

# Sutton Courtenay Parish Council

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Dear Ms. Reed,

## **Abingdon Town Council – Proposed Community Governance Review**

Sutton Courtenay Parish Council has learned that Abingdon Town Council is proposing a Community Governance Review, and wishes to include part of the parish of Sutton Courtenay within the town boundary.

Sutton Courtenay Parish Council strongly resists any proposal to change the boundary and include part of the parish within the town. The Neighbourhood Plan boundary has just been determined, and Abingdon Town Council objected to the inclusion within the Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan, of a section of land adjacent to the sewage works. The objections submitted have been discounted by the District Council. It was determined by the District Council that the area in question is not an area of planned expansion as set out in the Local Plan 2031. It is not an area for businesses or residents. There are no public rights of way crossing the site. It is not linked to Abingdon by any other type of infrastructure. There is no merit whatsoever in changing the boundary and Sutton Courtenay Parish Council is including the area in question within its Neighbourhood Plan.

In addition there was a Community Governance Review only 2 years ago and there was no indication at that stage that the boundary between Sutton Courtenay and Abingdon should change. It is difficult therefore to understand therefore why the Town Council now wishes to include the land as part of Abingdon.

Should a formal proposal for a Community Governance Review be submitted by Abingdon Town Council, and be progressed by the Vale of White Horse District Council, then Sutton Courtenay Parish Council would wish to be fully consulted and have every opportunity to state its opposition to the proposal.

Perhaps you would kindly keep the Parish Council informed.

Yours sincerely,



Linda Martin  
Clerk to the Council