

Dorset Community Governance Review 2021

Response to Draft Recommendation 14

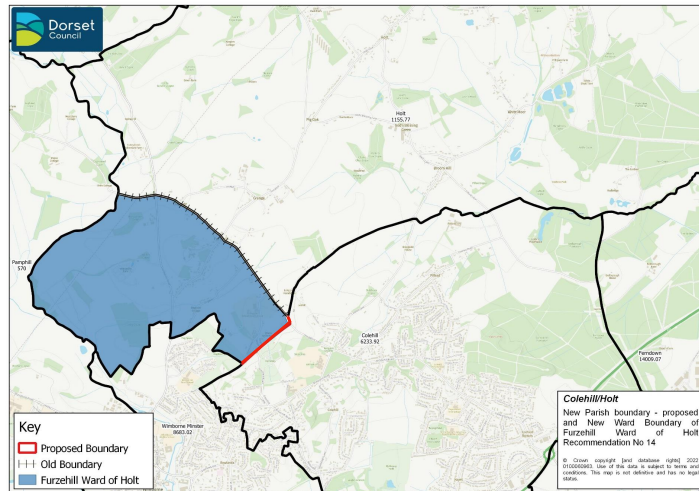
submitted on 21/05/22 by the

Committee of Furzehill Residents Association on behalf of Furzehill Residents

Further to our email of thanks to Councillor Flower on 08/04/22, please accept this response to Recommendation 14 of the Community Governance Review, together with an additional comment.

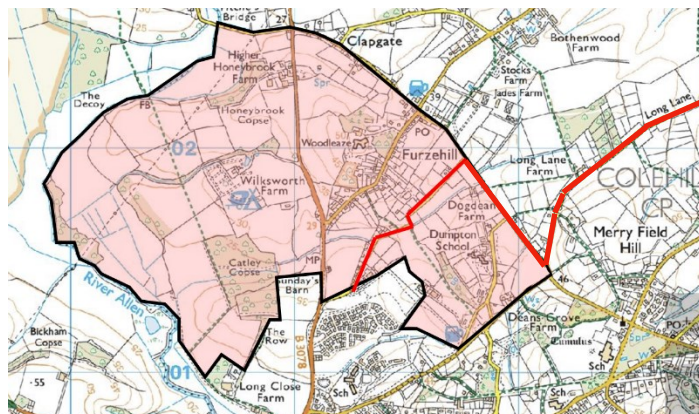
Response to Recommendation 14 - support

Furzehill Residents Association supports unreservedly Recommendation 14, as shown on its map (below). It accords with our proposal to the CGR, the views of our residents and the proposal of Holt Parish.



Additional Comment - opposition to new proposal by Colehill Parish Council

At its meeting on 21/05/22, Colehill Parish Council decided to propose to the CGR a variation to Recommendation 14 in which the boundary between Holt and Colehill parishes would follow a zig-zag course NE up Dogdean, SE along Smugglers Lane, then NE up the northern section of Long Lane - as shown in the map below.



This contrasts with the simplicity of Recommendation 14, in which the boundary flows only NE through the two sections of Long Lane. Colehill sees its new proposal as a compromise but, unlike Recommendation 14, it would persist in separating a recognised and topographical part of the Furzehill area from the heart of our village community. It would also bring Colehill to within 300 metres of the very centre of our village.

Only the minimum permitted three clear days notice was given of the meeting, right at the last minute of the CGR consultation phase, and no public opinion on the new proposal was sought in advance. It was opposed strongly by those members of the public who spoke in the limited time allowed at the start of the meeting only and no vote of the public attendees was taken.

We therefore feel that Colehill Parish Council's new proposal lacks both merit and a full democratic mandate. Furzehill Residents Association opposes it.