

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD TOWN COUNCIL – COPY OF REQUEST TO EAST HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
FOR A COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

Sent: 20 December 2016 09:29
To: kevin.williams@eastherts.gov.uk
Subject: Formal request - Community Governance Review
Attachments: Bishop's Stortford Ward Boundary Maps.doc

Dear Kevin

Further to our previous conversations and emails I am now able to confirm that, having regard to

- a. existing and planned future developments which are contiguous with the built up area of Bishop's Stortford parish yet breach current parish boundaries and
- b. the fact that, as a result of development since the parish boundary was last reviewed, the current parish boundary to the south/west of the Town no longer meets the criteria for parish boundaries set out in the document "Guidance on community governance reviews" published by the Department for Communities and Local Government
- c. that anomalies exist in ward boundaries within the parish due to various historical reasons

Bishop's Stortford Town Council formally requests a community governance review and in particular:

1. That the boundary of the parish of Bishop's Stortford be amended so that the whole of the District South Ward is included within the parish of Bishop's Stortford
2. That changes to ward boundaries within the parish of Bishop's Stortford be made as set out below.
3. That the District Council requests the Boundary Commission to make changes in District Wards and County Divisions corresponding to the changes in the parish ward boundaries

1. Changes to roads which have residents in more than one ward and where it is requested that the boundary be re-drawn so that all properties are in the ward which currently has the largest number of electors:

| Street/Road | Current Properties | Proposed Properties |
|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Collins Cross | All Saints: 13 Meads: 37 | Meads: 50 |
| High Street | Central: 3 Meads: 1 | Central: 4 |

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| Parsonage Lane | All Saints: 70 Meads: 2 | All Saints: 72 |
| Wentworth Drive | Central: 6 Silverleys: 72 | Silverleys: 78 |
| Westfield Road | Meads: 19 Silverleys: 4 | Meads: 23 |
| Dane O'coys Road, Whitehall Road | Meads: 3 Silverleys: 20 | Silverleys: 23 |
| Great Hadham Road (Honeysuckle House) | Silverleys: 2 South: 1 | Silverleys: 3 |
| Lea Grove | All Saints: 8 Meads: 5 | All Saints: 13 |
| South Road | Central: 40 South: 5 | Central: 45 |
| South Street | Central: 26 Meads: 11 | Central: 37 |
| Potter Street | Central: 1 Meads: 3 | Meads: 4 |

2. Changes to roads which have residents in more than one ward and where it is requested that the boundary be re-drawn so that the road(s) are in the ward from which access is gained or for some other reason as noted

| Street | Current | Proposed | Note |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Bells Hill, Regency Close, Windhill | Meads: 35 Silverleys: 73 | Silverleys: 108 | Bells Hill & Windhill are split; Regency Close is accessed from Bells Hill so logically should move with Bells Hill |
| Styleman's Farm (Hallingbury Road) | South: 2 | All Saints: 2 | Properties are separated from South ward by the River Stort. Access is from All Saints |
| Mulberry Court | South: 16 | Central: 16 | Access is from Central Ward only |

| Street | Current | Proposed | Note |
|--|--|--------------------------|--|
| The Thatchers, Stockmen Field, Drovers Way, Wainwright Street, Brewers Close, Thresher Close, The Carpenters, Tailors | Central: 224 South: 119 | South: 343 | Several roads in this natural group are split. Access is from South Ward |
| Tanners Wharf | All Saints: 76 Central: 19 South: 10 | Central: 105 | Access is from Central Ward |
| Priory Court | Silverleys: 35 | Central: 35 | This is a 'backland' development the Monastery estate from Access is from Central Ward |
| Thorley Hill | Central: 28 South: 54 | Central: 26 South: 56 | Change boundary so that split is at a natural point (a road) |

The approximate effect of these changes on the numbers of electors (based on the 2015 electoral register) is set out below

| Ward | Elector Gain | Elector Loss | Overall Change | Current Electors | Electors After Change | % Difference | Electors Per Town Councillor - current | Electors Per Town Councillor after changes | Electors Per District Councillor - current | Electors Per District Councillor after changes |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| All Saints | 27 | 131 | -104 | 5794 | 5690 | -1.79% | 1449 | 1423 | 1931 | 1897 |
| Central | 233 | 464 | -231 | 6948 | 6717 | -3.32% | 1737 | 1679 | 2316 | 2239 |
| Meads | 35 | 116 | -81 | 4359 | 4278 | -1.86% | 1453 | 1426 | 2180 | 2139 |
| Silverleys | 133 | 54 | 79 | 4061 | 4140 | 1.95% | 1354 | 1380 | 2031 | 2070 |
| South | 411 | 74 | 337 | 5964 | 6301 | 5.65% | 1491 | 1575 | 1988 | 2100 |
| (Max-Min)/average (ie | | | | | | 25.6% | 20.0% | 18.4% | 16.4% | |

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Maps showing the proposed realignments of the ward boundaries set out in the tables above are attached. No map is attached in respect of the change in the Parish boundary as this is already an established electoral line.

Yours sincerely

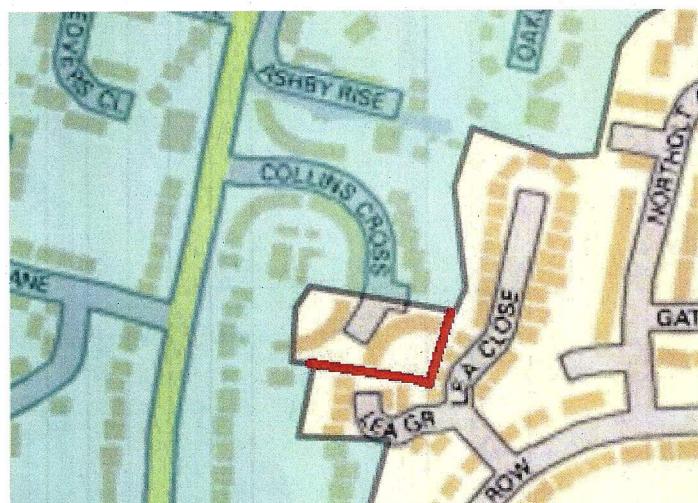
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The Old Monastery
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Bishop's Stortford Ward Boundary Changes Maps

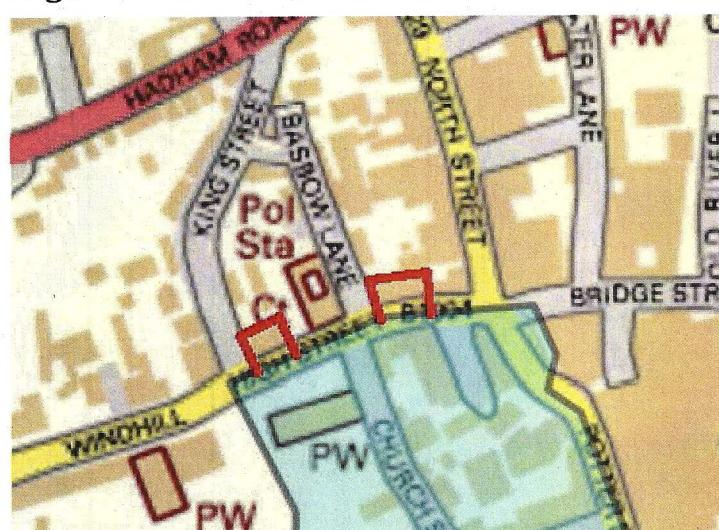
In all cases change ward boundary to red outline

Collins Cross (Transfer to Meads, blue)



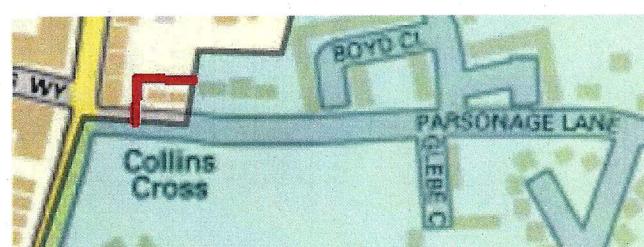
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High Street



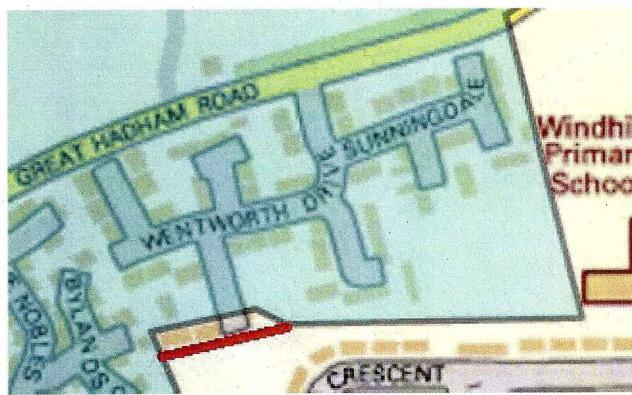
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Parsonage Lane



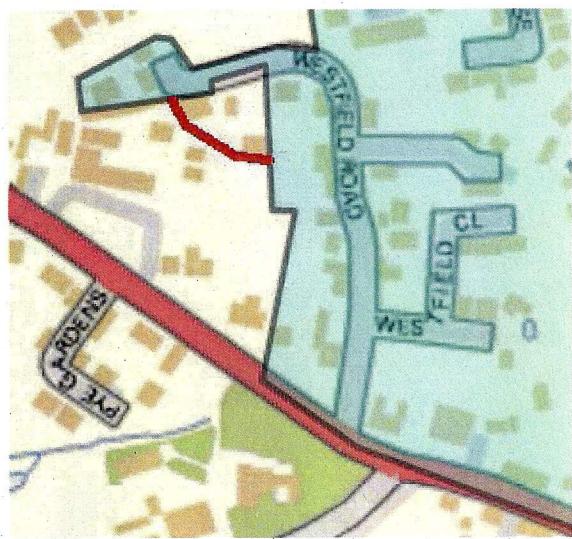
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Wentworth Drive



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Westfield Road



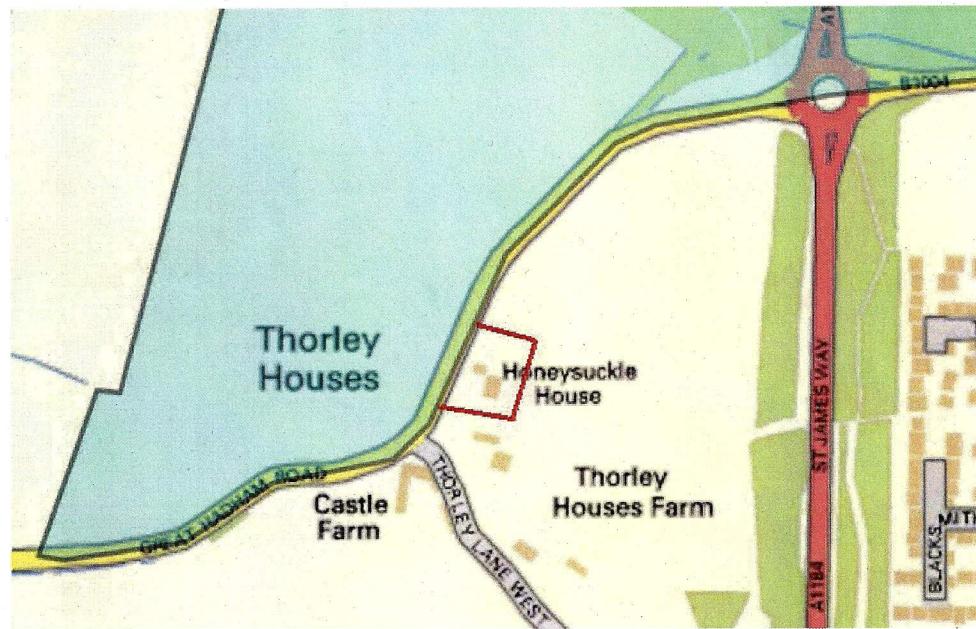
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Dane O'Coys Road, Whitehall Road



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Great Hadham Road (Honeysuckle House)



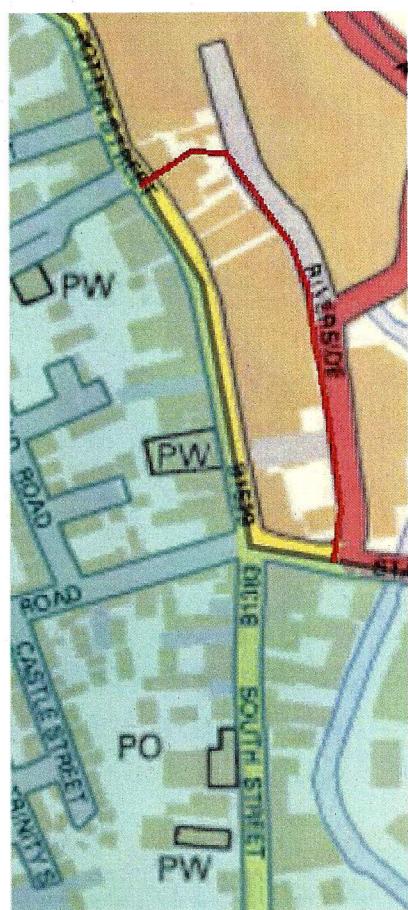
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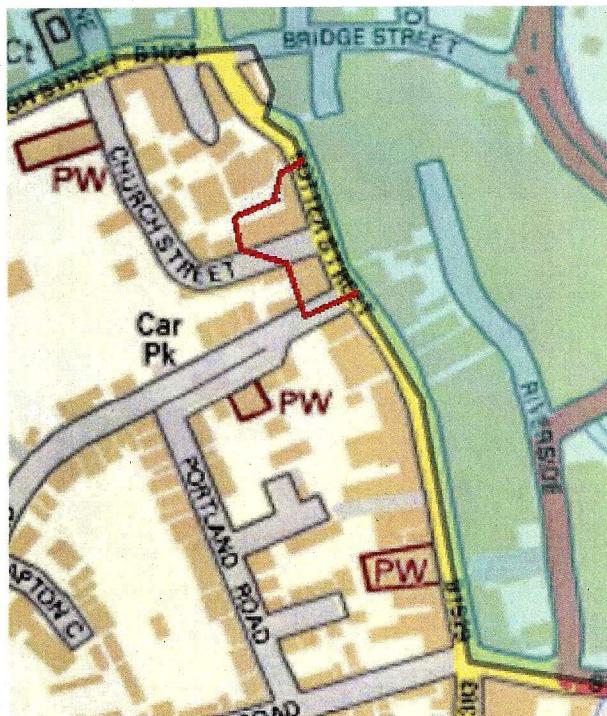
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South Street



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Potter Street



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Bells Hill, Regency Close, Windhill



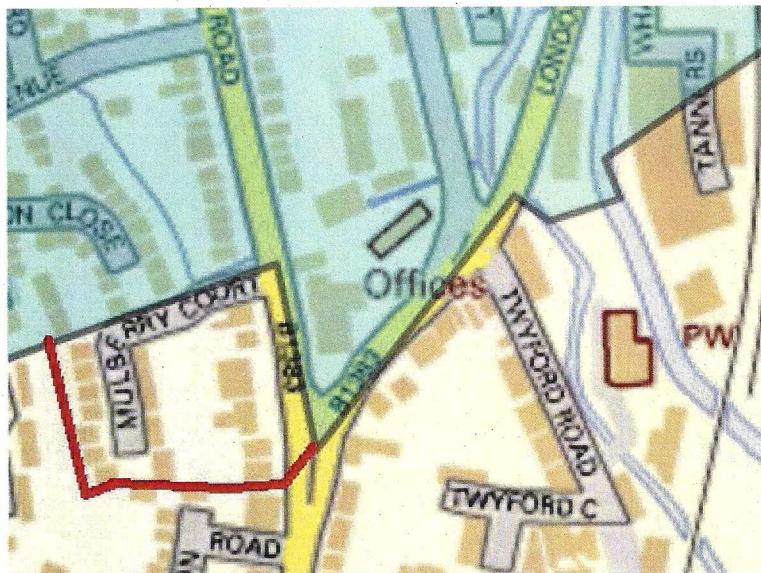
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Styleman's Farm (Hallingbury Road)



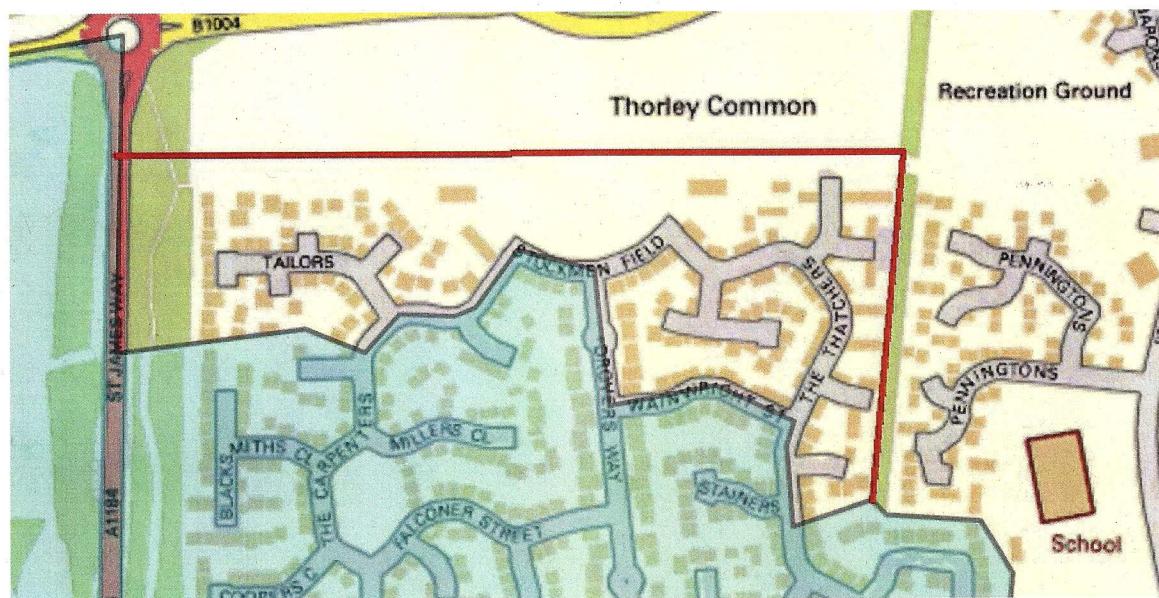
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Mulberry Court, South Road



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Tanners Wharf



Transfer to Central (blue)

Priory Court



Transfer to Central (blue)

Thorley Hill



Transfer to South (blue)