

Portfolio Holder Decision. To amend the designation for Harbury and make a minor amendment to the Neighbourhood Development Plan, 04 March 2020

In March 2017, Harbury and Bishop's Itchington Parish Council submitted a request to the District Council to undertake a Community Governance Review. This was due to the existing parish boundary having the potential to dissect new housing development planned for the area. The proposed new parish boundary would ensure that the new development was located within one parish (Bishop's Itchington) as it was suggested that the new development will have greater affinity with that parish. Both parishes met and agreed to this proposal of which a copy of the letter requesting the review is attached to this note as Appendix 1.

On 11 December 2017, a report was taken to Council seeking agreement to proceed with the change to the parish boundary following the Community Governance Review that was carried out. It was agreed at this meeting that the parish boundary should be changed and this came into effect in April 2019. At a meeting held on the 15 March 2018 at which both Bishop's Itchington and Harbury Parish Council were present, it was agreed in principle that Harbury progress their NDP and once the boundary changes come into effect, Bishop's Itchington would apply to change the designated area for their plan. SDC would then change the Harbury NDP designation. A copy of the minutes from this meeting are attached as Appendix 2 and Harbury adopted their plan on the 17 December 2018.

In April 2019, the parish boundary was altered between Bishop's Itchington and Harbury Parishes respectively. This was to take into account a new housing development at the former cement works wholly within the parish of Bishop's Itchington rather than leaving it to cross over two parishes. The new development is much nearer to Bishop's Itchington village rather than Harbury and will be physically linked to it via a new cycleway and footpath.

Bishop's Itchington submitted a new application on 31 October 2019 for the formal designation of a Neighbourhood Plan Area reflecting the boundary changes and therefore amending their previous area designation application. As a result of the boundary changes, the designation for Harbury will require an amendment as well as a minor amendment to the Neighbourhood Plan to reflect the changes. A copy of both the previous parish boundary and revised parish boundary is attached as Appendix 3. It is important to note that Harbury Parish Council has given its consent for this amendment to be made at a meeting on the 27 February 2020 (Appendix 4).

Conclusion

Given the amended Area Designation follows the revised parish boundary, the recommendation is to approve the amendment to both the Area Designation and the Neighbourhood Plan for Harbury.

Appendices

List of appendices attached are as follows:

- APPENDIX 1 - Letter requesting a review
- APPENDIX 2 – Minutes following meeting 15 March 2018
- APPENDIX 3 – Amended parish boundary plan and previous parish boundary plan
- APPENDIX 4 – Confirmation from Harbury Parish Council