

ELLESMERE TOWN COUNCIL



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Dear Mr Wright

REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

I am writing on behalf of Ellesmere Town Council, following a Town Council meeting where the urban boundary was discussed. The Town Council were of the view that the boundary of the town needs to be reviewed, and therefore formally request Shropshire Council to carry out a Community Governance Review of Ellesmere and its immediate hinterland.

Much of the future planned new housing for the town associated with the Wharf/Marina Development is actually in the Ellesmere Rural Parish Council area. However, people who come to live in these new estates will consider themselves to live in Ellesmere and look to Ellesmere Town Council as their local authority. A similar anomaly exists with Ellesmere Business Park, which is part of the Ellesmere Urban area in the Local Plan but administratively part of Ellesmere Rural Parish.

A recent planning application for the first phase of the Wharf/Marina Development highlighted the potential confusion. The site lies just in the Rural Parish, and the Town Council was not consulted on the application.

However, the main objections to the applications were from residents living in the Town area who would be impacted by construction vehicles etc accessing the site via their street.

Ellesmere Town Council requests Shropshire Council to consider a sensible change to our Town Council boundary to bring it into closer alignment with the Local Plan Development Boundary for Ellesmere. It is believed that the occupants of the new housing developments on the southern edge of the town will feel an identity, belonging and sense of community with the town itself rather than the Ellesmere Rural Parish area. It is hoped that a Community Governance Review of the boundaries could be undertaken in the near future, as this would prevent much confusion on behalf of new residents once the new housing developments are built.

We look forward to hearing your opinions on this matter.

Yours Sincerely

Jo Butterworth
Ellesmere Town Clerk & RFO

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