

Why we are entitled to request a boundary review

The Department for Community and Local Government ( DCLG ) The Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Guidance on community governance reviews 2010

States that boundary reviews can be undertaken by one or more of the following situations:

1. Reaction to specific or local new issues
2. Parish boundaries should reflect the 'no mans' land between communities represented by barriers such as roads
3. Communities expand with new housing development leading to existing parish boundaries becoming anomalous as new houses are built across them resulting in people being in different parishes from their neighbours
4. A review of parish boundaries is an opportunity to put into place strong boundaries, tied to firm ground detail and remove anomalous parish boundaries
5. There are parts of England which are unparished but a community already represented may indicate a suitable area on which to base it's proposal for a new or altered parish
6. The general rule is that a parish is based on an area which reflects community identity and which is viable as an administrative unit

1. *The new specific and local issue is the proposal to build a 'large extension' to Garforth ( LCC Site Allocations Plan 2015) most of this development will be built in Aberford Parish land which borders Garforth*
2. *The building of the M1 has effectively cut off a section of Barwick & Scholes Parish land and split off a large section of Aberford Parish land which lies to the east of Garforth*
3. *Part of Brierlands and all of Ceder Ridge is built in Aberford Parish (as are sections of the industrial estate and the Weigh House on the Aberford Road. Nanny Goat lane lies in Barwick & Scholes Parish. All these properties lying in other parishes pay a precept to the relevant parish council*
4. *These Aberford , Barwick & Scholes residents effectively live in Garforth , have a Garforth address and consider themselves living in Garforth. They do not identify themselves as either Aberford nor Barwick residents. Most of the proposed large extension to Garforth will be in the same anomalous situation. This is an opportunity to review boundaries that make sense on the land( LCC Neighbourhood Planning – Advice for non parished areas ).M1, A63 and the Ridge Road*
5. *Prior to 1974 Garforth was an Urban District Council together with Kippax and Allerton Bywater. Allerton Bywater formed a Parish Council in 2002 and Kippax formed a Parish council in 2004. For reasons that are unclear Garforth did not . The Garforth Neighbourhood Planning Forum are seeking to review the boundaries and ensure that Garforth and it's residents benefit from any further development.*
6. *At present the residents on Nanny Goat Lane, part of Brierlands and all of Ceder Ridge not forgetting the Weigh House identify with Garforth.*