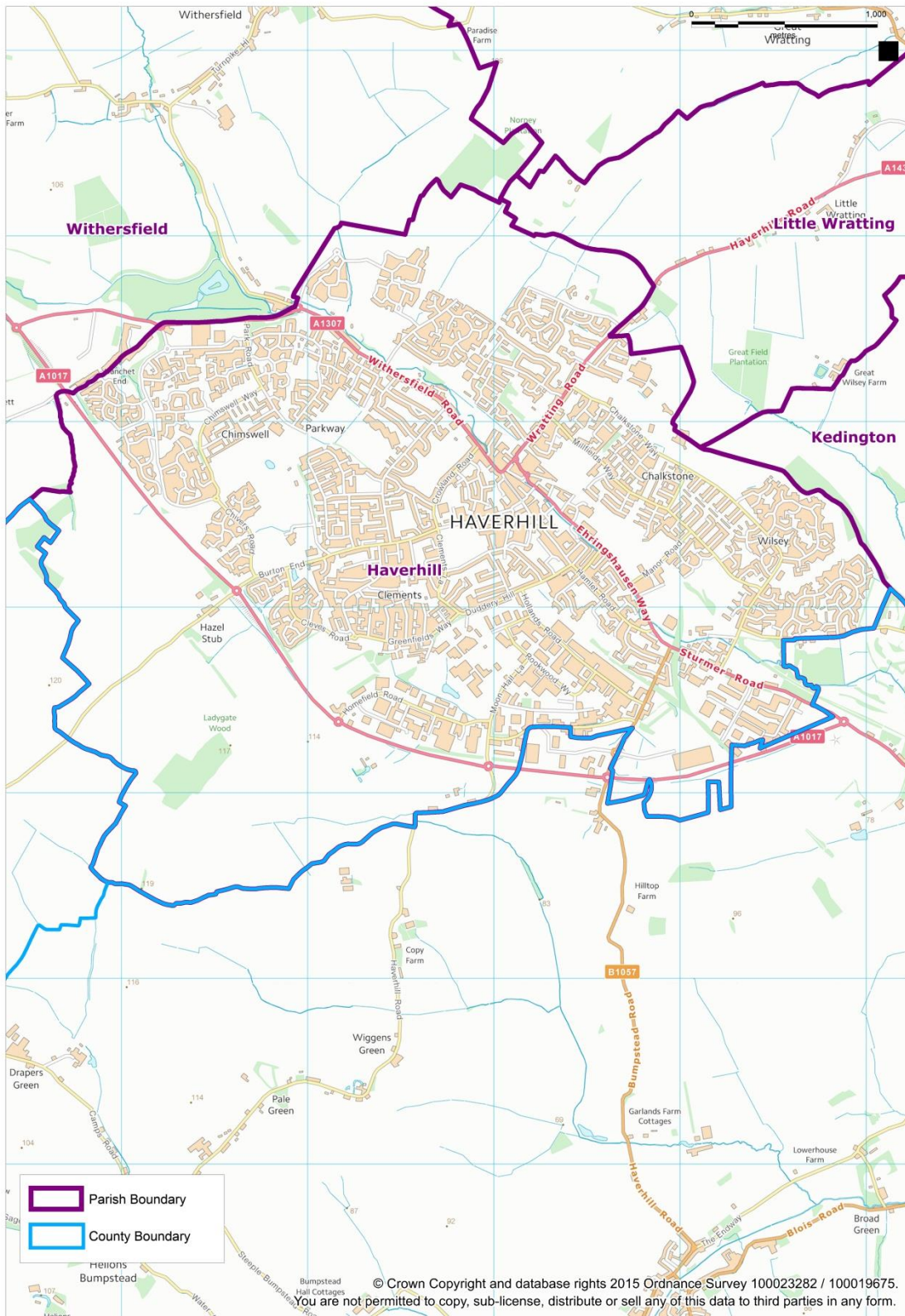
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The Local Government Boundary Commission for England be asked to carry out a principal area boundary review in respect of the historic Essex/Suffolk boundary to the south and east of Haverhill.

The Borough Council cannot make changes in respect of this issue through the CGR. However, the Working Party considers there is sufficient evidence to suggest that the current boundary is now anomalous in relation to current ground features, recent and future development and patterns of everyday life. A review by the Commission could therefore provide more appropriate parish, district and county boundaries to reflect the interests and identity of local electors and businesses and offer them more effective and convenient local government.

As the map overleaf shows, there is a particular anomaly along the eastern stretch of the A1017 where properties within the relief road are in Braintree District but clearly within the town of Haverhill. Submissions have also been received during phase 1 of the CGR to suggest the small area to the north of Coupals Road might more logically form part of Suffolk.

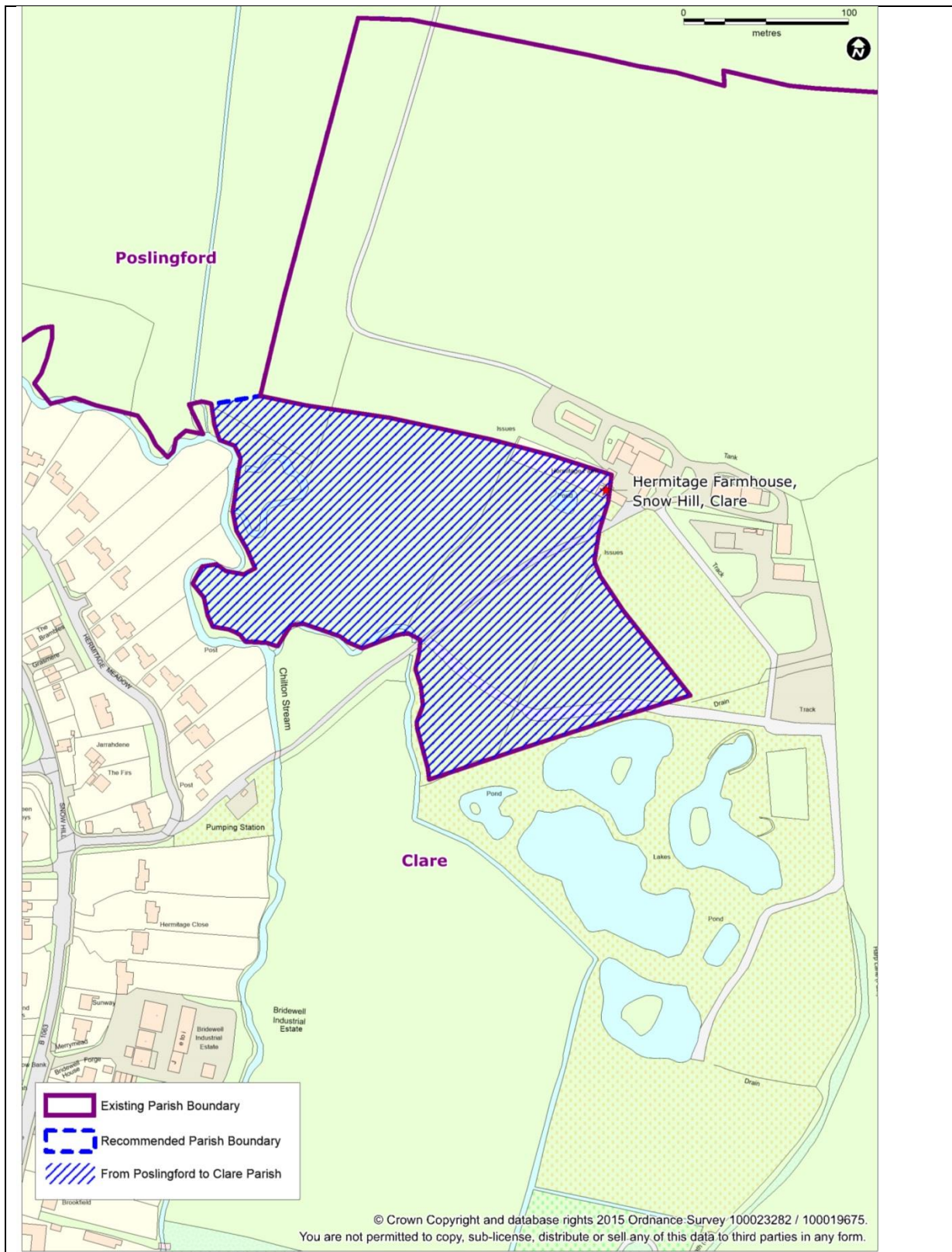
The Working Party noted that changes were strongly objected to by Sturmer Parish Council and that Braintree District Council did not see any compelling reason to change the historical boundaries at the current time. However, Haverhill Town Council felt strongly that the boundary should be amended.



Parish Boundary
 County Boundary

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16	Hermitage Farmhouse, Snow Hill, Clare (CO10 8QE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Clare •Poslingford 	Boundary between Clare and Poslingford in vicinity of Hermitage Farm
Proposal of DRWP for Final Recommendation			
<p>The area shown on the map overleaf be transferred from Poslingford Parish to Clare Parish.</p> <p>The reasons for the recommendation include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. local preference (the principle of the proposal was supported by the affected electors and local elected representatives who responded); 2. it potentially provides more appropriate parish boundaries to reflect the interests and identity of local electors and offers them more effective and convenient local government 			



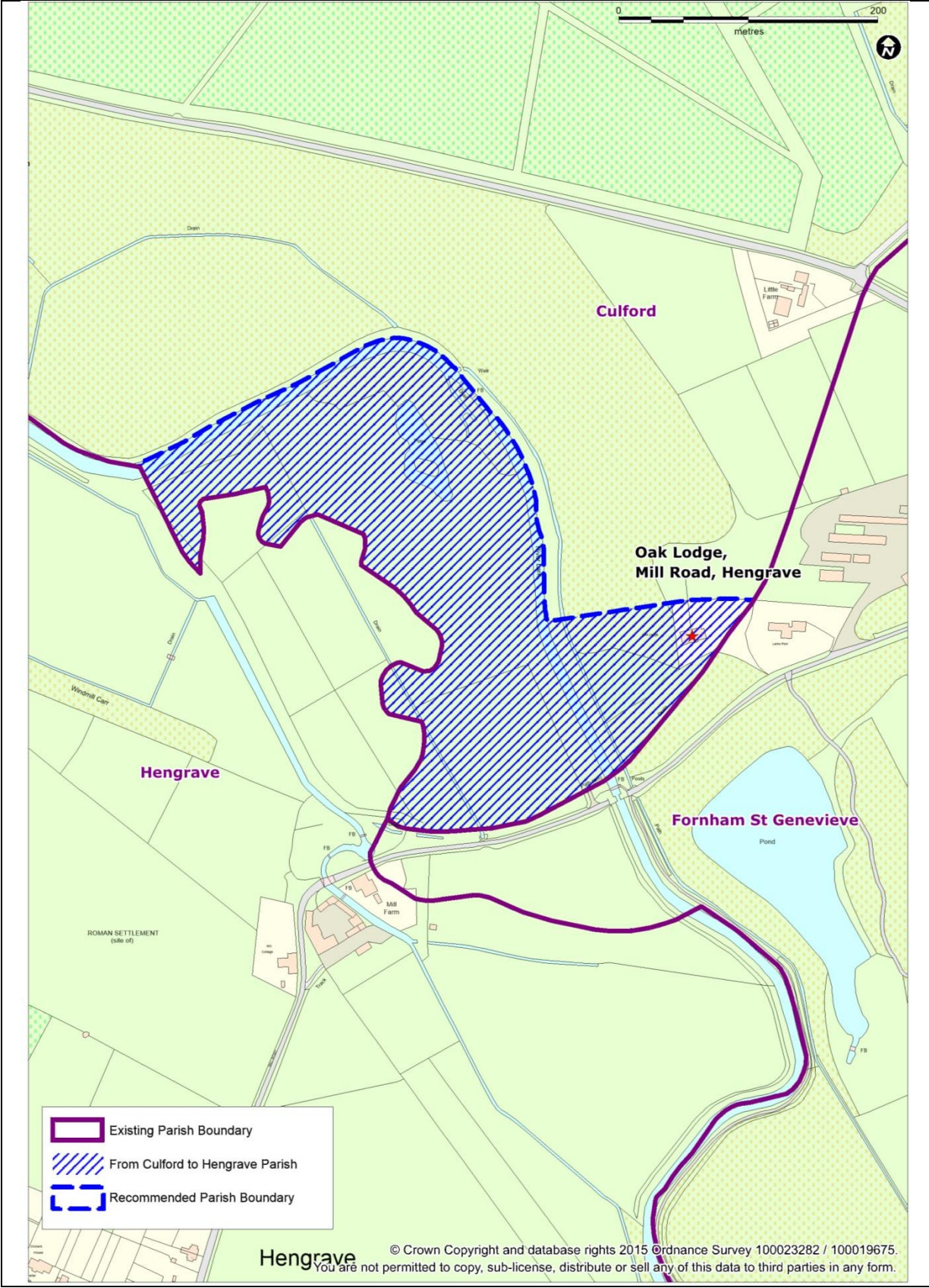
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17	Oak Lodge, Mill Road, Hengrave (IP28 6LP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Culford •Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve •Hengrave 	Boundary between Culford, Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve and Hengrave in vicinity of Mill Road

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The area shown on the map overleaf be transferred from Culford Parish to Hengrave Parish.

The reasons for the recommendation include:

1. local preference (the principle of a transfer from Culford Parish was supported by all respondents, and a transfer to Hengrave Parish was the preference of the affected electors themselves); and
2. it potentially provides more appropriate parish boundaries to reflect the interests and identity of local electors and offers them more effective and convenient local government (the local electors stated they were most closely affiliated with nearby Hengrave Village).



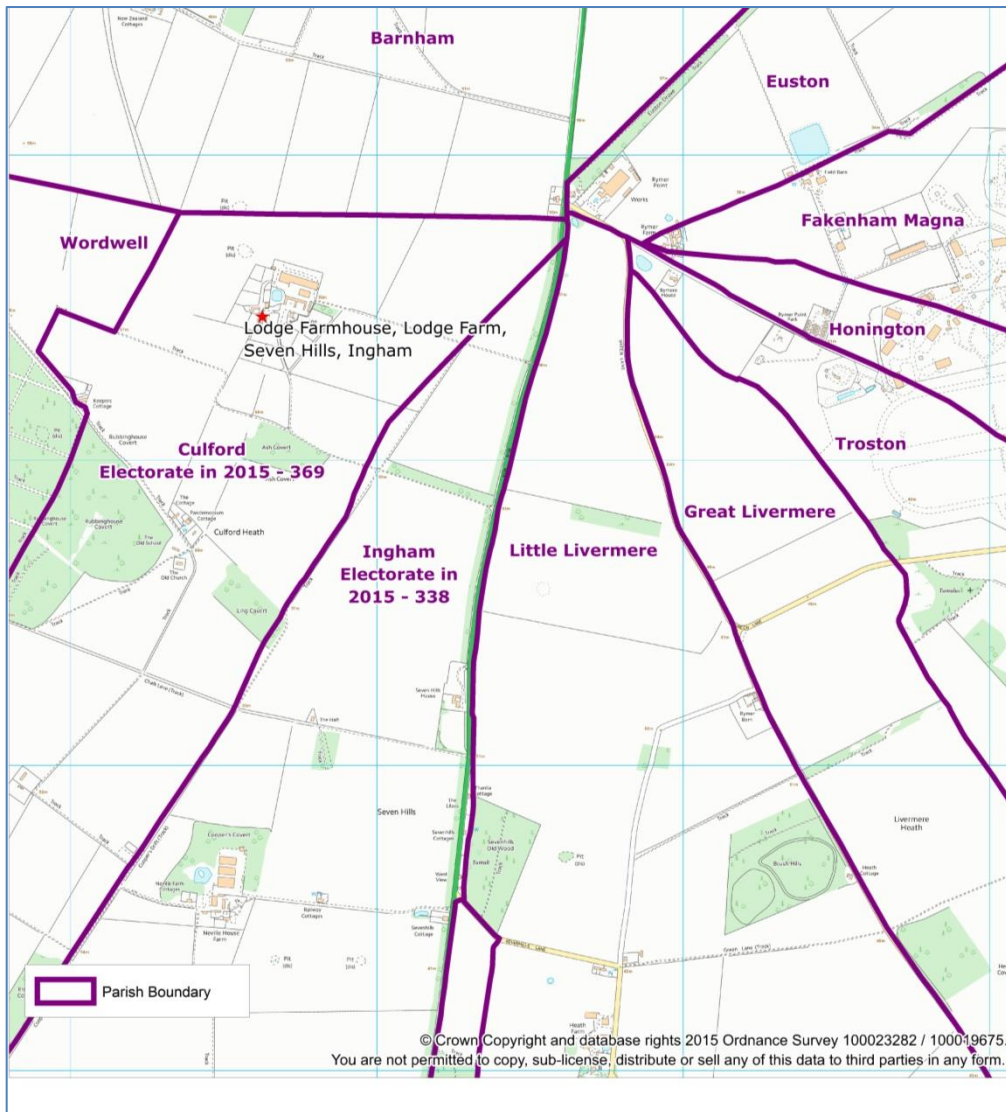
No	Area or Properties Under Review	Parishes Directly Affected	Matters on which CGR will or could focus
18	Lodge Farmhouse, Lodge Farm, Seven Hills, Ingham (IP31 1PT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Culford •Ingham 	Boundary between Culford and Ingham Parish in vicinity of Lodge Farm

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No change be made to the current parish boundaries (i.e. the property remains in Culford Parish)

The reasons for the recommendation include:

1. local preference (the consensus of those who responded was for no change); and
2. it retains parish boundaries to reflect the interests and identity of local electors.



No	Area or Properties Under Review	Parishes Directly Affected	Matters on which CGR will or could focus
19	Elm Farm and associated cottages, Assington Green, Stansfield (CO10 8LY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Denston •Stansfield 	Boundary between the parishes of Denston and Stansfield in vicinity of Elm Farm

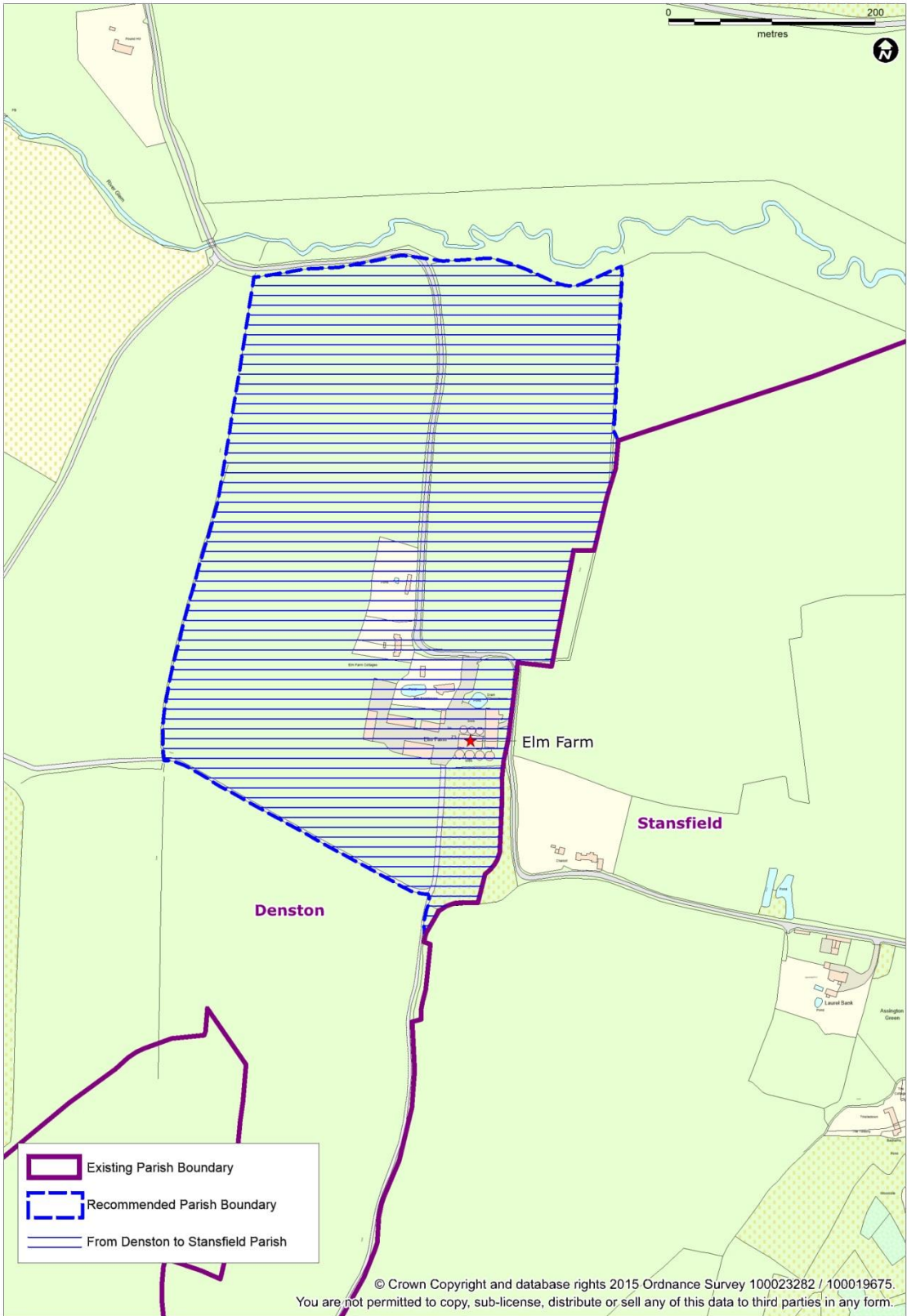
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The area shown on the map overleaf be transferred from Denston Parish to Stansfield Parish.

The request for the transfer was received from Stansfield Parish Council which believes the properties in question have closer links to Stansfield socially and geographically, and would benefit from the democratic representation of a parish council. This view was supported by the County Councillor. However, Denston Parish Meeting was unable to respond during phase 1 of the review since it fell between parish meetings. The affected electors also expressed strong and differing views on whether to transfer from or remain in Denston. The Working Party therefore felt that it would be worth exploring the potential for the change further through consultation in phase 2, by way of a definite proposal.

The reasons for the recommendation include:

1. local preference and/or evidence (see above); and
2. it potentially provides more appropriate parish boundaries to reflect the interests and identity of local electors and offers them more effective and convenient local government.



- Existing Parish Boundary
- Recommended Parish Boundary
- From Denston to Stansfield Parish

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20	Area between Fornham Lock Bridge and the Sheepwash Bridge, adjacent to the sewage works entrance, Fornham St Martin.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Fornham All Saints •Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve 	Boundary between the parishes of Fornham All Saints and Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve along the B1106.

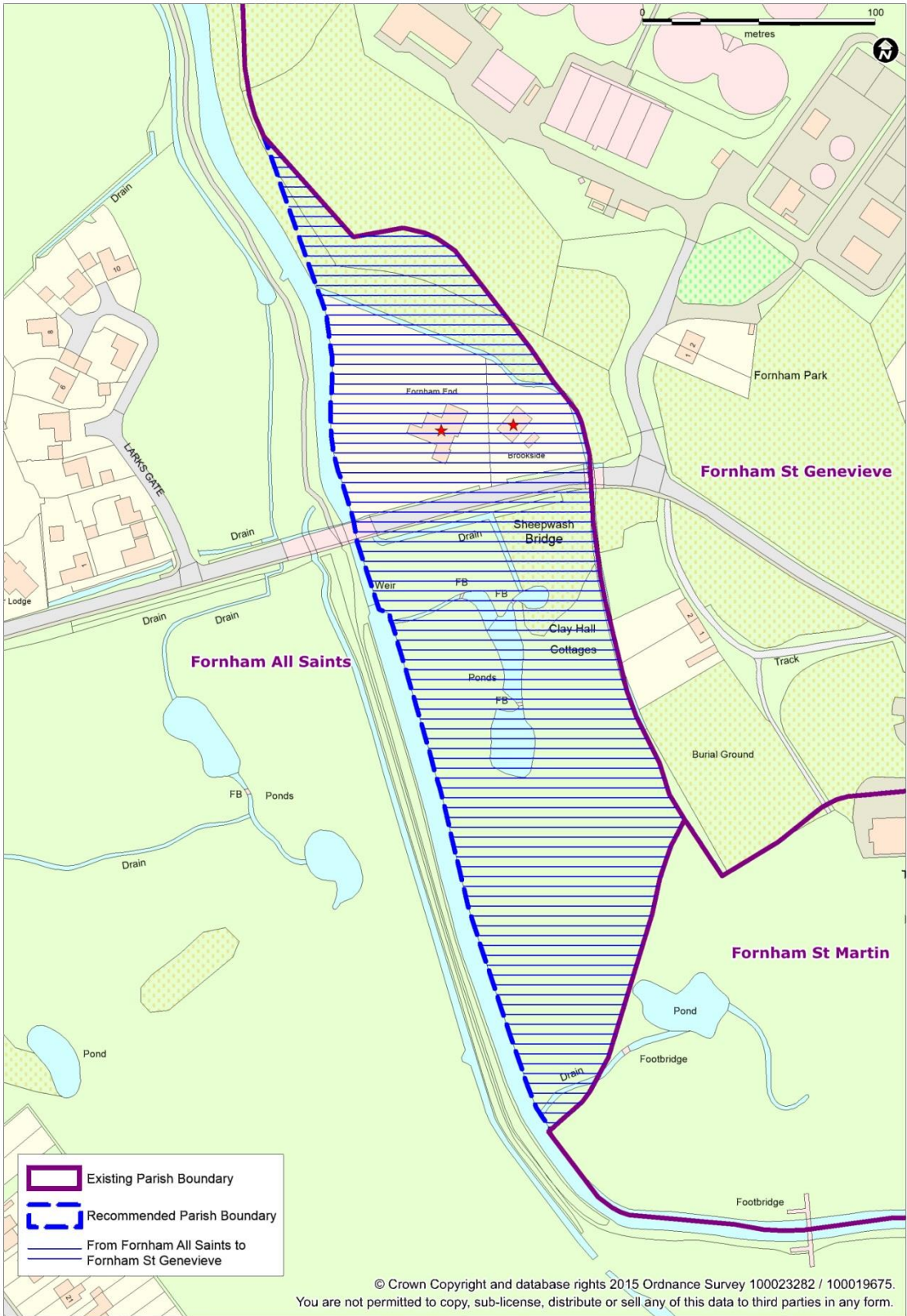
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The area shown on the map overleaf be transferred from Fornham All Saints Parish to Fornham St Genevieve Parish.

There was not a consensus from phase 1 on whether or not to make a change, with the parish councils and affected electors expressing different views. The Working Party felt there was merit in a final recommendation to use the river as a strong natural boundary being tested through further consultation.

The reasons for the recommendation include:

1. local preference and/or evidence (see above);
2. it potentially provides more appropriate parish boundaries to reflect the interests and identity of local electors and offers them more effective and convenient local government; and
3. it utilises the strong natural boundary of the river.



No	Area or Properties Under Review	Parishes Directly Affected	Matters on which CGR will or could focus
21	RAF Honington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Honington cum Sapiston •Troston 	Parish boundaries and ward arrangements in respect of RAF Honington (and their consequential impact upon Borough, County and Parliamentary representation).

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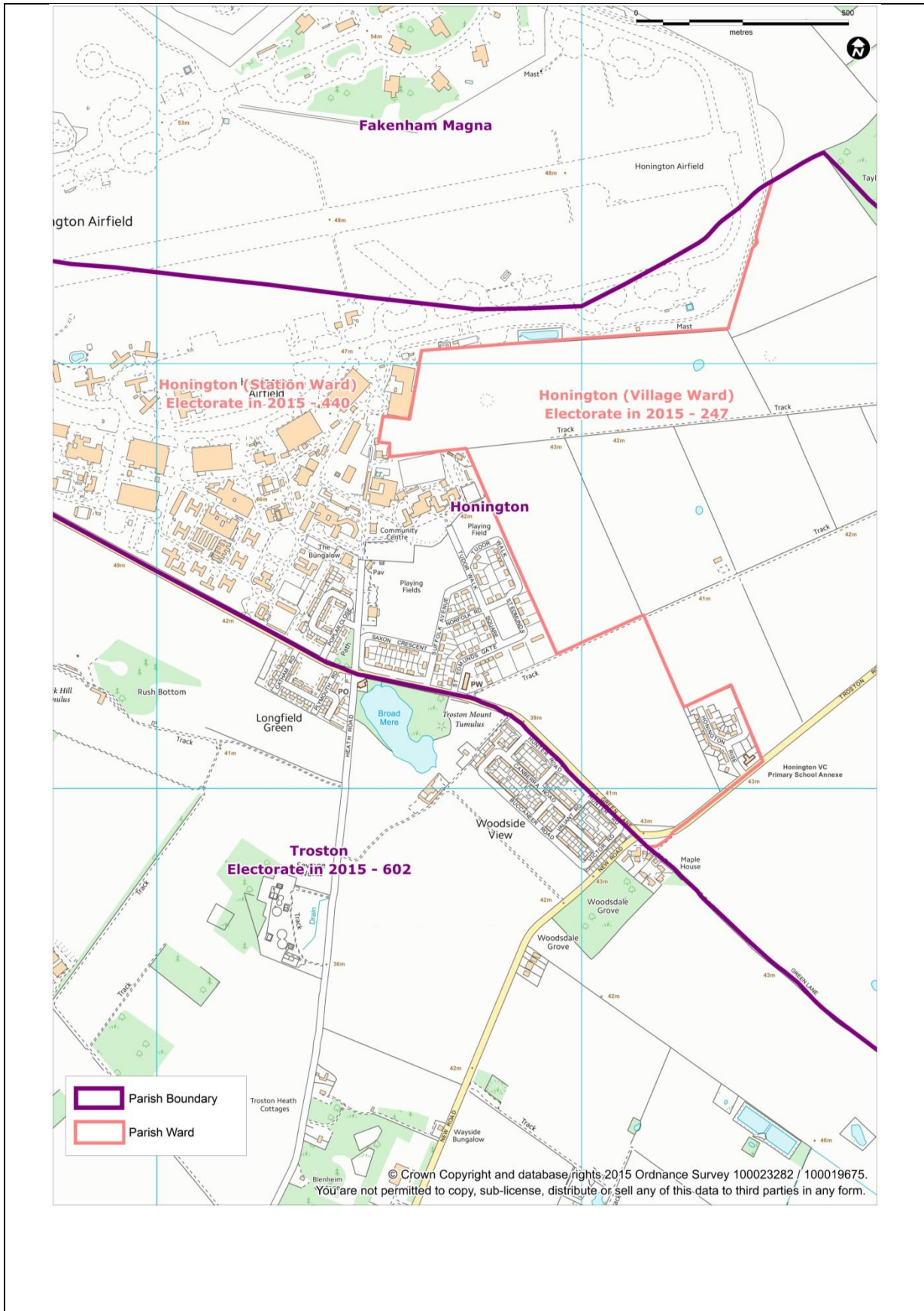
The Village and Station parish wards of Honington Parish be removed (see map overleaf for current ward boundaries).

It will be possible to maintain separate polling stations for the station and village even if the parish wards are removed (by way of two polling districts, just as in urban wards e.g. Honington 1 and 2 Registers). This will enable the Parish to remain in separate borough, county and parliamentary areas pending any consequential electoral reviews.

For the reasons explained in Issue 26, it is still possible that, to achieve electoral equality in borough wards or county divisions, the LGBCE might require the two parish wards to stay in place or reinstate them at some future point. This is not a reason not to make the change in this CGR, but a risk of which to be aware. Also, as part of its final decision on the CGR in summer 2016, the Borough Council will be in a position to decide whether or not the best means of removing the parish wards is through the CGR or a subsequent electoral review of the Borough.

The reasons for the recommendation include:

1. local preference (the principle of the proposal was supported by the Parish Councils and the RAF Station Commander following consultation with RAF personnel);
2. it potentially provides more appropriate parish boundaries to reflect the interests and identity of local electors and offers them more effective and convenient local government; and
3. it assists in terms of ensuring elected representation for the whole Parish.



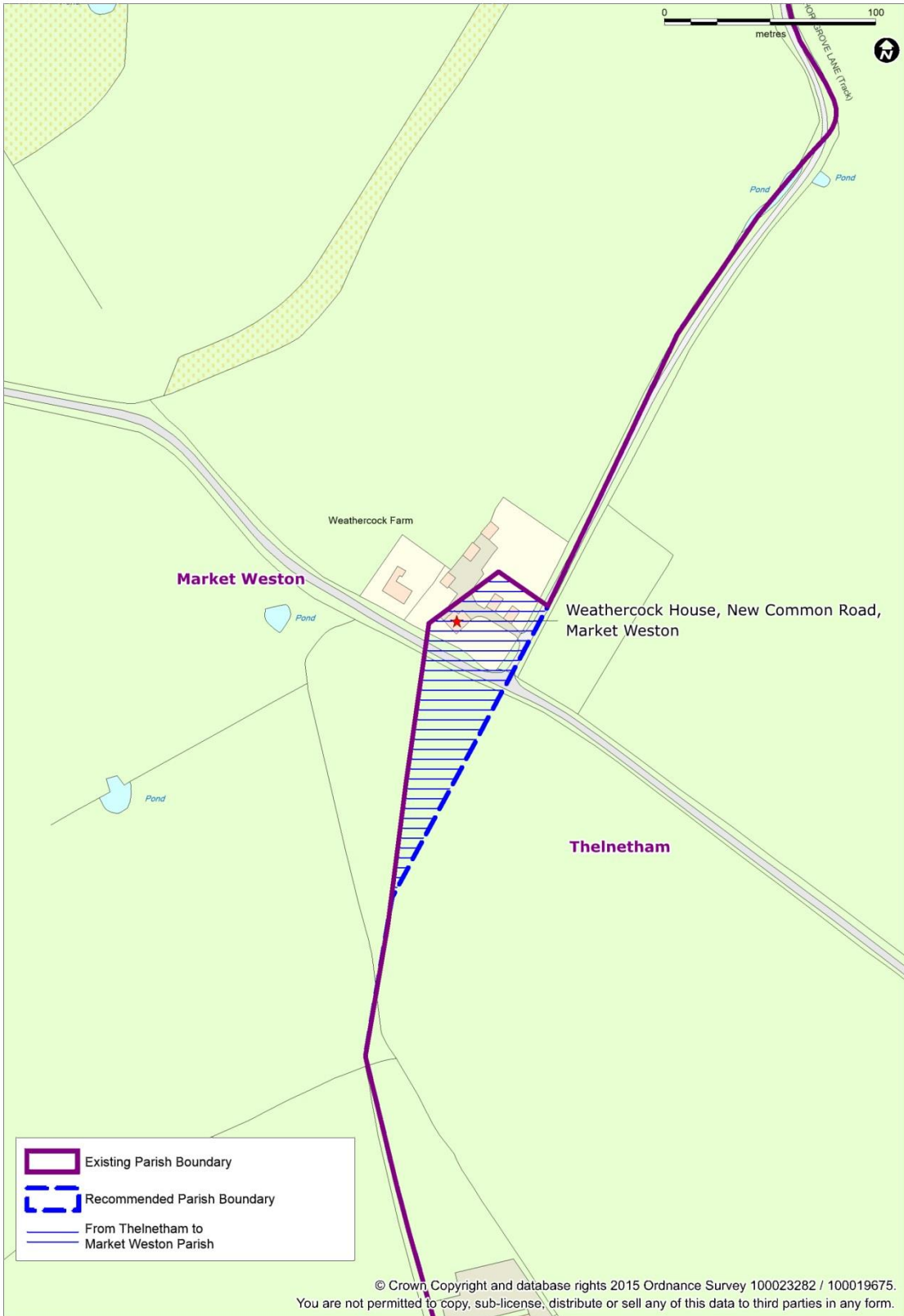
No	Area or Properties Under Review	Parishes Directly Affected	Matters on which CGR will or could focus
22	Weathercock House, New Common Road, Market Weston (IP22 2PG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Market Weston •Thelnetham 	Boundary between Market Weston and Thelnetham in the vicinity of Weathercock House.

Proposal of DRWP for Final Recommendation

Weathercock House and the area shown on the map overleaf be transferred from Thelnetham to Market Weston Parish.

The reasons for the recommendation include:

1. local preference and/or evidence (there was strong consensus for the change including from the affected electors); and
2. it provides more appropriate parish boundaries to reflect the interests and identity of local electors and offers them more effective and convenient local government.

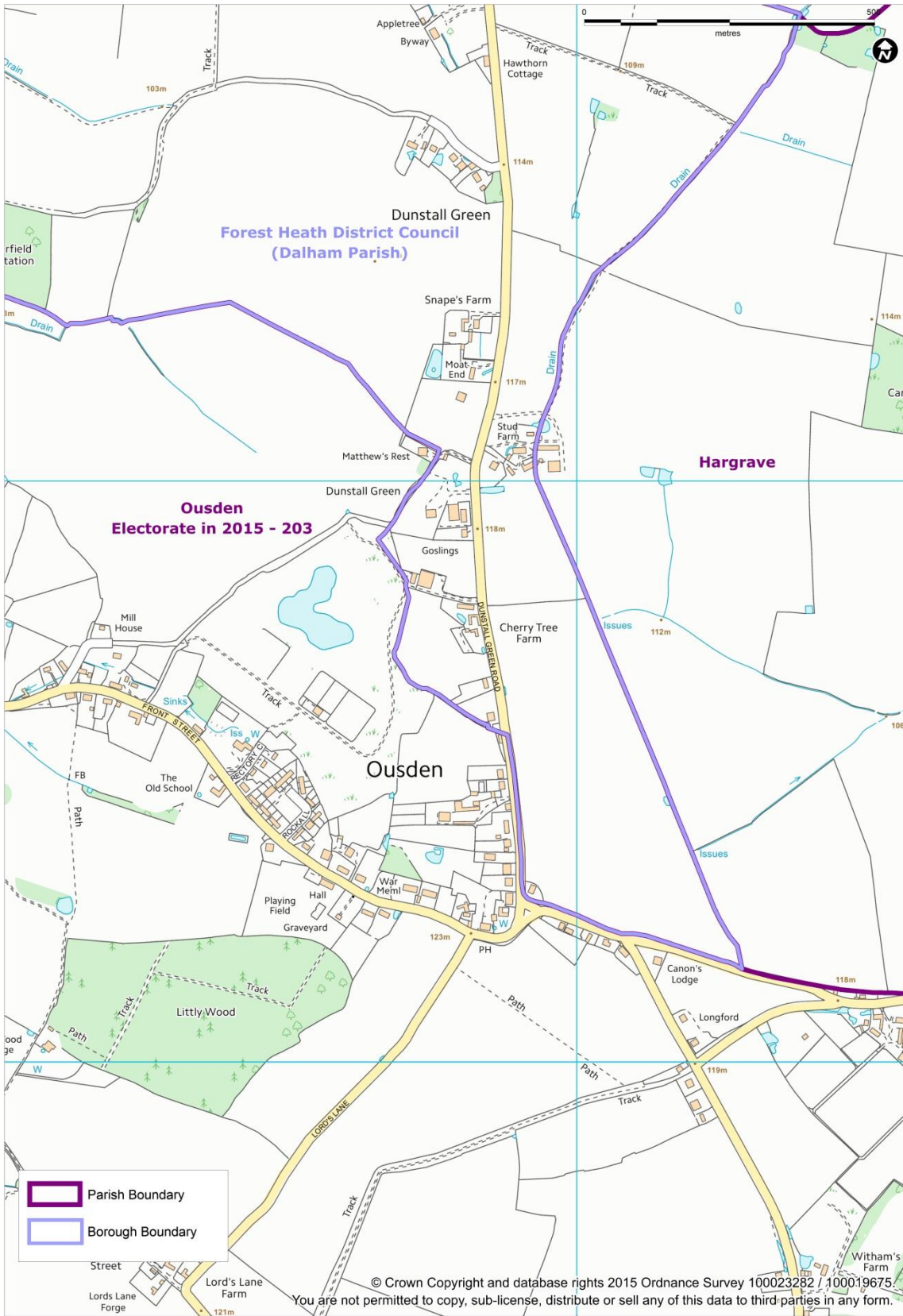


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23	Properties on Dunstall Green Road between Ousden and Dalham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Dalham (Forest Heath District) •Ousden 	<p>The boundary between St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath Districts in the vicinity of Dalham and Ousden. <i>The Borough Council does not have the ability to make changes to district boundaries as part of this CGR but can consult on this issue and raise these concerns with the Local Government Boundary Commission and ask them to carry out a Principal Area Boundary Review.</i></p>

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The Local Government Boundary Commission for England be asked to examine the boundary between St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath at Dunstall Green Road between Ousden and Dalham when it next carries out a principal area boundary review.

The Borough Council cannot make changes in respect of this issue through the CGR. However, the Working Party noted the preference of some affected local electors, Ousden and Hargrave Parish Councils and the County Councillor for Clare Division for a transfer of properties from Dalham to Ousden. However, the views of Dalham Parish Council are not known.



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24	Stansfield Parish Council	Stansfield	Number of councillors for Stansfield Parish Council

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The number of parish councillors for Stansfield be increased from six to seven.

The reasons for the recommendation include:

1. local preference (this is a request from the Parish Council); and
2. it will assist the Parish Council to provide effective local government for the Parish by improving the efficiency of meetings and widening the pool of experience among elected members.

No	Area or Properties Under Review	Parishes Directly Affected	Matters on which CGR will or could focus
25	Great and Little Thurlow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Great Thurlow •Little Thurlow 	Whether or not to combine the parish councils of Great and Little Thurlow.

Proposal of DRWP for Final Recommendation

No change be made to the community governance arrangements for Little Thurlow and Great Thurlow at the current time.

The reason for the recommendation is local preference - there is no consensus among the villages and local electors on whether or not to bring the two parishes together through formal changes to their electoral arrangements i.e. grouping or merging the two parishes to form one council.

This issue was proposed by one of the two parishes for inclusion in (and examination under) the CGR. A range of views have been expressed in the first evidence gathering stage of the review, with no consensus emerging. In particular, Great Thurlow Parish Council has made it clear it favours no change to the current arrangements. It may also be that, reflecting subsequent comments from Little Thurlow Parish Council, it would be more appropriate to look at informal ways to build upon the successes of the existing joint arrangements between the two villages, outside of the formal constraints of a CGR process. This could link to the Council's Families and Communities Strategy and would not preclude this issue being returned to in any future CGR.