CGR 16

Parishes Affected

North Moreton, South Moreton

Matter to be considered

Amending the boundary of North Moreton parish to include properties along Dunsomer Hill currently in South Moreton parish

Impact on district and county council boundaries

None

Summary of parish council responses

North Moreton parish council supports the working group's proposal stating:

- it corrects the anomaly of houses on Dunsomer Hill having a North Moreton postal address but being part of South Moreton
- the Dunsomer Hill houses are separated from South Moreton by the railway and several fields, but form a continuous development with the housing on High Street, North Moreton
- at present the last house on the western side of the road is part of South Moreton, but lies on the North Noreton side of the village sign
- newer residents, in particular, are confused by the current situation, having thought they had bought houses in North Moreton. These residents are very supportive of the proposed changes

South Moreton parish council states that it, "does not see any merit in discussing the matter of moving the North Moreton/South Moreton boundary. What is to be gained by such a move? Against it includes the expense of redrawing national maps, moving road signs, changing district planning maps, etc." It goes on to suggest a very minor amendment to the boundary as an alternative. In response to the working group's draft proposals, the parish council maintains its opposition raising various technical matters but not ones relevant to the terms of reference, other than identifying that a children from a number of the affected properties attend school and pre-school in south Moreton.

Summary of other responses

None

Recommendation

To move land currently in South Moreton parish either side of Dunsomer Hill into North Moreton parish, as shown on the attached map

Justification

The southern end of North Moreton village there are 14 properties (all but one on the west side of the road) that lie in South Moreton parish. They form part of North Moreton village and are a little under a mile from the centre of South Moreton village. The working group considers that the interests and identity of the residents of these properties would be served best by them being in North Moreton parish. Placing them in North Moreton parish will also aid effective and convenient representation at parish level

In determining an appropriate new boundary between the two parishes, the working group proposes the London-Bristol railway. This is a strong manmade boundary and also a logical one between the two villages