

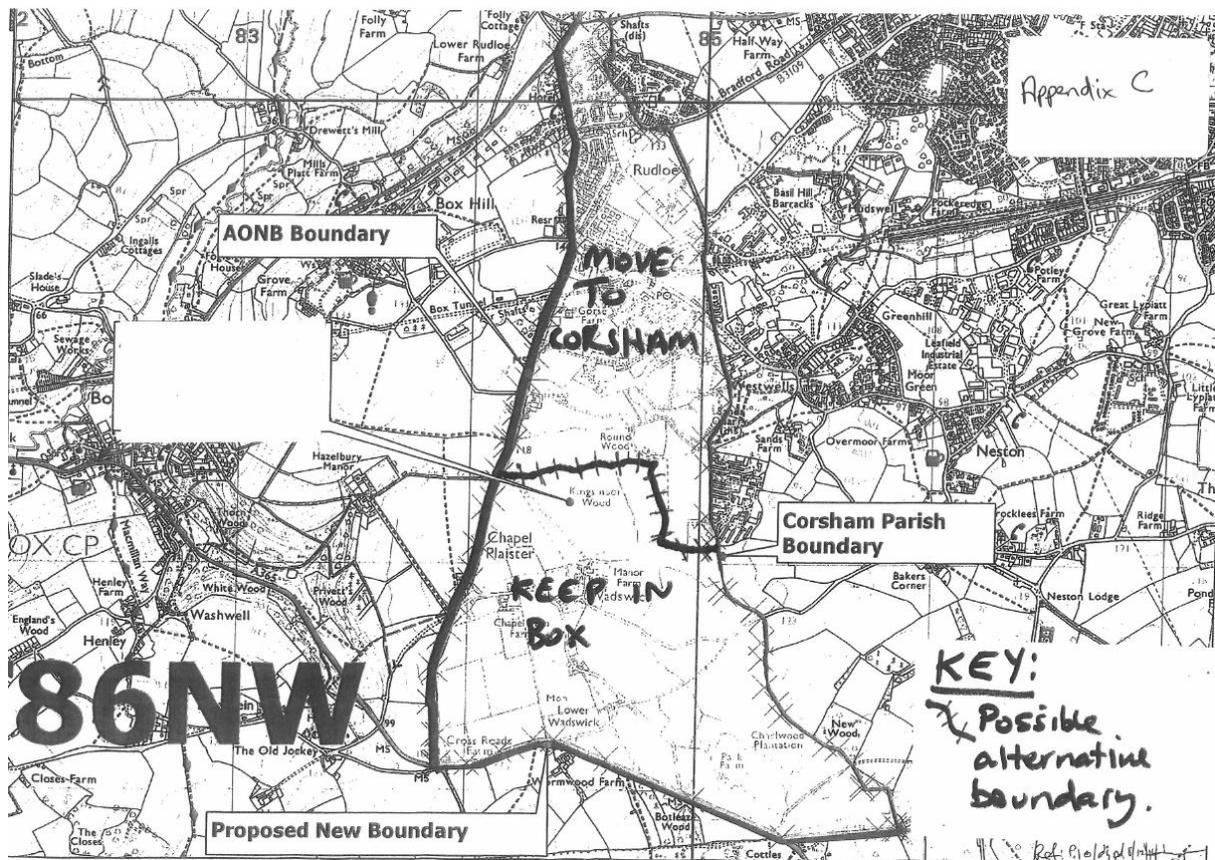
Community Governance Reviews – UPDATE 15 December 2014

Corsham/Box

This update is provided following a meeting of Wiltshire Council's Working Group on Parish and Community Governance Reviews held on Friday 12 December 2014. Corsham Town Council and Box Parish Council attended the meeting to discuss the Town Council's request for a Community Governance Review (CGR) of its area.

The purpose of the meeting was for the Town Council to outline its proposals and for the Working Group to hear views, concerns and issues related to the CGR.

The Town Council presented a report outlining its proposals. Since the original proposal certain changes had enabled the Town Council to submit a revised proposal which takes into account a recent planning approval. Planning Permission has been granted for a new access road to Wadswick Green (the former Royal Arthur naval training base – Application no. 14/04012/FUL) which provides an alternative boundary to the original proposal which had used the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the A365. In effect, the revised proposal reduces the area which to Town Council wishes to change by around 50% (see below).



The revised proposal addresses many of the concerns raised by Box Parish Council whilst enabling the Corsham settlement to grow in a sustainable way. The revised proposal is still in accordance with Government guidance on CGR's.

Corsham/Chippenham

In respect of the CGR for Chippenham, Wiltshire Council's Working Group had met the previous week where Corsham Town Council explained that it had no objections, in principle, to the Corsham Parish boundary to the north east of the A350 being transferred to Chippenham.

Next Steps

Wiltshire Council's Working Group discussed its next steps. This includes considering all the evidence and arguments and then preparing its own recommendations for the Full Council to consider. This may give options if appropriate. The Full Council meeting is anticipated to take place between January and March 2015. If the Working Group's proposals are approved, they will go to public consultation in the spring. Consultation methods have not been finalised but there will be a variety of ways in which people can air their views.

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15 December 2014