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Good afternoon,

Please see attached a map which contains the proposed boundary for the new Colyford Council, this is what the Colyton Parish Council believe makes sense for the new Council. This line runs roughly along the electoral register, meaning that people living inside the border would already have Colyford as their address, the Parish Council have had lots of messages of concern from residents who feel they have always lived in Colyton and now suddenly face being 'moved' into Colyford!

The Colyton Parish Council also own land at Stafford Cross, the rent from this land goes towards maintaining the cemetery so it would make sense for that land to remain in the Parish.

Kind Regards

Sasha.

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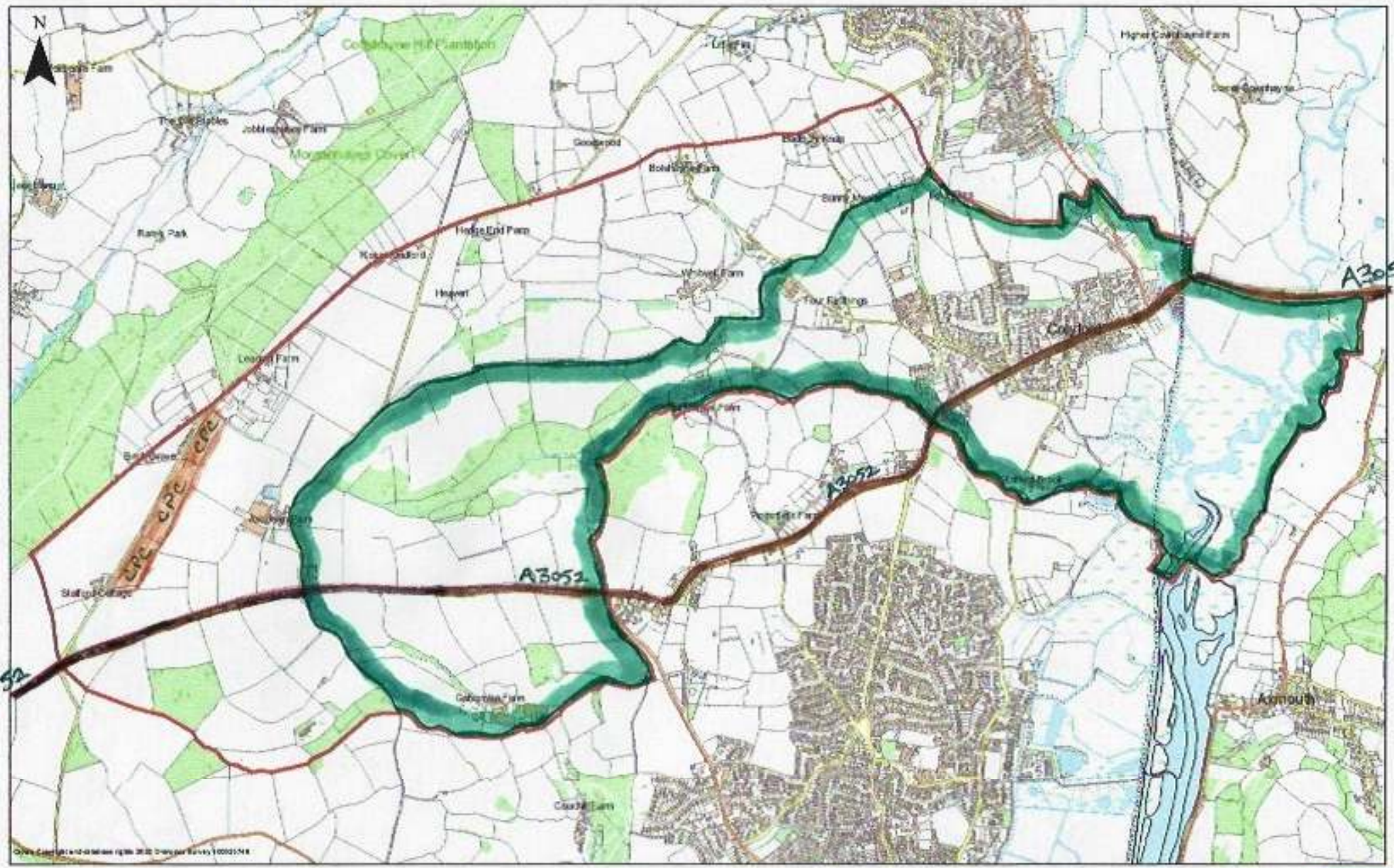
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SUGGESTED COLYFORD PARISH - REVISED
Colyford Parish Council proposed boundary

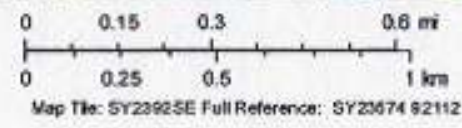
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EMDC PROPOSED COLYFORD PARISH

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Colyton Parish Councils response to the consultation
on creating a new Parish Council for Colyford.

This is the Colyton Parish Council's (CPC) official response to the consultation.

1) The creating of a new Parish.

The CPC disputes the finding that there is enough support for this. This could only be ascertained through a ballot, which we asked for, but EDDC refused.

The decision appears to be based on the response to EDDC's consultation questionnaire, which was sent out in the spring of this year. This was only a questionnaire, not a ballot, and as such very few details of what was involved were given. Despite this, those who made comments in their return, were overwhelmingly against the creation of a new Parish – 200 against, 43 for. EDDC gave little weight to these comments, preferring to use the figure from the tick box at the end of the questionnaire, which showed a majority in favour of creating a new Parish.

With such conflicting results, and because this was not a ballot, the CPC contend that no definitive conclusion could be made from it. We ask therefore, that before the process goes any further, an official ballot is arranged to give all the residents a chance to have their say.

2) Finance.

Whichever boundary is used for the new Parish, Colyton end up with the vast majority of assets and responsibilities. The details are as follows.

Colyton	Colyford
Cemetery	Playpark at Whitwell Lane
Allotments	3 Village Gateways
Millfield	
Umborne Green	
Road Green	
Road Green Playpark	
Picnic Site	
Bridge House Garden	
Baker Memorial Garden	
St Andrews Garden	
Peace Memorial Playing Fields (PMPF)	
Pavilion	
2 Tennis Courts	
Playpark at PMPF	
Memorial Institute	
Rest House at Cemetery	
St Andrews Churchyard	
Rosemary Lane Store	
51 Public Seats	
4 Picnic Tables	
8 Picnic benches	
Majority of footpaths	

To organise and maintain these we have costs:

Part time clerk £10,500.00

Part time maintenance man £14,000.00

Cemetery contract £6,321.00

Grass cutting £2,900.00

Toilet caretaker £1,100.00

Business rates of cemetery and buildings £4,750.00

Insurance £5,000.00

Tree work approx. £1,750.00

Dog bins £1,000.00

Cemetery maintenance £2,000.00

Total £49,321.00

In addition there are other costs not directly relating to these assets. The CPC will still have the vast majority of its current financial responsibilities, but without the £16,911 contribution from Colyford. The CPC ask that these figures are taken into account, and that it retains all its financial reserves and income producing assets, as was done for Ottery when West Hill became independent from Ottery St Mary.

3) Boundary of Colyford Parish.

The proposed boundary for Colyford has no historical precedent. Colyford was never a Parish and therefore had no Parish boundary. The CPC's proposed boundary for the new Parish is based on the electoral register. This boundary includes all residents who are registered to vote in Colyford and therefore would consider themselves 'Colyfordians' and the same for Colyton residents.

One of the advantages for our proposal is that it leaves the three fields owned by the CPC at Stafford Common in Colyton. The value of these fields is around £120,000.00 and it is CPC's biggest reliable asset, as well as providing much needed income (£3606.00 per year) to help maintain the cemetery. We ask that you accept our proposed boundary because of its close association with Colyford.

Thank you for reading our response, if you have any questions resulting from it then please contact the clerk.

Yours,

Andrew Parr,

Chairman of The Colyton Parish Council.