

To the Chairs and Clerks of Parish Councils  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

## TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL – COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

As you will be aware, Test Valley Borough Council is undertaking a Community Governance Review. This means that we are considering whether existing parish arrangements in any part of the Borough of Test Valley should be changed in any way.

The first round of consultation, which ran from Monday 13 November 2017 to 29 January 2018, has now been completed, and the responses received have been carefully considered by the Borough Council. As a result, a set of Draft Recommendations has been produced, which sets out the Borough Council's initial proposals for changes to existing parish arrangements.

The Community Governance Review is now at the "Second Consultation" Stage, and we are seeking views on:-

- The Draft Recommendations prepared by the Council
- Any further proposals which have not been included in the Draft Recommendations, which you feel should be considered by the Council;

This second round of consultation will run from 4 May to 6 July 2018.

All representations are welcomed; the Council is keen to hear from those wishing to support the Draft Recommendations, as well as comments seeking changes to those Recommendations.

The Council considered the "First Consultation" responses and determined its "Draft Recommendations" at a meeting of the Council on 26 April 2018. A copy of the report and other relevant documents is available on the Council's Community Governance Review website:-

<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/cgr>

**In respect of your Parish, a change is proposed.**

A Index to the Draft Recommendations, and a Summary document setting out each of the Draft Recommendations, is enclosed and is available on the Website. Maps showing the changes are also available on the Website.

Like the First Stage, the Second Consultation Stage will consider the following:

- Altering the boundaries of existing parishes
- Changing the names of existing parishes
- Creating a new parish or abolishing an existing parish
- Creating or abolishing parish councils
- The electoral arrangements for parish councils (including the number of councillors and arrangements for parish warding)
- The grouping or de-grouping of parish councils (and consequential changes to their electoral arrangements)
- The “style” of a parish (enabling an area to be known as a town, community, neighbourhood or village rather than a parish)

The guiding principles of the Review are that parish arrangements across the Borough should reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area, and should be effective and convenient.

As I have noted above, the second round of consultation will be open between 4 May and 6 July 2018. A cross-party reference group of Test Valley Borough Councillors will consider all representations received during this period and make final recommendations to the meeting of the Full Council in September 2018. It is intended that the final recommendations of the Full Council will be published in September 2018 and that any new arrangements will come into force at the local elections scheduled for May 2019.

Responses to the consultation can be made by emailing [cgr@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:cgr@testvalley.gov.uk), or by writing to:

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Further details about the Review, including maps and information about current parish arrangements in Test Valley, are available on our website at [www.testvalley.gov.uk/cgr](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/cgr).

If you have any questions about the Review please do contact me or Howard Bone, Senior Solicitor, on [hbone@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:hbone@testvalley.gov.uk) / 01264 368467.

Yours sincerely,



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