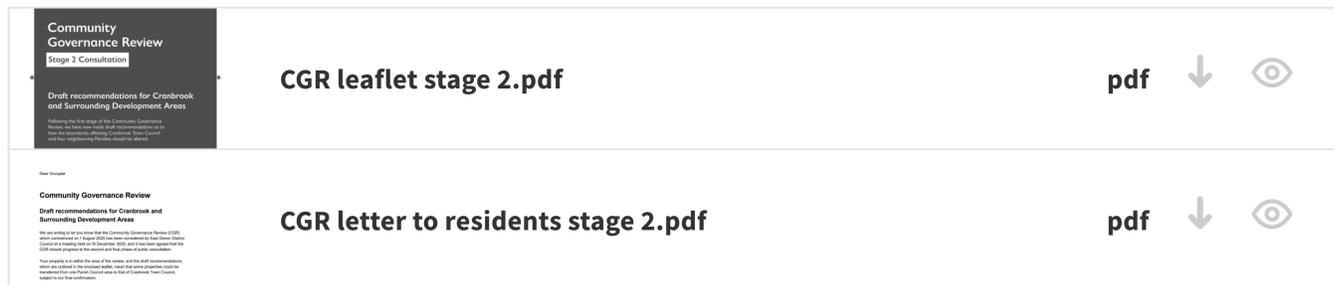


Background and draft recommendations stage 2

Leaflet and letter sent to residents



Please read the background and draft recommendations for stage 2 of the consultation then click the link at the bottom of the page to access the consultation questions.

East Devon District Council received a request from Cranbrook Town Council to carry out a Community Governance Review in order to amend the external parish boundary of Cranbrook Parish to properly reflect the planned expansion of the town.

The Cranbrook area has undergone and continues to undergo significant development and expansion in relation to housing and related development and infrastructure which extends into the area of neighbouring parishes.

In carrying out this review, East Devon District Council must ensure that community governance arrangements reflect the identities and interests of the community in the area, and that they are effective and convenient.

This means that in looking at the boundaries of Cranbrook Town Council, we will also include the boundaries of the four parish councils which are adjacent to it in the review. These are:

- Broadclyst Parish
- Clyst Honiton Parish
- Rockbeare Parish
- Whimple Parish

Following the first stage of this Community Governance Review, East Devon District Council has now made draft recommendations as to how the boundaries affecting Cranbrook Town Council and four neighbouring parishes should be altered.

We want to hear from those living in the areas affected, and other interested parties, their views on these draft recommendations. This means making sure that those affected, and other interested groups, have a say in how their local communities are represented.

The proposals:

1. To the south of Cranbrook Parish an area of land be transferred from **Clyst Honiton** Parish to Cranbrook Parish. This affects an area of land north of Exeter airport and centred around Treasbeare Lane and the western section of Parsons Lane. This area is shown on the map as area A.
2. Between Court Royal and Green Marsh Road are a number of properties, which lie to the north of the London Road but are currently in Rockbeare Parish. It is proposed that the properties to the north of the London Road be transferred from **Rockbeare Parish** to Cranbrook Parish. These areas are shown on the map as area B.
3. To the south east of Cranbrook, centred on Gribble Lane, and lying between London Road and Rewe Lane an area of land be transferred from **Rockbeare Parish** to Cranbrook Parish. This is shown on the map as area C.
4. To the east of Cranbrook Parish an area of land primarily to the west of Cobden Lane (but including a wedge to the east, where this is adjacent to the London Road) be transferred from **Whimble Parish** to Cranbrook Parish. This is shown on the map as area D.
5. To the east of Station Road (and north of London Road) an area of land be transferred from **Broadclyst Parish** to Cranbrook Parish. This is shown on the map as Area E.

Number of Councillors and Warding: Cranbrook Town Council comprises of 12 members and is not divided into wards, with all the Town Councillors elected to serve the whole of the Town Council area.

The draft recommendations are that there should be no changes to the number of elected members or to the warding arrangements of Cranbrook Town Council, and the ordinary year of election will be unaffected.

East Devon District Council Wards and Devon County Council Electoral

Divisions: Cranbrook Town Council is currently “coterminous” (i.e. it exactly matches) with

the boundaries of the Cranbrook ward of East Devon District Council, and it is wholly contained within the Broadclyst electoral division of Devon County Council, bordering the division of Whimble & Blackdown on its eastern edge.

Were the proposed expansions of Cranbrook Town Council to take place, then the area of Cranbrook Town Council would no longer be coterminous with the District Council ward, and it would also include a modest area of the Whimble & Blackdown County Council division on its eastern boundary.

As a result of the various changes to the boundaries of Cranbrook Town Council and the adjacent parish councils listed above, the draft recommendations state that:

East Devon District Council ask the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (the “LGBCE”) to amend the boundaries of Broadclyst ward, Cranbrook ward and Whimble & Rockbeare ward of EDDC so that the boundaries of the expanded Cranbrook Town Council are the same as the boundaries of those wards.

East Devon District Council ask the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (the “LGBCE”) to amend the boundaries of Broadclyst County division and Whimble & Blackdown County division of Devon County Council so that boundary on the eastern side of Cranbrook Town Council is the same as the boundaries of those divisions.

Stage two consultation - **Have Your Say Today - Cranbrook Town Council and surrounding Parishes Stage 2 Consultation - Community Governance Review: Cranbrook And Surrounding Development Areas Consultation**



Community Governance Review

Stage 2 Consultation

Draft recommendations for Cranbrook and Surrounding Development Areas

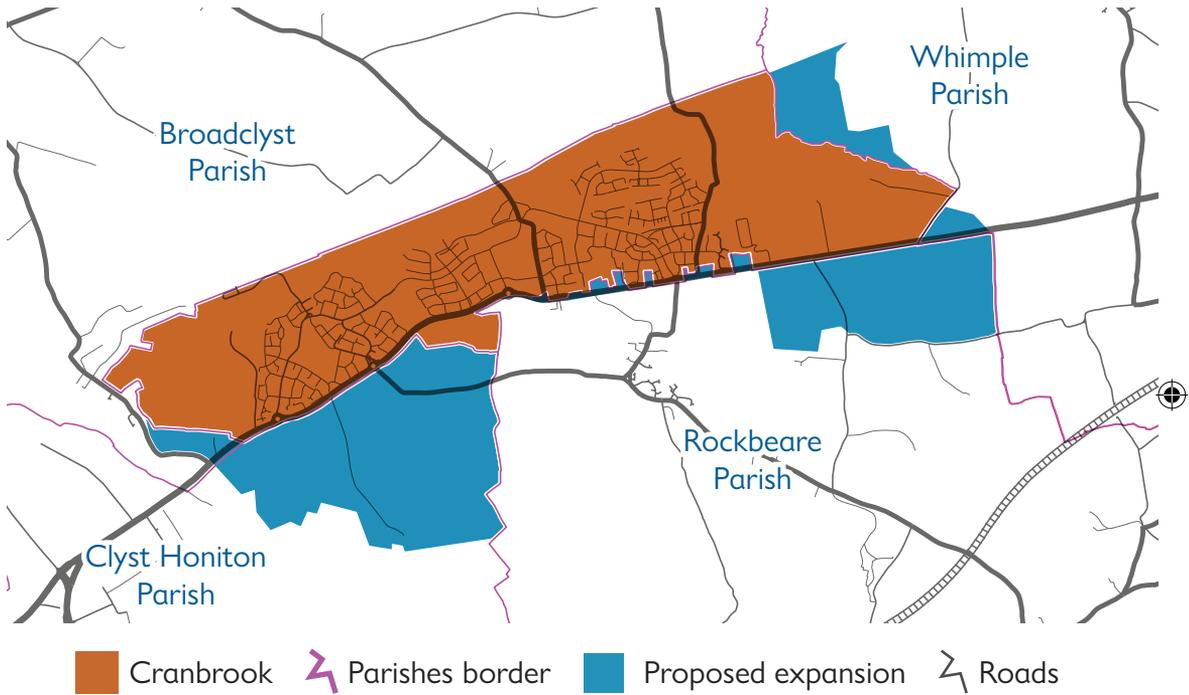
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Draft recommendations

To transfer five areas of land, shown on the map, from their current Civil Parishes and Parish Council areas to the area of Cranbrook Town Council.





What this means

The Council and Parishes

The recommendations do not make any changes to the number of elected members or to the warding arrangements of Cranbrook Town Council, and the ordinary year of election will be unaffected.

If these changes go ahead, then we will write to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England and ask it to amend the wards of our Council and the electoral divisions of Devon County Council so that they match those of the amended Parish boundaries, where appropriate. If there are any fixed assets located in any of these five areas, then these will also be transferred from the existing Parish to Cranbrook Town Council.

Living or working in the areas

As Town and Parish councils do not receive money from central government, they are reliant on income raised from the precept. All of the properties within the area already pay a precept to their Town and Parish Council by their Council Tax. If your property moves from one area to another, your precept amount may change.

Town and Parish Councils deliver important services to the residents in their areas. If your property moves from one area to another, a different Council may therefore provide those services to you.





Have your say

The consultation is live. For more information and to respond with your views, go to eastdevon.gov.uk/cranbrookcgr

Full details and information on the review itself, and the proposals set out in this leaflet can be found on our website. Go to eastdevon.gov.uk/community-governance-review

Closing on 24 April 2026

Contact us if you have any questions

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Addressee name ('The Occupier' as a last resort)
Address lines 1 to 4
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POSTCODE

Dear Occupier

Community Governance Review

Draft recommendations for Cranbrook and Surrounding Development Areas

We are writing to let you know that the Community Governance Review (CGR) which commenced on 1 August 2025 has been considered by East Devon District Council at a meeting held on 10 December 2025, and it has been agreed that the CGR should progress to the second and final phase of public consultation.

Your property is in within the area of the review, and the draft recommendations, which are outlined in the enclosed leaflet, mean that some properties could be transferred from one Parish Council area to that of Cranbrook Town Council, subject to our final confirmation.

The review was undertaken as there is a need to consider the impact of the current and future Cranbrook expansion on Cranbrook Town Council and the Parishes that directly adjoin it.

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Chief Executive: Tracy Hendren

Have your say

This is your chance to have your say on how your local community is represented as part of the democratic process. This is the second, and final, phase of the consultation to determine the boundaries of Town and Parish councils in this area.

We have enclosed a leaflet explaining more about the review and why it is being carried out. The leaflet also details the proposed changes to the current boundaries of Cranbrook Town Council and adjacent Parishes. As a valued resident, organisation or business in the affected area, we are inviting you to give your final comments on the draft recommendations to amend current boundaries, along with providing your comments on those changes.

The consultation is live and closes on 24 April 2026, please therefore ensure you have submitted your response to us before that date. Shortly after that date, we will consider the responses, agree the final recommendations, and an Order will be made to bring them into effect from the elections due in May 2027.

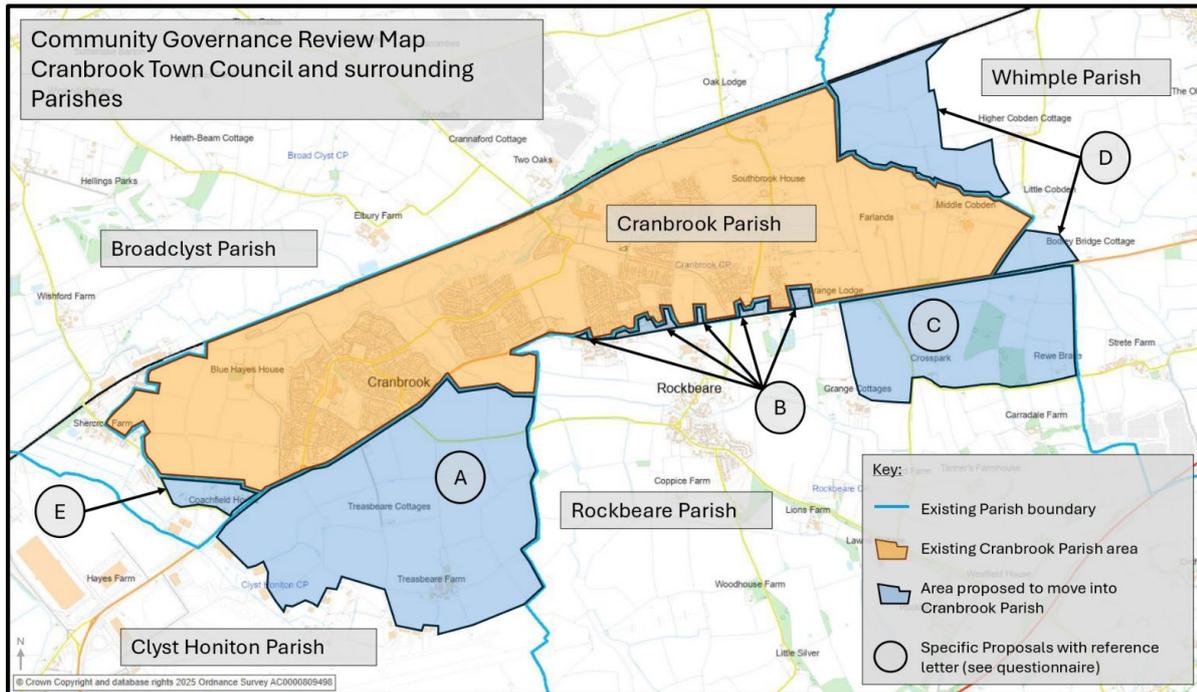
For more information as well as the terms of reference for the review, and the consultation, go to eastdevon.gov.uk/community-governance-review

If you have any specific questions relating to the consultation or the review you can email cranbrookCGR@eastdevon.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Melanie Wellman
Director of Governance

CRANBROOK COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW STAGE 2 CONSULTATION QUESTIONS



Question 1 - Do you agree that an area of land to the south of Cranbrook Parish be transferred from Clyst Honiton Parish to Cranbrook Parish? This affects an area of land north of Exeter airport and centred around Treasbeare Lane and the western section of Parsons Lane. This area is shown on the map as area A.

- Yes, I agree
- No, I do not agree
- Not applicable

Any additional comments for question 1?

Question 2 - Do you agree that an area of land which extends along the London Road between Court Royal and Green Marsh Road be transferred from Rockbeare Parish to Cranbrook Parish. This change would only affect properties that lie to the north of the London Road in this area. These areas are shown on the map as area B.

- Yes, I agree
- No, I do not agree
- Not applicable

Any additional comments for question 2?

Question 3 - Do you agree that an area of land to the south east of Cranbrook, centred on Gribble Lane and lying between London Road and Rewe Lane be transferred from Rockbeare Parish to Cranbrook Parish? This is shown on the map as area C.

- Yes, I agree
- No, I do not agree
- Not applicable

Any additional comments for question 3?

Question 4 - Do you agree that an area of land to the east of Cranbrook Parish, primarily to the west of Cobden Lane, (but including a wedge to the east, where this is adjacent to the London Road) be transferred from Whimble Parish to Cranbrook Parish? This is shown on the map as area D.

- Yes, I agree
- No, I do not agree
- Not applicable

Any additional comments for question 4?

Question 5 - Do you agree that an area of land to the east of Station Road (and north of London Road) be transferred from Broadclyst Parish to Cranbrook Parish. This is shown on the map as Area E.

- Yes, I agree
- No, I do not agree
- Not applicable

Any additional comments for question 5?

Question 6 - Do you agree that East Devon District Council ask the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (the "LGBCE") to amend the boundaries of Broadclyst ward, Cranbrook ward and Whimble & Rockbeare ward so that the boundaries of the expanded Cranbrook Town Council are the same as the boundaries of those wards, and that the Council ask the LGBCE to amend the boundaries of Broadclyst division and Whimble & Blackdown division so that boundary on the eastern side of Cranbrook Town Council is the same as the boundaries of those divisions?

- Yes, I agree
- No, I do not agree
- Not applicable

Any additional comments for question 6?

Question 7 - Do you agree that there should be no changes to electoral arrangements of Cranbrook Town Council and that it should remain unwarded and with 12 members?

- Yes, I agree
- No, I do not agree
- Not applicable

Any additional comments for question 7?

Question 8 - Are there any further comments you would like to add on the stage 2 of the Community Governance Review?

Question 9 - If you would like to be kept informed on the Community Governance Review and the outcome of this second stage of consultation, please provide your name and preferred contact details below: Name / Address / Email

Whimble Parish Council - Forward Plan

Meeting Date	Items for agenda
<p>Monday 16 March 2026</p> <p><i>(agenda published on Tuesday 10 March)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment Schedule – March 2026 • Transfer Schedule – March 2026 • Bank reconciliations to 28 February 2026 • Budget Monitoring to 28 February 2026 • Planning applications (if appropriate) • Grant Applications • Asset Register final review for 2025/26 • Local Government Reorganisation consultation (closing date 26 March 2026) • Neighbourhood Plan sections – 6 Community Amenities and 7 Employment and Business
<p>Monday 20 April 2026</p> <p><i>(agenda published on Tuesday 14 April)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment Schedule – April 2026 • Transfer Schedule – April 2026 • Bank reconciliations to 31 March 2026 • Budget Monitoring to 31 March 2026 • Planning applications (if appropriate) • Internal Control checklist – Quarter 4 • Risk Assessment – Quarter 4 • VAT Return for 2025/26 • Neighbourhood Plan section – 5 Built and Historic Environment
<p>Monday 18 May 2026</p> <p><i>(agenda published on Tuesday 12 May)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Chair • Election of Vice Chair • Payment Schedule – May 2026 • Transfer Schedule – May 2026 • Bank Reconciliation to 30 April 2026 • Budget Monitoring to 30 April 2026 • Planning Applications (if appropriate) • Reserves Report • Finance Report for 2025/26 • Annual Governance Statement for 2025/26 • Accounting Statements for 2025/26 • Internal Audit report for 2025/26 • Public Rights Notice • Standing Orders • Financial Regulations • Statement on Internal Controls • Risk Management Strategy • Banking Arrangements and signatories • Code of Conduct • Scheme of Delegation

Meeting Date	Items for agenda
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor roles and responsibilities (including appointments to outside bodies) • Neighbourhood Plan
<p>Monday 15 June 2026</p> <p><i>(agenda published on Tuesday 9 June)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment Schedule – June 2026 • Transfer Schedule – June 2026 • Bank Reconciliation to 31 May 2026 • Budget Monitoring to 31 May 2026 • Planning Applications (if appropriate)
<p>Monday 20 July 2026</p> <p><i>(agenda published on Tuesday 14 July)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment Schedule – July 2026 • Transfer Schedule – July 2026 • Bank Reconciliation to 30 June 2026 • Budget Monitoring to 30 June 2026 • Planning Applications (if appropriate) • Internal Control checklist Quarter 1 review • Risk Assessment Quarter 1 review • Schedule of meeting dates up to the end of the 2027/28 Municipal Year
<p>Monday 21 September 2026</p> <p><i>(agenda published on Tuesday 15 September)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment Schedule – September 2026 • Transfer Schedule – September 2026 • Bank Reconciliation to 31 July 2026 • Bank Reconciliation to 31 August 2026 • Budget Monitoring to 31 August 2026 • Planning Applications (if appropriate)
<p>Monday 19 October 2026</p> <p><i>(agenda published on Tuesday 13 October)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment Schedule – October 2026 • Transfer Schedule – October 2026 • Bank Reconciliation to 30 September 2026 • Budget Monitoring to 30 September 2026 • Planning Applications (if appropriate) • Internal Control checklist Quarter 2 review • Risk Assessment Quarter 2 review • Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2026/27 Internal Audit
<p>Monday 16 November 2026</p> <p><i>(agenda published on Tuesday 10 November)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment Schedule – November 2026 • Transfer Schedule – November 2026 • Bank Reconciliation to 31 October 2026 • Budget Monitoring to 31 October 2026 • Planning Applications (if appropriate) • Draft Budget for 2027/28 financial year

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<p>Monday 21 December 2026</p> <p><i>(agenda published on Tuesday 15 December)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment Schedule – December 2026 • Transfer Schedule – December 2026 • Bank Reconciliation to 30 November 2026 • Budget Monitoring to 30 November 2026 • Planning Applications (if appropriate) • Final Budget and Precept for 2027/28 financial year • Asser Register review
<p>Monday 18 January 2027</p> <p><i>(agenda published on Tuesday 12 January)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment Schedule – January 2027 • Transfer Schedule – January 2027 • Bank Reconciliation to 31 December 2026 • Budget Monitoring to 31 December 2026 • Planning Applications (if appropriate) • Internal Control Checklist Quarter 3 Review • Risk Assessment Quarter 3 • Insurance update
<p>Monday 15 February 2027</p> <p><i>(agenda published on Tuesday 9 February)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment Schedule – February 2027 • Transfer Schedule – February 2027 • Bank Reconciliation to 31 January 2027 • Budget Monitoring to 31 January 2027 • Planning Applications (if appropriate)
<p>Monday 15 March 2027</p> <p><i>(agenda published on Tuesday 9 March)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment Schedule – March 2027 • Transfer Schedule – March 2027 • Bank Reconciliation to 28 February 2027 • Budget Monitoring to 28 February 2027 • Planning Applications (if appropriate) • Asset Register Final Review for 2026/27
<p>Monday 19 April 2027</p> <p><i>(agenda published on Tuesday 13 April)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment Schedule – April 2027 • Transfer Schedule – April 2027 • Bank Reconciliation to 31 March 2027 • Budget Monitoring to 31 March 2027 • Planning Applications (if appropriate) • Internal Control Checklist Quarter 4 Review • Risk Assessment Quarter 4 Review • VAT Return for 2026/27