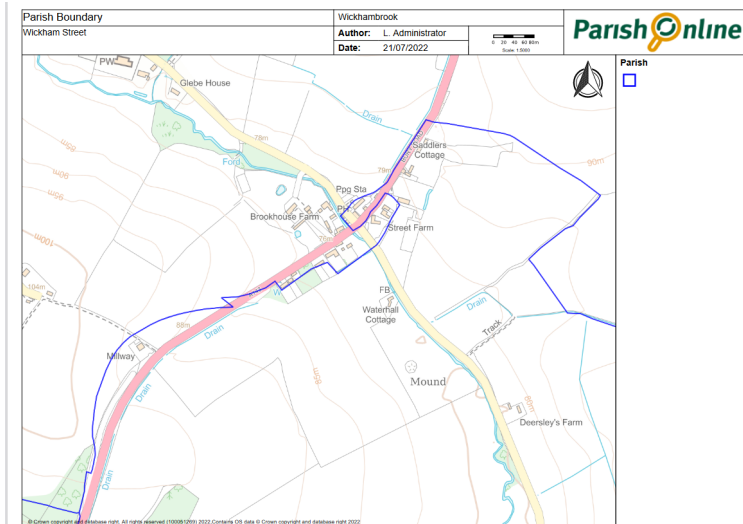
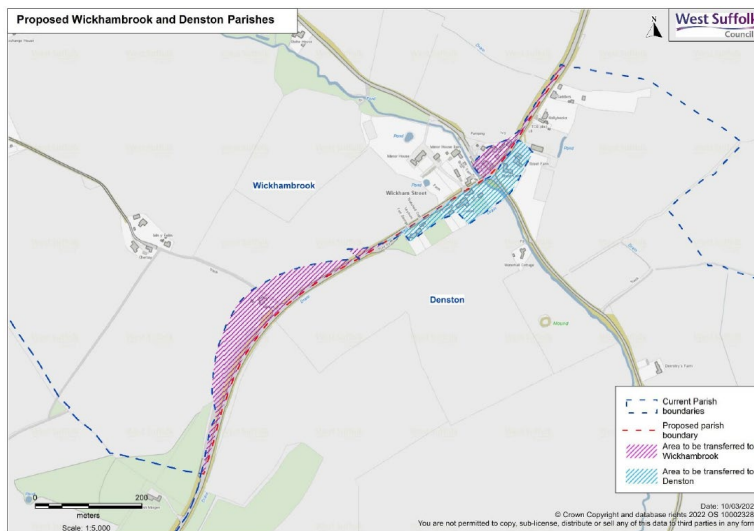


# Community Governance Review: Wickham Street and Denston

In December '21 West Suffolk Council wrote to parish and town councils, elected members and other stakeholders with an interest in community governance to gather information which was then used to inform draft recommendations. This correspondence was reported to the January meeting of the Parish Council and the meeting asked the clerk to report the anomaly of the parish boundary in Wickham Street (**Min. 22.01.07** refers), as shown below:

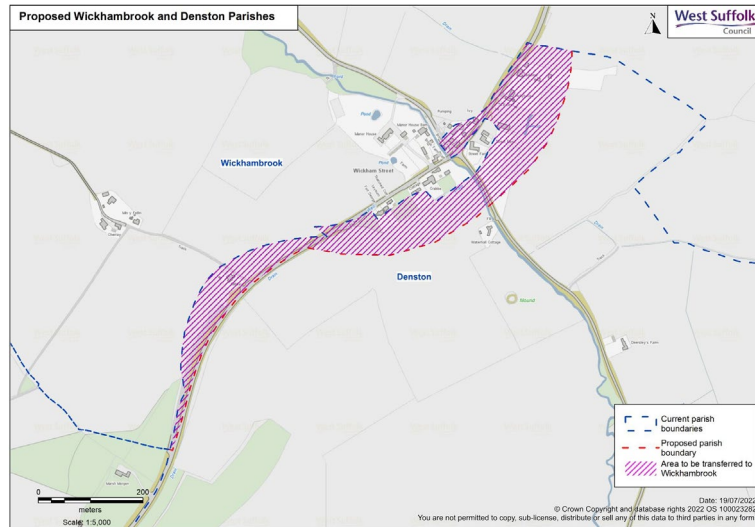


West Suffolk subsequently consulted on a proposal to amend the boundary between Wickhambrook and Denston so that it follows the A143 (attached as **Appendix A**).



## WPC.22.07.05: Community Governance Review

Following a review of the consultation responses West Suffolk is now consulting on a revised recommendation which would amend the boundary between Wickhambrook and Denston parishes so that the properties on both sides of Wickham Street are included within the Wickhambrook Parish area (attached as **Appendix B**).



This would result in a slightly increased tax base (number of properties) and electors for the parish.

### **Action:**

**Councillors are asked whether they support this revised recommendation from West Suffolk.**

No	Area or Properties Under Review	Parishes Directly Affected	Matter covered by the draft recommendation
7	Properties on Wickham Street between Wickhambrook and Denston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Denston</li> <li>•Wickhambrook</li> </ul>	The boundary between Denston Parish Council and Wickhambrook Parish Council be amended so that it follows the A143.

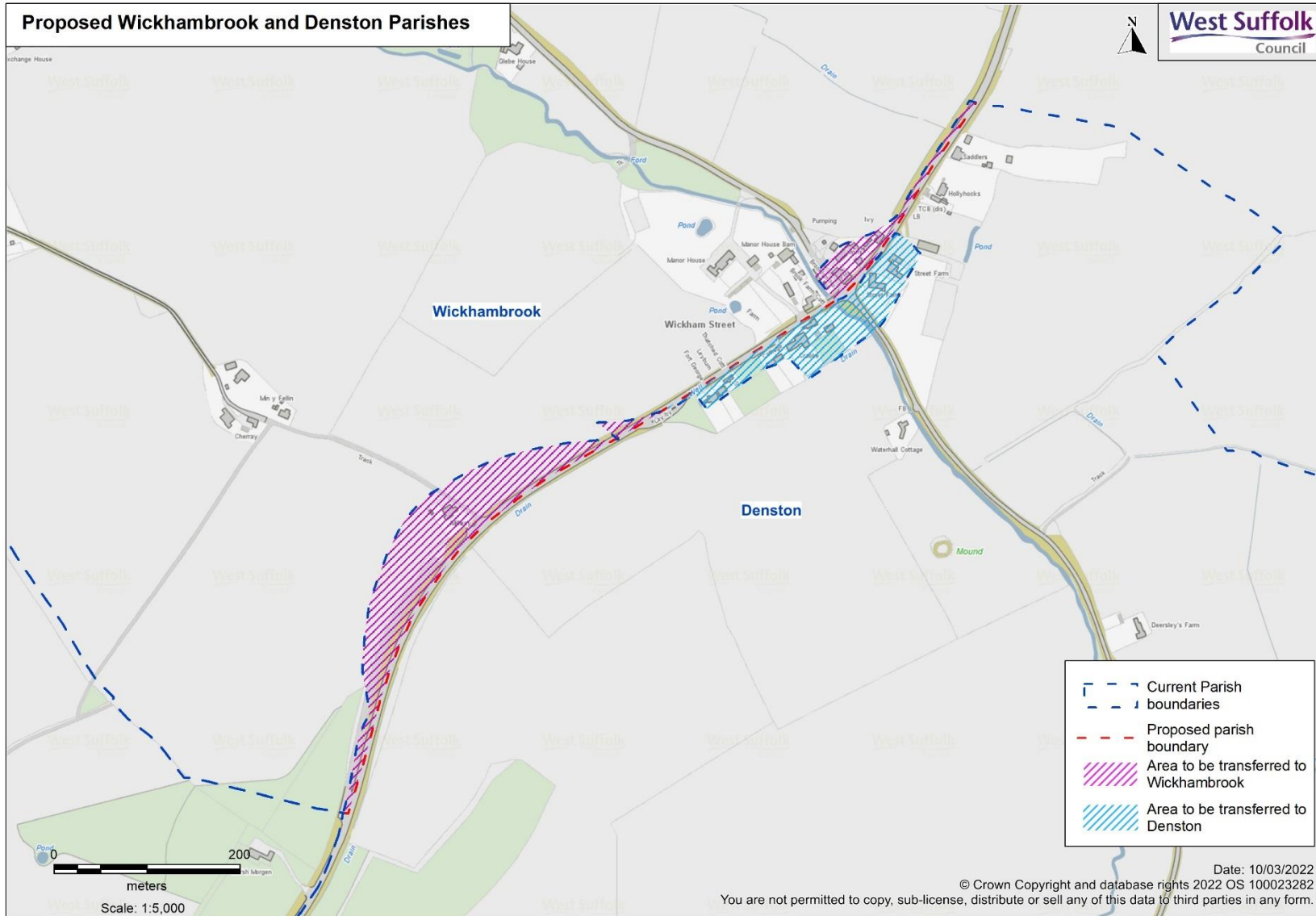
#### **Draft recommendation**

**It is recommended that the boundary between Denston Parish Council and Wickhambrook Parish Council be amended as indicated on the attached map so that it follows the A143.**

The proposed new external parish boundaries for consultation are shown on the map overleaf.

The reasons for the recommendations include:

1. local preference (the proposal was made by the Wickhambrook Parish Council)
2. the recommendation potentially offers parish boundaries to reflect the identities and interests of local residents and offer them more effective and convenient local government as a clearer boundary would be in place.
3. it reflects, in community identity terms, the natural boundary created by the A143.



No	Area or Properties Under Review	Parishes Directly Affected	Matter covered by the draft recommendation
7	Properties on Wickham Street between Wickhambrook and Denston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Denston</li> <li>•Wickhambrook</li> </ul>	The boundary between Denston Parish Council and Wickhambrook Parish Council be amended.
<b>Draft recommendation</b>			
<p><b>It is recommended that the boundary between Denston Parish Council and Wickhambrook Parish Council be amended as indicated on the attached map.</b></p> <p>The proposed new external parish boundaries for consultation are shown on the map overleaf.</p> <p>The reasons for the recommendations include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. local preference</li> <li>2. the recommendation potentially offers parish boundaries to reflect the identities and interests of local residents and offer them more effective and convenient local government as a clearer boundary would be in place.</li> <li>3. it reflects, in community identity terms, the natural boundary created by the properties on Wickham Street.</li> </ol>			

