

**GREAT EASTHALL ESTATE, TONGE PARISH AREA – INITIAL CONSULTATION RESPONSES AND COMMENTS**

Residents Response (where Q = Questionnaire)

DATE R/C	MEDIA	RESPONDER	IN FAVOUR OF A BOUNDARY REVIEW?	COMMENTS
25/05/2022	Q	000068	YES	Will like to see a GP and more recreational area
26/05/2022	Q	000090	YES	
23/05/2022	Q	000111	YES	
23/05/2022	Q	000112	YES	I'm in favour of this change
29/06/2022	Q	000328	YES	To be able to vote in the community hall on Great Easthall or the nearest walkable polling station
29/06/2022	Q	000329	YES	To be able to vote at the community centre at the bottom of Great Easthall Way
23/05/2022	Q	000355	YES	Great Easthall must present a united front to Hyde Housing and make them explain their changes or terminate their contract
23/05/2022	Q	000356	YES	Great Easthall should be together to manage Hyde Housing properly
23/05/2022	Q	000357	YES	Hyde Housing is a grasping corporation that must be held to account
06/06/2022	Q	000553	YES	
23/05/2022	Q	000556	YES	The only changes should be to move the boundary across to Mulberry Way and the lake. This will keep Great Easthall and Heron Fields under Tonge and all other houses on the other side of the bus lane i.e., Oak Road, under Murston. The lake should also come under Great Easthall and Heron Fields, Tonge. No new houses to be built but the relief road, yes.
08/06/2022	Q	000591	YES	1. Great Easthall is better aligned to Murston geographically. The review should also provide a 2nd driving access to town as we currently only drive through Swale Way and with the increased use of Swale Way by HGVs from Eurolink V, please consider providing an alternative driving route for residents. Thank you. 2. Please adapt Great Easthall roads. Thank you.
26/05/2022	Q	000628	YES	Remove all of Great Easthall from Tonge Parish
26/05/2022	Q	000636	YES	I don't want to stay in Teynham ward
26/05/2022	Q	000637	YES	I feel we are too far from Teynham to be included in that ward. I'm happy to belong to Tonge Parish

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26/05/2022	Q	000015	NO	We want to stay with Tonge Parish Council
26/05/2022	Q	000016	NO	
17/06/2022	Q	000039	NO	If we are removed from Tonge Parish we will be 'unparished' and nobody will be responsible or accountable for our local community
17/06/2022	Q	000044	NO	
17/06/2022	Q	000045	NO	
06/06/2022	Q	000057	NO	
06/06/2022	Q	000058	NO	
25/05/2022	Q	000059	NO	
06/06/2022	Q	000076	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000087	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000088	NO	
26/05/2022	Q	000089	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000104	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000105	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000106	NO	
06/06/2022	Q	000107	NO	We strongly advocate remaining within Tonge Parish Council to benefit from their representation
06/06/2022	Q	000108	NO	I do not believe a review is warranted. I strongly wish to remain in Tonge Parish council with the benefits of parish council support and representation
25/05/2022	Q	000109	NO	
25/05/2022	Q	000110	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000113	NO	I wanted to stay under Tonge Parish, that's why I have my house here. I live on Deane Close.
23/05/2022	Q	000114	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000122	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000123	NO	
30/05/2022	Q	000126	NO	
30/05/2022	Q	000127	NO	
31/05/2022	Q	000129	NO	
01/06/2022	Q	000130	NO	
25/05/2022	Q	000131	NO	Our house price will drop dramatically if merged with Murston.
25/05/2022	Q	000132	NO	Our house price will drop dramatically if merged with Murston.
25/05/2022	Q	000135	NO	
25/05/2022	Q	000136	NO	
09/06/2022	Q	000139	NO	I wish to remain within the Tonge Parish area
09/06/2022	Q	000140	NO	I wish to remain in the Tonge Parish area and do not want to be reviewed.

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26/05/2022	Q	000141	NO	No - Our house values will decrease significantly, and you need to keep the history of Sittingbourne and its surrounding villages intact!! There is a big difference between Tonge and Murston. It needs to stay that way as it has for generations.
09/06/2022	Q	000143	NO	
25/05/2022	Q	000145	NO	
25/05/2022	Q	000146	NO	
26/05/2022	Q	000150	NO	I would like to remain part of Tonge Parish - no need for review
26/05/2022	Q	000151	NO	I wish to remain in Tonge Parish Council
06/06/2022	Q	000152	NO	I would like to remain in the Tonge Parish area. I DO NOT support
06/06/2022	Q	000153	NO	I wish to remain in the Tonge Parish
10/06/2022	Q	000155	NO	
10/06/2022	Q	000156	NO	
27/05/2022	Q	000172	NO	
27/05/2022	Q	000173	NO	
25/05/2022	Q	000176	NO	
25/05/2022	Q	000177	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000180	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000181	NO	
30/05/2022	Q	000187	NO	
30/05/2022	Q	000188	NO	
25/05/2022	Q	000192	NO	
25/05/2022	Q	000193	NO	
13/06/2022	Q	000214	NO	
13/06/2022	Q	000215	NO	We want to stay with Tonge Parish council
13/06/2022	Q	000216	NO	
25/05/2022	Q	000220	NO	
25/05/2022	Q	000221	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000228	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000229	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000230	NO	
24/06/2022	Q	000243	NO	We want to stay in Tonge Parish and NOT move to Murston
24/06/2022	Q	000244	NO	We want to stay in Tonge Parish and not move to Murston
26/05/2022	Q	000261	NO	We want to stay with Tonge Parish Council
26/05/2022	Q	000262	NO	We want to stay with Tonge Parish Council
23/05/2022	Q	000263	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000264	NO	
06/06/2022	Q	000265	NO	We would like to stay under the Tonge parish area
06/06/2022	Q	000266	NO	To stay as Tonge because we would have a parish

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25/05/2022	Q	000267	NO	
25/05/2022	Q	000268	NO	
20/05/2022	Q	000280	NO	
20/05/2022	Q	000281	NO	
30/05/2022	Q	000292	NO	
30/05/2022	Q	000293	NO	
24/05/2022	Q	000299	NO	
25/05/2022	Q	000300	NO	
27/05/2022	Q	000308	NO	I don't want any changes, stay as it is in Tonge Parish
27/05/2022	Q	000309	NO	I want to stay in Tonge Parish area
06/06/2022	Q	000313	NO	We are currently in Tonge Parish and would like to stay in Tonge Parish. We don't support the review
06/06/2022	Q	000314	NO	I do not support the review; we currently fall under Tonge Parish and would like to stay in Tonge Parish
16/06/2022	Q	000320	NO	
17/06/2022	Q	000321	NO	
08/06/2022	Q	000341	NO	
27/05/2022	Q	000350	NO	
30/05/2022	Q	000361	NO	
20/05/2022	Q	000365	NO	
20/05/2022	Q	000366	NO	
20/05/2022	Q	000367	NO	
26/05/2022	Q	000376	NO	
26/05/2022	Q	000377	NO	
06/06/2022	Q	000379	NO	
06/06/2022	Q	000380	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000383	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000384	NO	
01/06/2022	Q	000390	NO	
01/06/2022	Q	000391	NO	
20/06/2022	Q	000412	NO	
20/06/2022	Q	000413	NO	
27/05/2022	Q	000418	NO	
27/05/2022	Q	000419	NO	
27/05/2022	Q	000420	NO	
27/05/2022	Q	000421	NO	
26/05/2022	Q	000424	NO	
26/05/2022	Q	000425	NO	
27/05/2022	Q	000432	NO	
27/05/2022	Q	000433	NO	
27/05/2022	Q	000458	NO	
27/05/2022	Q	000459	NO	
27/05/2022	Q	000460	NO	
27/05/2022	Q	000461	NO	

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23/05/2022	Q	000463	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000464	NO	
06/06/2022	Q	000465	NO	
06/06/2022	Q	000468	NO	I would like to stay in the boundary of Tonge Parish
06/06/2022	Q	000469	NO	I would prefer to remain in Tonge Parish
27/05/2022	Q	000471	NO	
27/05/2022	Q	000472	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000475	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000476	NO	
22/06/2022	Q	000486	NO	I don't agree with Great Easthall (the part that is in Tonge being moved to Murston. I agree with a review. There are proposals to extend Great Easthall eastwards with around 330 houses in total. Moving the boundary to the existing limit of Great Easthall will give rise to the same problem in a few years' time. i would prefer either a) move the boundary westward so that all of Great Easthall is in Tonge or, b) leave the boundary as per the current location.
08/06/2022	Q	000488	NO	
14/06/2022	Q	000489	NO	
26/05/2022	Q	000494	NO	I do not want to be removed from Tonge Parish
26/05/2022	Q	000495	NO	I do not want my household to be placed from Tonge in Murston Parish area
27/05/2022	Q	000496	NO	I wish to remain in Tonge Parish
15/06/2022	Q	000497	NO	
06/06/2022	Q	000500	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000520	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000521	NO	
22/06/2022	Q	000529	NO	Stay in Tonge. We paid a hefty price for these houses due to being in Tonge, why should we miss out on the increase when we come to sell?
22/06/2022	Q	000530	NO	
14/06/2022	Q	000534	NO	<u>I would very much like to remain a part of Tonge Parish.</u> I feel it's really important to have that extra layer of government - people who <u>know</u> and care about the area, and really understand the needs of those areas and people. This is something we should strive to keep - especially as we do fall in a more rural part of the town. If houses are split by the boundary, perhaps the line could be wiggled slightly to slide between the houses and make it more definite for those houses affected. Otherwise, I <u>do not</u> support a review.

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30/06/2022	Q	000576	NO	I do not want a review of the current boundary, and wish to stay part of the Tonge Parish
08/06/2022	Q	000577	NO	
08/06/2022	Q	000578	NO	
08/06/2022	Q	000579	NO	
08/06/2022	Q	000580	NO	
26/05/2022	Q	000581	NO	
26/05/2022	Q	000582	NO	
13/06/2022	Q	000583	NO	
13/06/2022	Q	000584	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000585	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000586	NO	Especially no to moving if the Trenport houses to the side of us get built. Will the boundary move again? Why can't the boundary move to encompass ALL Great Easthall so no divide. Oak Road is the boundary line.
23/05/2022	Q	000587	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000588	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000589	NO	
20/05/2022	Q	000590	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000607	NO	
23/05/2022	Q	000608	NO	
30/05/2022	Q	000630	NO	We wish to remain in the Tonge Parish area
30/05/2022	Q	000631	NO	We wish to remain in the Tonge Parish area
26/05/2022	Q	000633	NO	
24/06/2022	Email	N/A	NO	We do not want the boundary changed

## Borough Ward Members Response

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15/06/2022	Email	Cllr Hall – Murston ward member	YES	I have as you know always supported this project as do 99% of residents
21/06/2022	Email	Cllr Ann Hampshire – Murston ward member	YES	I support the boundary review for the Great Easthall Parish area

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15/06/2022	Email	Cllr Whiting – Teynham & Lynsted ward member	NO	<p>Those of my residents that have contacted me are overwhelmingly in favour of keeping the Tonge Parish boundary as is. This position is supported, to the best of my knowledge, by the Tonge Parish Council.</p> <p><b>Additional Comments</b> - I have some requests to amend the CGR to enlarge the parish to include all of Great Easthall, which those who wrote believe could help galvanise the community across the whole estate within Tonge. Another concern related to me is that the Trenport planning application could add another layer of complexity if it is given the go ahead by planning, which may require a further CG review in the future. Overall, I am content for the review to proceed with the caveat that the additional concerns raised with me by residents are given full consideration.</p>
15/06/2022	Email	Cllr Bowen – Teynham & Lynsted ward member	NO	As Cllr Whiting's comments above

Parish Councils Response

DATE R/C	MEDIA	RESPONDER	IN FAVOUR OF BOUNDARY REVIEW?	COMMENTS
22/06/2022	Letter	Tonge Parish Council	NO	<p>Tonge Parish Council have taken their time and given great consideration to the proposed review of the parish boundary that dissects Great Easthall and separates Heron Fields from Murston. We firmly believe that the decision must be that of the residents and in their best interests and we needed to ensure that they felt in a position to give informed consent. Following your mailshot, we invited them to a meeting on 23rd May 2022 where they could ask us questions face-to-face and to hear from them what they wanted to do, which would inform our response to the Review. We explained that Tonge Parish Council is non-political and our role at this meeting was to empower them to make their decision. Mike Whiting (SBC) and Rich Lehmann (KCC) were also in attendance and answered questions openly; explaining that their roles would stay the same but be undertaken by different councillors. The meeting was well attended, with the overwhelming view that the residents wanted to remain in Tonge Parish and retain their Parish Council. They were a little confused by the questionnaire as although they wanted to say 'No' to the review, some residents wanted to expand the boundary to embrace the whole of Great Easthall, into Tonge Parish. Furthermore, should any further housing developments occur between Heron Fields and Church Road, the issue of a boundary review would raise its head again. Tonge Parish Council <b>do not want</b> a review of Tonge boundary if it means losing Heron Fields; we feel passionately that Heron Fields belongs in Tonge and, although their needs are different from the rural residents of Tonge, we believe we can continue to provide them with the same opportunities and service as the rest of Tonge. In fact, all residents are united in their desires to safeguard rural opportunities/spaces and live happily in a rural community.</p>



KCC Response

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18/05/2022	Email	Cllr Lehmann – KCC member for Swale East Division	NO	<p>Many thanks for your mail. I have a few thoughts on this, but I'll keep them fairly brief. I'm not sure if the information about voter turnout is in any way confidential, which is partly why I am responding directly to you rather than to the consultation email address. Please feel free to remove this paragraph from my comments if you feel it is inappropriate. Having leafleted almost every village in Swale East and canvassed across the area extensively in the spring of 2021, my initial thoughts are that the character of Great Easthall is more aligned with Sittingbourne than with the rural character of Tonge and the wider area to the east. This impression appears to be supported by the data contained in the marked registers for the 2019 borough council elections, which show a significantly lower turnout for this area compared to any other village or parish in Swale East (although it's possible the area had a number of houses at the time of the elections in May 2019, so it's possible this data is unreliable). Having said this, members of Tonge Parish Council spoke very strongly at their council meeting last week about having spoken to a number of residents in Great Easthall who would prefer to remain part of Tonge. If the consultation responses prove that is the case, then I would support their wishes to keep the boundaries as they currently are. On looking at the data from last year's KCC elections, I also note that Sittingbourne North is the second largest single member electoral division in Kent (behind Swale West). Transferring 300+ houses out of a smaller-than-average division and into such a large one feels counterintuitive to me, unless the Sittingbourne North/Sittingbourne South boundary could also be redrawn somewhere to offset the increase that this change would bring.</p>

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16/06/2022	Email	Lizzy Adam – KCC Operations & Client Relationship Manager / Governance, Law & Democracy	See comments	<p>As an update, we've shared the CGR documentation with the relevant KCC Members and invited them to respond directly to you on whether the parish boundaries should be reviewed with ERBC Committee copied in for information. Although KCC has been consulted on the reviews, the Committee is not planning on submitting comments at this stage until the views of the residents are known via the CGR consultation.</p>

## Local Government Boundary Commission Response

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31/05/2022	Email	Richard Buck – Review Manager – Local Government Boundary Commission	<p>After completion of your CGR, you can request related alterations to borough ward boundaries so that they are coterminous with new parish boundaries. I have attached a copy of our joint guidance with the department here. The parts relating to the Commission are Chapters 5 and 6 <a href="https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/lgbce/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/10387/community-governance-review-guidance.pdf">https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/lgbce/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/10387/community-governance-review-guidance.pdf</a></p> <p>None of the parish arrangements in your borough are protected so you can proceed with the parish changes without needing to seek the Commission's consent. However, only the Commission that has the power to make related alterations to borough ward/division boundaries via our related alteration process. As you will see, we will need some information from you before we could consider changing the ward boundaries. The process can take some months to complete as we will need to instruct our lawyers in Cabinet Office to draft an electoral changes order if the Commission agrees to ward boundary changes. The Commission might reject such a request if, for example, the electoral variances that result are considered too high. In terms of timings, this does look a little tight to be sure we could make such changes in time for the May 2023 elections. If we receive such a request after October, we cannot guarantee completion in time for elections in 2023.</p> <p>Happy to discuss further if you would find that useful.</p>