

Review for Brickhill and Clapham Parishes

So, what is a Community Governance Review?

This is a review of parishes and other arrangements by which communities can be represented and through which they can engage. The main aims of a review are to secure future arrangements that:

- Reflect the identities and interests of the communities in the area; and
- Are effective and convenient

And who can have a say?

The Borough Council is consulting electors in the area under review as well as bodies such as the current parish councils that have an interest in the Review. The Borough Council wants to hear what you think should be represented in future parish and other arrangements.

When can I have my say?

You can have your say now using the contact details below. At the website referred to below there is an electronic form to help you submit your comments.

So what will it mean for me?

The consultation invites electors and interested parties to comment on the future arrangements of the Parishes concerned. One part of this review will look at Parish boundaries in respect of an area of land currently located within Clapham Parish (e.g. the area of St Thomas More Roman Catholic School and that section of Ashmead Road that is currently within Clapham Parish). Other matters that can be addressed are the arrangements of the currently unparished area of Clapham Borough Ward (known as polling district BQ). The Borough Council will consider the consultation responses that are received by 14th September 2016. There will be a second consultation in relation to any detailed recommendations for the future. This is programmed for 24th November 2016 to 21st February 2017 and will mean that you can have your say as to whether you agree or disagree with them. No changes will be made until after the consideration of your views.

Where do I find out more?

The Terms of Reference for the Community Governance Review are available on the Council's website www.bedford.gov.uk/Brickhill_Clapham

You may also request a copy from Democratic & Registration Services, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford MK42 9AP, telephone: 01234 276914 or email communitygovernance@bedford.gov.uk

You can also attend meetings of Brickhill and Clapham Parish Councils on the below dates to find out more and ask questions.

Does this determine school catchment areas?

No. This process is not about catchment areas and it is not about which MP or Borough Councillors will represent you.

Public meetings

Public meetings will be held to discuss the Review on Thursday, 4th August 2016 at 7.15pm at The Small Hall, St Mark's Church, Calder Rise, Brickhill, Bedford MK41 7UY

