

Chair's Notes July 2022

Review of Curdridge Boundary with Whiteley Please Respond to Consultation to Protect Village Character of Curdridge

Winchester City Council has now begun its Governance Review, which could result in changes to the boundaries of Curdridge and Whiteley. The first consultation meeting was held on Teams, and involved three representatives from each parish, plus City Councillor Vivian Achwal. The goal was to choose four people from North Whiteley out of 10 volunteers, but none of them turned up. So we agreed to meet in person at Whiteley, and will have done so before you read this.

The options being considered are described on the Winchester Council website, along with a link to allow you to give your views, in winchester.citizenspace.com/policy/community-governance-review-north-whiteley-phase-1/

Here are my notes, in order of value to protect the villages of Curdridge and Curbridge.

Option 2 – Move the boundary so that the whole of the North Whiteley MDA (major development area) is in Whiteley. This reflects the fact that Whiteley was conceived as a whole, with its town centre located fairly close to the middle of the contiguous settlement of Whiteley and the MDA.

Many of Whiteley's facilities are located in the MDA – School, Playing Fields, other recreation and green infrastructure. Whiteley Town Council is contracted to maintain the infrastructure, which would be complex to fund if these areas were in a different parish.

The character of North Whiteley is very similar to that of Whiteley, but drastically different from Curdridge. Curdridge is a dispersed settlement, with relatively large plots and open farmland within the village. The character of Curdridge would be vulnerable if it were part of a parish dominated by Whiteley residents – Under option 3, Curdridge and Curbridge would make up less than 13% of the housing in the parish, effectively disenfranchising those living in those villages.

Option 1 – Set up a new council to cover the whole of North Whiteley. This prevents Curdridge being overwhelmed by the 3000 new households that are being built in the Curdridge part of N Whiteley, but doesn't address the issue of how to manage and fund the infrastructure that Whiteley Town Council is committed to maintain.

Option 3 – Move the boundary so that all 3500 homes in N Whiteley are in Curdridge. This is even more damaging to our villages than doing nothing, as it means that over 87% of the parish would be urban. There is little chance that such a parish would work to preserve the character of the villages, and keep us separate from the town of Whiteley. Given that so much of the land between Curdridge and Whiteley has been submitted for SHELAA, we need a parish council motivated to resist joining the settlements.

Affordable Housing – Botley Road, next to St Peter's Close

Owing to delays caused by retrospective changes to Nitrate rules, the builder's quotation for these houses has expired, and the developers are now having to find extra money to get the work started. We are still hoping to have them ready for occupation in 2023.

The contacts at Hastoe Housing Association for advice about applying for these properties are:

- for shared ownership: Sales & Marketing Manager, Sales@hastoe.com.
- for rental enquiries: Regional Development Manager, WestDev@hastoe.com

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Appeals and Planning Decisions Notified by Winchester

Appeal against refusal of LDC for Beech Tree, Calcot Lane, Curdridge SO32 2BN

Appeal *DISMISSED*. Ref. No: 20/00054/REF.

Land At Sherecroft Farm Botley Hill

Confirmation of Nitrate Mitigation Purchase. Condition 25. 22/01078/DIC. *PERMITTED* (this is a step towards the development that provides the land for the east end of the Botley bypass).

Harmsworth Farm Bungalow Botley Road Curbridge SO30 2HB

Conversion and extension of ancillary office space to granny annex. Ref. No: 21/03140/HOU. *PERMITTED*

Land to the Rear of Uplands Cottage Botley Road Curdridge

New Access onto Botley Road (B3035). 22/00290/FUL. *PERMITTED*

Silverlake, Lake Road, Curdridge SO32 2HH

Proposed detached cart shed style garage and implement store to replace recently demolished outbuilding. Ref. No: 22/00130/HOU. . *PERMITTED*

North Whiteley Urban Extension Botley Road Curbridge

Reserved matters application for the construction of 255 dwellings and associated infrastructure including access roads, cycleways, footpaths, car parking, amenity open space, landscape planting, cycle and bin storage facilities and all associated ancillary development, pursuant to outline planning permission 15/00485/OUT. Ref. No: 21/02590/REM. *PERMITTED*

FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR CURDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL:

Council generally holds two Full Council Meetings each month, on Thursdays at 7pm. The first meeting in each month is primarily for Planning business and urgent Council business as required (this meeting may be cancelled if there is not enough Planning business). The second meeting in each month covers Council business, finance business and urgent Planning business as required. The next Full Council Meetings are on:

7 and 21 July, 4 August, 1 and 15 September 2022 in the Reading Rooms.

No meeting is planned for 18 August.

Meeting agendas, including finalised date, time and venue for meetings are made available on the Parish Council website www.curdridge-pc.gov.uk which will also report meeting cancellations when necessary.