

## Community Governance Review

### Proposal(s) for Change(s) to a Parish Boundary & Parish Electoral Arrangements

(Please return by Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012)

Name of Parish: Otford Parish Council

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Precise description of proposal(s): a map (scale not less than 1:10,000) must also be provided with the proposed boundaries clearly defined:

**Proposal 1** - Row Dow Lane (See Map 1)

Amend the boundary with Shoreham Parish which borders Stursdon Farm, the Mount and the Croft so that it follows the line of Row Dow Lane. The proposed boundary is shown in blue on Map 1.

**Proposal 2** - Twitton (see Map 2)

Amend the boundary with Shoreham Parish so that all properties on both sides of Twitton Lane are included in the Parish of Otford. The proposed boundary is shown in blue on Map 2

Details of properties affected by the proposal(s) must be given below:

**Proposal 1** - Stursdon Farm, The Mount and the, The Croft - all in Row Dow Lane.

**Proposal 2** - Nos 1 and 2 Stream Cottages, nos 1,2,3 Sun Cottages, Herriots Croft, Chapel (unoccupied) and the Rising Sun Public House - all in Twitton Lane.

Reasons for proposal(s):

**Proposal 1** - To ensure that the boundary with Shoreham does not result in the curtilage of properties falling within two parishes.

**Proposal 2** - The Parish Boundary with Shoreham Parish currently results in the hamlet of Twitton being partly in Shoreham and partly in Otford. This proposal will facilitate planning consultations and end an anomaly which has resulted in a

community which is nearer to Otford than Shoreham being partially in Shoreham Parish.

**Details of consultations you have had with parish councils affected by your proposals and the outcome of those discussions:**

**Proposal 1** - There has been no formal consultation with Shoreham Parish Council but we note from their submission to SDC that Shoreham Parish Council support this proposal.

**Proposal 2** - There has been no formal consultation but we note from their submission to SDC that Shoreham Parish Council wish to include the whole of the hamlet of Twitton within their boundaries.

**Any other comments:**

**Proposal 2**

Otford Parish Council has consulted with the residents of the hamlet of Twitton.

Properties currently within Shoreham Parish - residents from 3 properties would be happy to move to the Parish of Otford and residents from two properties would prefer to stay in Shoreham Parish, one of these residents quoting the cost of changing boundaries. Two residents have yet to respond.


Properties currently within Otford Parish - residents from 8 properties are happy to stay within Otford Parish and residents from one property wish to move to Shoreham Parish. One resident who currently lives within Otford Parish does not want the boundary to change.

**Proposals from Sevenoaks Town Council**

Otford Parish Council has had sight of the of the resolution of Sevenoaks Town Council in respect of the Community Governance Review and representatives of Otford Parish Council have attended a meeting with Sevenoaks Town Council and other Parishes. However Otford Parish Council has not seen any detailed proposals from Sevenoaks Town Council in this respect.

Otford is a close-knit community with a conservation area and surrounded by Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Metropolitan Green Belt. We are pleased to believe that residents as a whole identify with the village and whether as paid employees, or volunteers, work efficiently for the good of the whole village. Therefore Otford Parish Council wishes to maintain the status quo as regards all Parish boundaries (other than those in Proposals 1 and 2 above) and responsibilities including, for clarity, the existing southern boundary with Sevenoaks Town Council.

Otford Parish Council is happy to collaborate with other Councils concerning local services, shared interests and concerns, as it currently does already.

Signed: 

Date: 21/2/2012

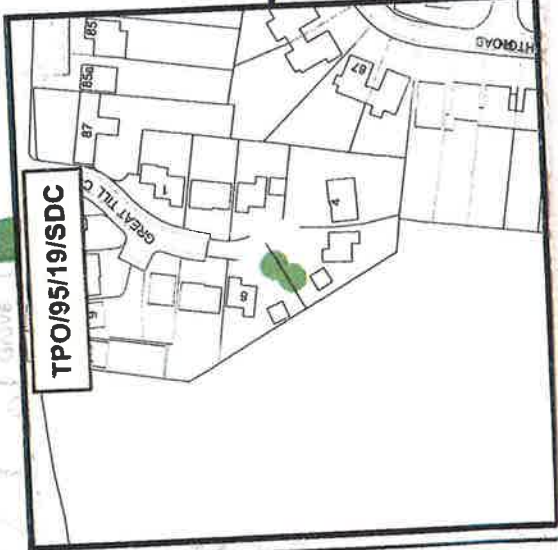
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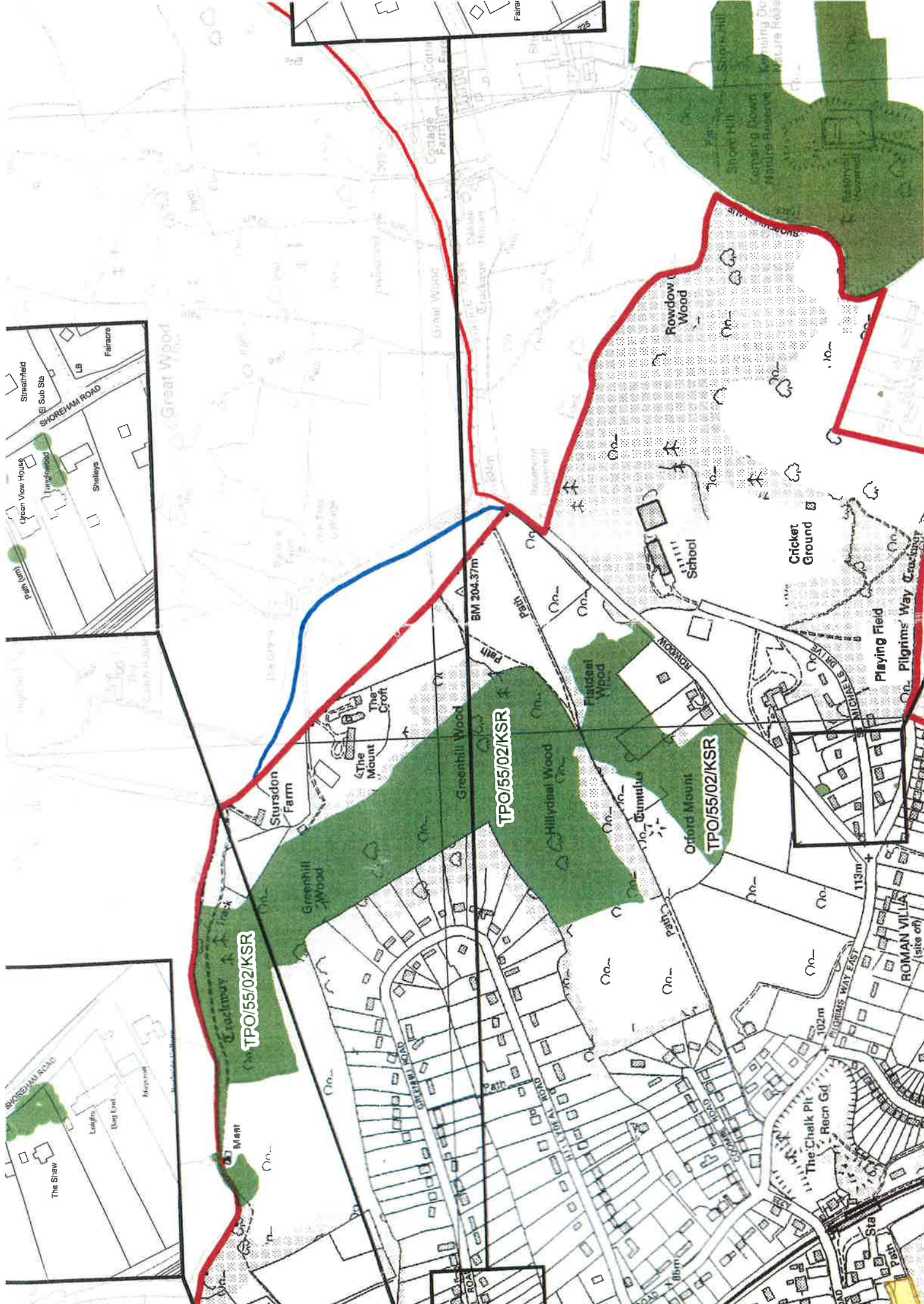
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