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Attached document to comment on proposed boundary changes to extend Droitwich town boundary to include Doverdale Park Homes, which is currently in the parish of Hampton Lovett.

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## Boundary Changes

While a boundary change may not be directly involved with a planning proposal, it appears to be implicated with the planning application W/22/00201/OUT. We learned at almost the same time of the proposed boundary change as the new planning application. It is proposed to remove Doverdale Park Homes from the Parish Council of Hampton Lovett and include us within an extended Droitwich town boundary, Droitwich West. Apart from a notice to the Parish Council, other residents of Hampton Lovett were **not** notified at the same time. They were **not** initially notified of the current planning application, but it appears that was later achieved. The proposed development would affect them too, regardless of a potential boundary change.

It appears that boundary changes would include the property at Forest End and Doverdale Park Homes. They appear to be the only residential properties to be included. Other areas inside the new proposed boundaries would be the industrial estates from Stonebridge Cross up to the southern side of Doverdale Lane, westward to the northwest corner of Farmbank Plantation, and following its western boundary, southwards down to the edge of the Westwood area. Therefore, potential voters would be from 103 homes, (102 of those homes on Doverdale Park Homes), all the industrial units in the area, west of the A442, the Amazon distribution depot and a large area of tree plantations. Are there residents living in these industrial units or among the trees? Why include us with the industrial units? Homes within the hamlet of Hampton Lovett at the Forest and bordering the Kidderminster Road are not included within the boundary changes. Neither are any of the residences/farms on both sides of Doverdale Lane. They would all remain in the rural setting of Hampton Lovett. According to Hampton Lovett parish council, the residents at Doverdale Park comprise more than half of their voters. This proposed area to be changed has been part of the parish for a very long time. The Significant Gap between our park and Berry Hill Industrial Estate, and the town area would be much less "significant" and the planned development would further fragment the green space.

Being outside the town boundary was an obstacle to plans being passed previously, so such a move now to include us within Droitwich town would potentially remove that obstacle. Would we receive any benefits from being part of the town? Very doubtful. We do not even receive deliveries of the free local newspapers. We have limited transport options, with no urban infrastructure. We are isolated from the town but a big part of Hampton Lovett. Would the proposed boundary change facilitate approval of the submitted plans? Who initiated that boundary proposal and why? Are other boundaries of Droitwich being extended? It does not appear so from the maps submitted. Is it really just this area of Hampton Lovett northwards from Stonebridge Island that includes the land around Doverdale Park Homes?

Doverdale Park Homes wish to remain within the parish of Hampton Lovett, with which we identify much more than Droitwich itself. Many residents interact with those of the hamlet, attend/organise activities at the village hall, attend the church and visit graves. We pay extra council tax as our parish contribution. According to levels proportioned for the coming year, Doverdale Park Homes would be contributing more than £4000 in council tax for Hampton Lovett parish. We are part of this rural community and do not identify with Droitwich, using the town only for shopping, banks, doctors etc. The proposed boundary changes do not appear to show a logical reason for change, unless it is for future development to extend an urban nature of settlement. The Significant Gap needs to be maintained as a green area between Droitwich and the rural setting of Hampton Lovett in its current entirety.