

Why is South Somerset District Council carrying out this review?

This Community Governance Review is being undertaken in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Since 13 February 2008, district councils, unitary county councils and London borough councils ('principal councils') have had responsibility for undertaking community governance reviews and have been able to decide whether to give effect to recommendations made in those reviews. In making that decision, principal councils need to take account of the views of local people.

Pen Selwood and Stoke Trister with Bayford Community Governance Review

Proposed Change to the Parish Boundary

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South Somerset District Council would like to know your views on whether the parish boundary between Pen Selwood Parish Council and Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council should be altered.

South Somerset District Council would like to know your views on whether the parish boundary between Pen Selwood Parish Council and Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council should be altered.

Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council has formally asked South Somerset District Council to conduct a consultation (Community Governance review) of all the people registered to vote and local interest groups within the respective parishes to ask if they would support the alteration of the parish boundary between them and Pen Selwood Parish Council.

This information leaflet and questionnaire is being delivered to all households in the parishes of Pen Selwood and Stoke Trister with Bayford so that public opinion is taken fully into account when South Somerset District Council looks at the options over the coming months.

Please take time to read this leaflet. It is important that you complete your full details – including name, address and signature – to ensure that your view on this can be taken into account.

You should return this questionnaire by **31 October 2011**. Further information can be found at: www.southsomerset.gov.uk/commgov.

Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council proposal:

In their request, the Parish Council state that when the A303 dual-carriageway/Wincanton by-pass was built, it went through the middle of Leigh Common, dividing the Common. In recompense the Department of Transport (as it was then) purchased some land to the south of the new road and Beech Lane. However, this land was not in the parish of Stoke Trister with Bayford but in Pen Selwood parish.

Now that the land registration has been resolved, the two parishes wish to change the parish boundary so that the whole of Leigh Common is within Stoke Trister Parish. There are no residential properties on this land and consequently no local electors will be affected. Stoke Trister with Bayford currently manages the Common and two of the fields are let for grasskeep from April to November to gain revenue for their upkeep. The whole of Leigh Common is in the ownership of Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council.

Pen Selwood Parish Council has confirmed they are in agreement with the request.

Please complete & return this questionnaire.

Please indicate if you agree or object that the parish boundary should change between Pen Selwood Parish Council and Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council.

- Yes ☐ I agree – the parish boundary should change to that indicated on the map.
- No ☐ I object – there should be no change to the parish boundary.

We can only consider the views of people who will be affected by this proposal. Please include your name, address and postcode in any response or your comments will not be taken into account.

Full name:.....

Address:.....

Postcode:.....

Signature:.....

Please provide any other comments you would like South Somerset District Council to consider with regard to the proposed parish boundary change. (All responses will be available for public inspection.)

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Please return all responses in the reply-paid envelope enclosed or to:

Angela Cox, Lead Officer Community Governance Review,
South Somerset District Council, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT
Or Email: angela.cox@southsomerset.gov.uk

The closing date for all responses is 31 October 2011.



Further information

Further, more detailed, information can be obtained from the following:
www.southsomerset.gov.uk/commgov

Your comments and views are vital to this review. You can let us have your comments by completing and returning the attached questionnaire or by writing to:

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Alternatively by email to:
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It is important that you include your address as only representations and from residents and local interest groups of Pen Selwood and Stoke Trister with Bayford parishes can be considered.

Why are we consulting you?

South Somerset District Council has to undertake a review relating to a boundary change proposal between Pen Selwood Parish Council and Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council, as a valid request has been made by the Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council to do so. The enclosed maps show the area affected being that of the existing boundary between the two parish councils. Stoke Trister with Bayford has 257 electors and Pen Selwood has 287.

The aim of this review is to look at the most suitable arrangements for representing the people of the two parishes and to decide whether a change in the parish boundary would be the best means of:

- Representing the interests and identities of local people
- Providing a range of local government services

South Somerset District Council, once we receive your views, will consider the results of the consultation exercise and will publish a set of proposals in late autumn/winter 2011. There will be a further opportunity to comment on these draft proposals.

What does a Parish Council do?

Parish Councils are democratically elected bodies that have statutory powers which include the provision of allotments, bus shelters, support for local crime prevention initiatives, cemeteries, play areas and open spaces.




They are also often involved in the provision and maintenance of community transport schemes, sport and recreation facilities and tourism. They provide a focus for representing local issues and identity.

The proposed change to the parish council boundary between Pen Selwood Parish Council and Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council will not affect any properties or electors. There would be no cost to the Parish Council and it will not have any additional impact upon your Council Tax.

Location of proposed change to the Parish Council boundary.

The dotted purple line indicates the existing parish boundary between Pen Selwood and Stoke Trister with Bayford. The proposed change to the parish boundary between the two parishes is indicated by the dotted orange line.

Leigh Common is indicated as a solid dark green colour. The proposed change to the parish boundary would mean the whole of Leigh Common is within one parish - Stoke Trister with Bayford.

-  Existing parish boundary
-  Proposed new parish boundary
-  Leigh Common - in ownership of Stoke Trister with Bayford Parish Council

