

Issue No.	20. Area between Fornham Lock Bridge and the Sheepwash Bridge, adjacent to the sewage works entrance, Fornham St Martin
Area or Properties Under Review	Boundary between the parishes of Fornham All Saints and Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve along the B1106.
Parishes	Fornham All Saints Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve
Borough Wards	Fornham
County Division	Thingoe North
Method of Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to directly affected residents • Letter to stakeholders
Projected electorate and consequential impacts	Four electors are directly affected but there is minimal impact on the parishes.
Analysis	There is no consensus as the electors in the two properties have responded with differing views. The Working Party will need to consider the evidence received and determine whether the boundary should be changed or remain the same.

Summary of comments received during Phase 1

A. Response of Fornham All Saints Parish Council

Fornham All Saints Parish Council have indicated that they would agree with the view of the four electors in the two properties which is to make no change to the boundary so that the properties remain in Fornham All Saints. Their submission was:

The site as shown in the map is the area between Fornham Lock Bridge and the Sheepwash Bridge, adjacent to the sewage works entrance. The Parish Council, having checked the Parish Boundary maps, feels it appears that the Sheepwash Bridge, on the B1106 is the boundary between the parishes of Fornham All Saints and Fornham St Martin-cum-St Genevieve. There are two detached properties between the two bridges, which are officially in Fornham All Saints parish.

It would appear that the boundary between the two parishes follows the old course of the River Lark, prior to its canalisation around 1700.

There has been informal discussion amongst Fornham All Saints Parish Councillors in the past about whether the properties mentioned above should be in the adjoining parish, and given this current governance review the Parish Council confirms that:

- a. at its additional Parish Council Meeting last night there is a minuted record in the Council's meeting records showing discussions regarding these properties.
- b. the Chairman of the Parish Council of Fornham All Saints has had discussions with the owners of these properties about whether they would wish to move to the adjoining parish or remain within Fornham All Saints
- c. there have been informal discussions with the adjoining parish about whether they would wish to accept these properties.

Given the above points the Parish Council would like to state that with regards to the proposed change it will go along with the democratically expressed view of the 4 electors which is to remain in the parish of Fornham All Saints. The electors have expressed the view that they identify clearly with the Parish in which they are currently located and that their inclusion within Fornham All Saints reflects patterns of everyday life as they have a common interest in parish affairs and support the amenities located within the Parish.

In conclusion the Parish Council objects to any proposed changes to the boundary between the parishes of Fornham All Saints and Fornham St Martin cum Genevieve along the area between Fornham Lock Bridge and the Sheepwash Bridge, adjacent to the sewage works entrance in Fornham St Martin.

B. Response of Fornham St Martin cum Fornham St Genevieve Parish Council

Following consultation with Fornham All Saints PC it is proposed that the two properties within this area should fall with the parish of Fornham St Martin cum Fornham St Genevieve. The river seems to be a natural boundary between the two parishes. Such a change will result in a more cohesive community and enable more effective and convenient delivery of local services.

C. Local electors

Three electors from the properties in question made responses during the consultation. ~~They all indicated that the boundary should remain the same and the property should remain in Clare parish.~~ [original text amended as shown due to error]

(a) **Two** electors from one of the properties were of the view that the boundary should be moved so that the properties were in Fornham St Genevieve parish. They gave the following reasons:

- Create a strong sense of community identity (one elector)
- Improve the capacity of a parish or town council to deliver better services and to represent the community's interests effectively (one elector)

Supporting their preferences, these respondents commented:

- *"As we live east of the Lark river, our property is often assumed to be in Fornham St Genevieve rather than Fornham All Saints. We will still be at the 'end' of a Fornham so no change in house name is needed."*
- *"The River Lark would seem to me to make the natural boundary to the village of Fornham All Saints. I am very happy to live in Fornham St Genevieve. We will leave all our documents as they are and as long as our postcode remains the same and we continue to receive all post etc., then I can't see a problem. To be honest, it doesn't make any material difference to me, but it may matter one day if, for example, the golf course were ever sold and someone wanted to build on it. Then the council may want to enforce the village boundary. All spaces outside could then remain green."*

(b) **One** elector from the other property was of the view that the boundary should not be changed. The following reasons were given:

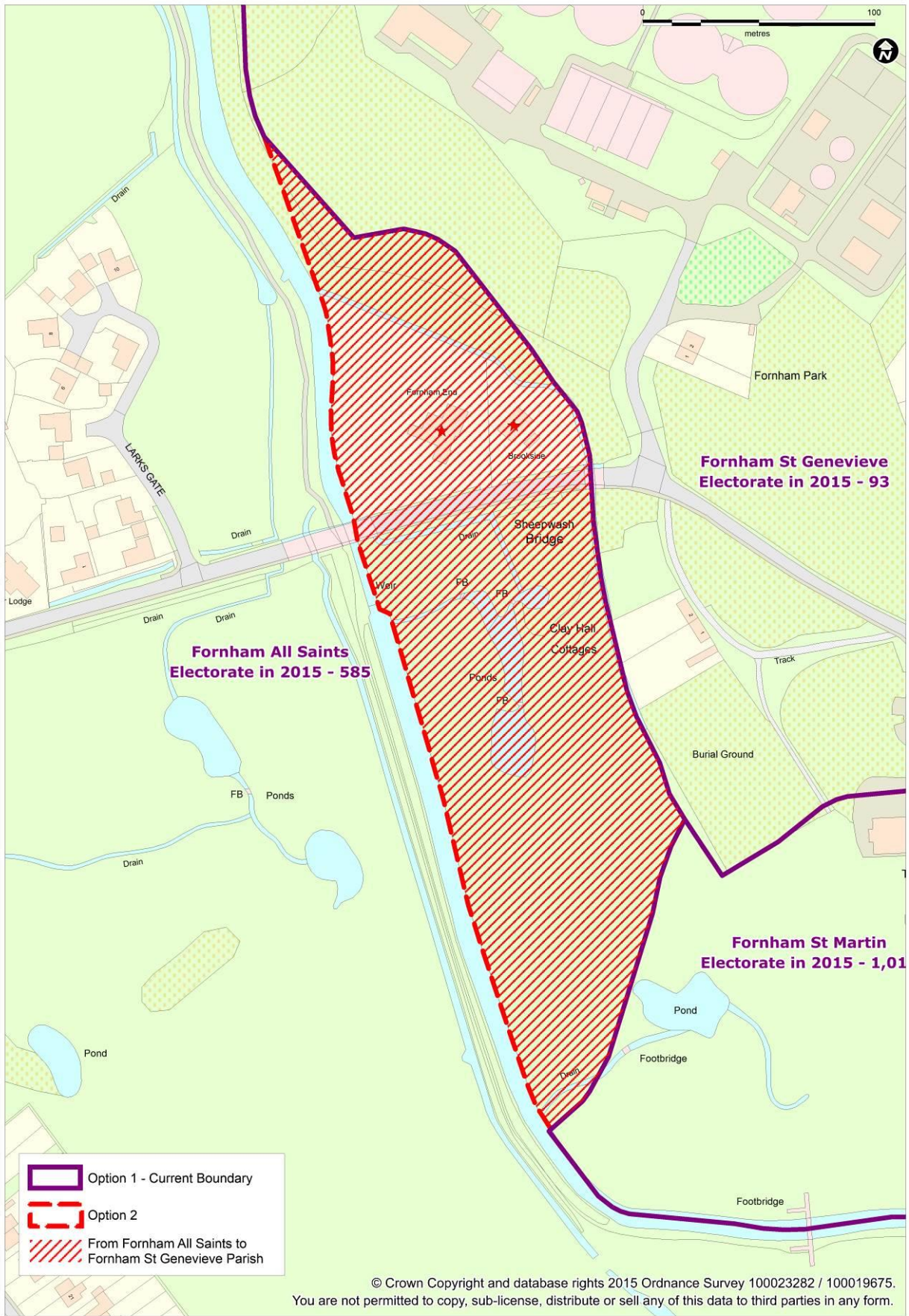
- Reflect patterns of everyday life for those living and working in the area, building upon what new and existing communities have in common.

- Create a strong sense of community identity.
- Give easy access to good quality local services for new and existing residents.

In supporting of their preference, the respondent commented:

- *"Currently regularly use facilities in Fornham All Saints by foot and by car – pub, village hall, church, shop, play area, bus stop. Feel connected to Fornham All Saints being a few yards from the centre of the village. Have no connection to Fornham St Genevieve which has no village centre, is a hamlet of disparate houses and no separate existence (being incorporated into Fornham St Martin). Was previously parish councillor for Fornham All Saints and therefore feel part of this village."*

Map overleaf



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