

**SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**TO:** Electoral Arrangements Committee 25<sup>th</sup> March 2003  
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**CAMBOURNE REVIEW – Third Stage: Council approval**

Introduction

1. The first, consultation draft scheme, stage was widely publicised in the Cambridge Evening News and to 42 named consultee individuals and organisations and copies were delivered by hand to all dwellings in Cambourne itself.
2. A copy of the consultation draft scheme is attached
3. The feedback from the consultation exercise in stage 1 which extended from 13<sup>th</sup> September 2002 to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2002 was as follows by reference to the questions posed in the draft scheme

Q. no.	Matter	Agree	Disagree	Comments
1	New <b>Cambourne</b> ward to have 3 members at outset	24	2	Those that disagreed thought the no of councillors should be 'stepped'
2	Remaining <b>Bourn</b> ward of four parishes to have single member	24	0	
3	Northern boundary of new parish to be as shown	25	1	The dissident thought a wider area was better
4	Other boundaries as shown	25	1	Same as above
5	Proposals not believed to affect parish assets or liabilities of Knapwell, Bourn or Caxton	23	0	3 Don't know
6	No change to present electoral arrangements of those parishes	23	0	3 Don't know
7	New parish should not be warded at outset	23	1	
8	New parish to have 13 parish councillors at outset	23	0	1 Don't know

9	The name should be <b>Cambourne</b>	24	1	The dissident suggested <b>The Cambournes</b> . Another comment was possible confusion with other 'Cambourn(e)'s
10	Effective from May, 2004	24	2	The dissidents suggested should be sooner!

4. Several organisations preferred not to comment including the Cambourne Management Liaison Committee, the South Cambridgeshire Primary Care Trust, English Nature and GO-East. The Parish Councils of Bourn and Caxton were in favour of the draft scheme and, in principle, the CPRE. On the question of possible confusion about the proposed name neither the Post Office nor the Fire Service had any objection
5. The Committee therefore agreed that the draft scheme should be the formal draft proposals and published them for representations. The Notice was published in the Cambridge Evening News on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2002 inviting representations before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2003. The deposited proposals were as stated in the summary given below. An assurance was given that previous representations would also be considered at the second stage without having to be repeated. Because of the overwhelming support of the draft scheme, no other consultations were carried out. No representations were received from any person on the notice of formal draft proposals.
6. This third stage requires the approval of full Council to the final recommendations of this Committee (after the Committee has considered the second stage representations) before submission to the Electoral Commission/Secretary of State

#### Recommendation

7. The Committee recommends to full Council to approve the proposals arising from the review by the Electoral Arrangements Committee for a new parish of Cambourne, consequent electoral changes to the parish boundaries of Knapwell, Bourn and Caxton and revision of ward and parishing arrangements as set out below.

#### SUMMARY: FORMAL DRAFT CAMBOURNE PARISHING REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS (STAGE 2)

1. New parish as set out in the stage 1 maps, the northern boundary following the centre line of the new dual carriageway [A428 Offline].
2. Parish name: **Cambourne**
3. Parish Electoral Arrangements:
  - (a) Cambourne: Unwarded; 13 parish councillors. First election: May 2004; thereafter every four years
  - (b) Bourn: No change [2006 election; thereafter every four years]
  - (c) Caxton: No change [2006 election; thereafter every four years]
4. District Electoral Arrangements

- (a) **Bourn** [adjusted parishes of Bourn and Caxton; parishes of Croxton and Eltisley] was assigned, with the Cambourne element, 3 district councillors in the 2002 Order. This to revert to ONE member; election in 2004; thereafter 2006 and then every four years
- (b) **Cambourne** [new parish of Cambourne only] 3 district councillors, elections in 2004 (all 3 seats), thereafter in 2006, 2007 and 2008 in thirds.
- (c) **Papworth and Elsworth** [Knapwell and 6 other parishes]. 2 district councillors (No change)

**Background Papers:** no unpublished papers were used in the preparation of this report

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