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For the attention of the Dermott Pearson - Legal & Democratic Services

Dear Dermott,

Re: Community Governance Review – Orgreave Parish Boundary

At its meeting held on Thursday, 15th March 2018 it was agreed by members of Orgreave Parish Council to formally write to Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC) to register its views on the current consultation.

Orgreave Parish Council **opposes** Option 1.

The Parish Council feels that it is for the electorate living within the whole of Waverley development & the Parish of Catcliffe to decide which of the other options they support (Option 2, 3 or 4) however Orgreave Parish Council does support the forming of a new parish for the whole of the Waverley Development (as detailed in Option 3).

As previously stated by the Parish Council in the previous Community Governance Review abandoned in 2015:

- there is no synergy between the community of Orgreave and the new, ever expanding, housing development within Waverley.
- there is no defined boundary between the parishes of Orgreave & Catcliffe.
- there are no direct transport links between Orgreave & Waverley.
- there are no social activities joining the two areas (play-groups, coffee mornings etc.)

The recent Local Government Boundary Review proposed that the community of Orgreave and the Waverley development become their own Polling Wards, each within separate Polling districts. This proposal adds weight to re-aligning the current parish boundary to reduce the current size of Orgreave Parish and creating a new Parish for Waverley.

The Parish Council has:

- wrote to everyone on the Electoral Register, within the community of Orgreave (573) and those residents within the southern area of Waverley (920), all currently living within the Orgreave Parish Boundary.
- provided every individual elector with a consultation response form and detailed maps relating to each of the 4 options.
- urged all the electorate to support the Parish Council by opposing Option 1.
- informed the electorate that it supports the forming of a new parish for the whole of the area within the Waverley Development (Option 3).

Orgreave Parish Council is currently collating completed consultation response forms received from the electorate and these will be delivered to RMBC before the 16th April 2018.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Morris', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

D. Morris
Clerk & Finance Officer