

**Local Government and Public Involvement in
Health Act 2007**

**The West Devon Borough (Reorganisation of Community
Governance) Order 2027 relating to Okehampton Town Council
and Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council**

Made on the 8th day of September 2026

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

West Devon Borough Council ('the Council') in accordance with section 83 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ('the 2007 Act') has undertaken a community governance review and made recommendations dated February 2024:

That the existing boundaries of Okehampton Town Council and Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council are amended in line with the Maps attached in Schedules 1a and 1b.

The Council has decided to give effect to those recommendations and, in accordance with section 93 of the 2007 Act, has consulted with the local government electors and other interested persons and has had regard to the need to secure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community and is effective and convenient.

The Council, in accordance with section 100 of the 2007 Act, has had regard to guidance issued under that section:

The Council makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 86, 98(4) and 240(10) of the 2007 Act.

1. Citation and Commencement

1.1 This Order may be cited as the West Devon Borough (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2027 relating to the parishes of Okehampton Town Council and Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council ('the Order').

1.2 Subject to paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4 below, this Order comes into force on 1st April 2027.

1.3 Articles 4 and 5 (numbers of parish councillors and abolition of wards) shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027.

1.4 For the purposes of:

- a) this article,

- b) article 7
 - c) proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors for the altered parishes of Okehampton Town Council and Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027,
- this Order shall come into force on the day after it is made.

2. Interpretation

In this Order:

‘Borough’ means the Borough of West Devon

‘existing’ means existing on the date this Order is made;

‘maps’ mean the maps marked ‘Map referred to in the West Devon Borough (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2027’ and deposited in accordance with section 96(4) of the 2007 Act and attached as Schedules 1a and 1b to this Order:

‘ordinary day of election of councillors’ has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983; and

‘registration officer’ means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

3. Effect of Order

This Order has effect subject to any agreement under section 99 (agreements about incidental matters) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 relevant to any provision of this Order.

4. Number of parish councillors for the parish of Okehampton Town Council and abolition of wards

- (1) The existing wards of the parish of Okehampton Town Council shall be abolished.
- (2) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Okehampton Town Council shall be fifteen (15).

5. Number of parish councillors for the parish of Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council and abolition of wards

- (1) The existing wards of the parish of Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council shall be abolished.
- (2) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council shall be seven (7).

6. Alteration of parish areas

The area edged purple on the Maps in Schedule 1a (and shown shaded blue on the map in Schedule 1b) shall cease to be part of the parish of Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council and shall become part of the parish of Okehampton Town Council.

7. Electoral register

The registration officer for the Borough of West Devon shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

8. Transfer of property, rights and liabilities

The land, property, rights and liabilities described in column (1) of Schedule 2 shall transfer from Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council to Okehampton Town Council on the date specified in column (2) on payment of £1.00 per asset, for a total of £11.00 (eleven pounds) to be paid on or before 1 April 2027.

9. Order date

1st April 2027 is the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

THE COMMON SEAL of WEST)
DEVON BOROUGH COUNCIL was)
affixed on 8th day of September
2026 in the presence of:

Authorised signatory:

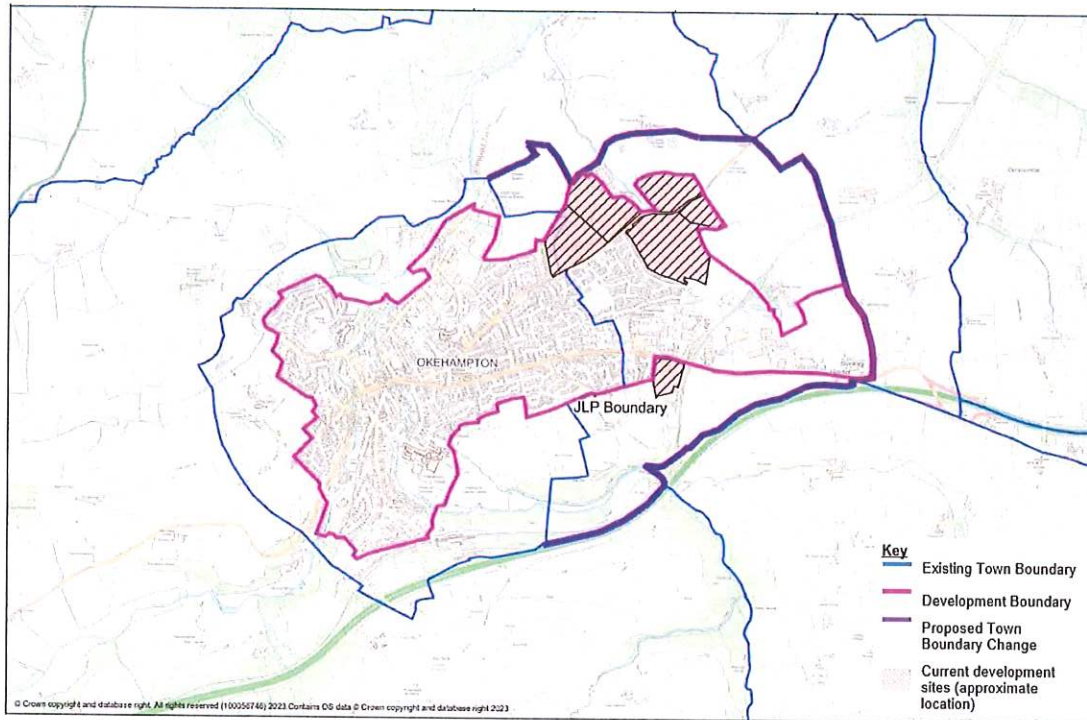
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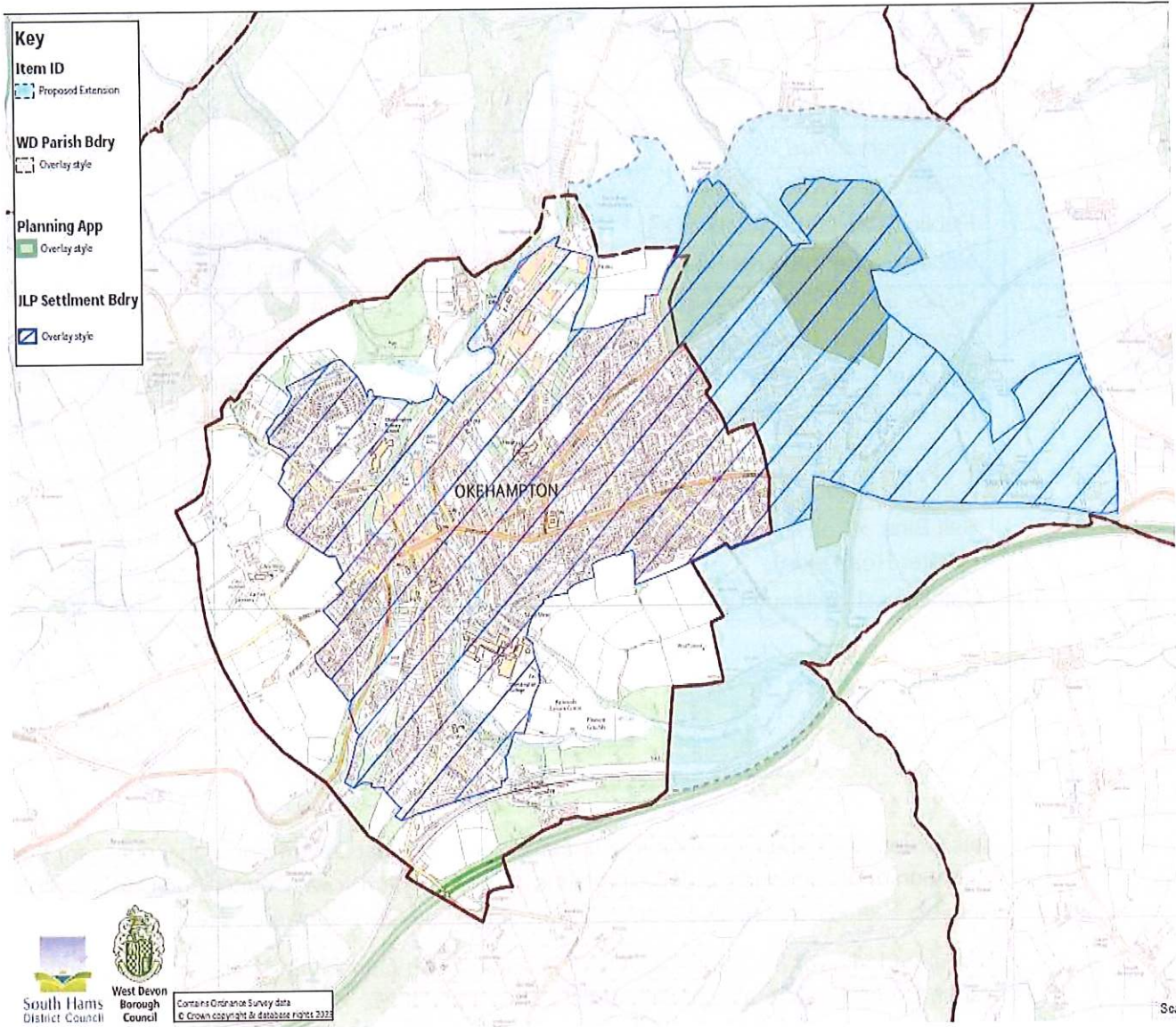
Schedule 1a Map

Article 6



Schedule 1b Map

Article 6



Schedule 2

Article 8

Matters to be transferred

Column (1)	Column (2)	Column (3)
<i>To be transferred</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Payments</i>
Public seat: Gypsy Corner	1 April 2027	£1.00
Public Seat: Chichacott Cross	1 April 2027	£1.00
Notice Board: Meldon Fields	1 April 2027	£1.00
Notice Board: Romansfield	1 April 2027	£1.00
Notice Board: Okehampton Post Office	1 April 2027	£1.00
Dog bin: Fatherford Bridge	1 April 2027	£1.00
Dog bin: Exeter Road	1 April 2027	£1.00
Dog bin: Kellands Lane	1 April 2027	£1.00
Salt Bin: Meldon Fields x1 by noticeboard	1 April 2027	£1.00
Salt Bins: x2 on entrance to Kellands Lane (Exeter Road side)	1 April 2027	£1.00
Salt Bin: x1 Kellands Lane entrance (Crediton Road side)	1 April 2027	£1.00

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by West Devon Borough Council for the alteration of the boundaries of the parishes of Okehampton Town Council and Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council by the amendment of the boundary shown on the Map.

The boundaries of the parishes of Okehampton Town Council and Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council will be altered with effect from 1 April 2027.

The numbers of councillors for each Council are set out in Article 4 along with confirmation of the abolition of wards.

The electoral arrangements apply in respect of parish elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027.

Article 7 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

The map defined in article 2 shows the new boundaries of the parishes of Okehampton Town Council and Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council. It is available, at all reasonable times, at the offices of West Devon Borough Council.