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Dear Graham

Community Governance Review – Request From Bridgnorth Town Council

I write to formally on behalf of Bridgnorth Town Council to request that Shropshire Council carries out a Community Governance Review, to include the area of Bridgnorth and its hinterland, in advance of the next round of unitary authority elections in May 2021.

The request for a Community Governance Review arises due to a number of observations; most notably might be recent and future development – SAM Dev policy map (S3) identifies and proposes beyond edge of town (Bridgnorth) development.

Much of the central government guidance on Community Governance Reviews talks about a sense of community, belonging and of identity. It further goes on to say that a community governance review might be appropriate when 'over time communities may expand with new housing development. This can often lead to existing parish boundaries becoming anomalous as new house are built across boundaries resulting in people being in different parishes from their neighbours'. I would suggest that this is the prime as well as a worthy reason for instigating a review.

To provide some further insight in to the substance of the I have enclosed 2 documents produced by a number of Bridgnorth Town Councillors as part of a working group, both of which were presented to and approved by the Full Town Council.

Yours sincerely,

Lee Jakeman
Town Clerk
Bridgnorth Town Council

Encl:

1. Draft report on an Application for a Community Governance Review 10 Jul 18.
2. Draft Issues for consideration on a CGR.

¹ DCLG publication 'Guidance on Community Governance Reviews March 2010 section 2 paragraph 15.