

<b>MEETING: DATE:</b>	<b>Time Critical response due to CDC by 30<sup>th</sup> September 25. Full Council Meeting 30 September 2025</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>E Viviani</b>
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	<p>To request that CDC through the Community governance Review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Amends the current Moreton in Marsh Parish Boundary to include sites listed on the Moreton in Marsh Summary Map of Site Assessment 2021 (M31, M31A, M31B, M31C) to take into account potential growth.</li> <li>2. Notes that Marsh Town Council reserves the right to review Community Governance should the revised SHELAA identify or include other land sites on the boarder of the parish.</li> </ol>
<b>BACKGROUND:</b>	<p>Councillors received notice of the CDC Community Governance Review (CGER) during July 25 (Documents circulated).</p> <p>The review is actively encouraging forward looking proposals.</p> <p>The CGER review will consider amending the Parish Boundary for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration will be given to any current and planned or potential development within the area during a period of 5 years from the start of the Review process.</li> <li>• This will seek to ‘future proof’ the review and avoid the need for further reviews in the short to medium term.</li> </ul> <p>The purpose of this review aligns with the aims of the review. However, assessing potential development and growth for this parish within a 5 year timeframe is difficult as the Council has had no update from the CDC call for sites in 2021, no update from CDC following its call for sites 2024 and we await the outcome of a further CDC call for sites 2025 as part of Regulation 18 Local Plan Consultation.</p> <p>A further complication is the current lack of 5 yr housing land supply across the District, leaving Moreton vulnerable to Planning Applications on a windfall basis. Windfall development does not count towards the figure for Housing Delivery planned in Moreton up to 2031. Windfall delivery is additional to any planned development. Councillors will be aware of planning applications 25/01036/OUT (M71),</p>

	<p>25/02443/FUL (M28B) and the approach from Catesby Estates (M70).</p> <p>In the current circumstances and given the lack of information relating to any planned development in Moreton I believe it would be prudent to propose that CDC adjusts the Parish Boundary to include the following packets of land as identified on the 2021 SHELAA Moreton in Marsh Site Assessment Map (Appendix 1): M31, M31A, M31B, and M31C. Located on the Moreton in Marsh settlement boundary, these land packets are included in the Moreton sites assessment. Whilst they were discounted for development in the 2021 SHELAA, it cannot be taken for granted that they remain discounted or will not come forward as windfall development or as part of the Regulation 18 consultation. As part of Batsford Parish, if any of these sites come forward the impact would be on Moreton in Marsh in terms of funding, schooling, highways, and other facilities.</p> <p>One further site identified on the Moreton in Marsh Site Assessment is M62. The Town Council response to the South Warwickshire Local Plan consultation 2024 noted the following:</p> <p><b>MTC notes the priority 3 area outlined on its Parish Boundary between the A44 and Great Wolford (Spatial Growth Strategy Priority Areas map: Fig 5) and is concerned. This priority 3 location lies within the Special Landscape Area, close the AONB (Cotswold National Landscape) and directly on the Parish Boundary...</b></p> <p>If M62 comes forward for development whilst the impacts on Moreton will be similar to those previously mentioned, the situation is different and not considered as windfall. In this case, the County is different, and the land rests in Great Wolford Parish and I do not believe further action is required at this time.</p> <p>In conclusion, I propose that Moreton in Marsh Town Council reserves the right to review Community Governance should CDC revised SHELAA identify or include other sites of land on the boarder of the parish.</p>
<b>OPTIONS:</b>	<p>To accept proposal 1 and 2</p> <p>To accept only proposal 2</p> <p>To reject replying to CDC at this time</p>
<b>RISKS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The impact of development such increased traffic and school place requirements etc.. will be on the Parish</li> </ul>

	<p>of Moreton in Marsh, but any benefits such as CIL monies may not be realised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Batsford Parish may not wish some elements to be incorporated into the Parish boundary</li> <li>• The future proofing opportunity may be lost with the precept not increasing in line with housing occupancy and increased infrastructure funding not aligning with housing requirements.</li> </ul>
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The impact of development will be on the Parish of Moreton in Marsh, but any benefits may not be realised.</li> <li>• Loss of potential precept income</li> </ul>
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:</b>	<p>Parish and town councils have the right to make submissions and must be consulted by the Principal Authority (CDC) in a Community Governance Review.</p> <p>Submitting a request ensures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moreton's views are formally recorded in the process.</li> <li>• The council is exercising its duty to represent residents' interests in governance matters.</li> <li>• If CDC agrees to include the land, the change is legally binding and will be reflected in future electoral registers, precept calculations, and governance arrangements.</li> </ul> <p>If the council does not respond: Once boundaries are set, they are legally binding until the next formal review - and cannot easily be challenged later, especially if the council didn't take the opportunity to engage when provided. The council loses the legal opportunity to align governance with potential development.</p>
<b>EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:</b>	<p>There an inequality for the Town of Moreton in Marsh if development occurs directly on its Parish boundary without the acceptance of its impact on the Town.</p>
<b>ECOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS:</b>	<p>There is a possibility that some of M31, 31A, 31B, and 31C could be used to increase offsetting Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) within the parish.</p>
<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	<p>To reply to CDC accepting proposals 1 and 2.</p>
<b>APPENDICES:</b>	<p>Appendix 1: Moreton in Marsh – Summary Map of Site Assessment Conclusions (SHELAA 2021)</p>

