



COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

ORGREAVE PARISH COUNCIL

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN
HEALTH ACT 2007**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE
Proposed**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Aims of Review

Following requests from Orgreave Parish Council, Rotherham Borough Council (the Principal Council), has resolved to undertake a Community Governance Review pursuant to Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, to consider

- a) Whether to alter the area of the existing Parish of Orgreave and
- b) Whether to establish a new Parish for the area to be named Waverley

1.2 Why undertake a Community Governance Review?

A Community Governance Review provides an opportunity for principal authorities such as Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council to review and make changes to community governance within their area.

A Community Governance Review is a review of the whole or part of the District to consider one or more of the following:-

- creating, merging, altering or abolishing Parishes.
- the naming of Parishes and the style of new Parishes
- the electoral arrangements for Parishes (the ordinary year of election; Council size; the number of Councillors to be elected to Council; and, Parish Warding).
- grouping Parishes under a common Parish Council or de-grouping Parishes.

The Government has emphasised that, ultimately, recommendations arising from Community Governance Reviews ought to bring about improved community engagement, more cohesive communities, better local democracy and result in more effective and convenient delivery of local services.

1.3 Scope of the Review

The Review will specifically consider whether to alter the area of the existing Parish of Orgreave in order to establish a new parish for the area to be named Waverley

Orgreave Parish Council has served a petition on the Principal Council to alter the area of the existing Parish of Orgreave and to establish a new parish for the area to be named Waverley.

The reasons for the petition are:-

- (i) data from the Orgreave Parish Council Boundary Consultation shows that 78% of respondents believe that a new parish should be created (i.e. Waverley Parish);
- (ii) the new Waverley housing development will provide significant changes to the population within the existing Parish of Orgreave;
- (iii) the existing parish boundary between Orgreave and Catcliffe has become anomalous as houses in the Waverley development are built across the boundary with no clearly defined boundary;
- (iv) there are no direct transport links between the two communities;
- (v) there is no "cohesion" between the two communities. They do not share any common

facilities i.e. schools and childcare, leisure centres, local transport facilities, community activities or places of worship; and

- (vi) the new development has already committed to its own identity “Waverley” and is to be managed under its own management committee.

2. THE LEGISLATIVE POSITION

The Local Government Act 1972 , as amended, specifies that each Parish Council must have at least five Councillors, there is no maximum number.

3. CONSULTATION

Before making any recommendations or publishing final proposals in line with legislative requirements, the Principal Council will take full account of the view of local people. The Principal Council will comply with legislative requirements by:-

1. Consulting Local Government electors for the area under review –
 - A Notice will be published in the relevant newspaper, on the Council’s website and the Notice Boards of the Parish. The Terms of Reference of the Review will be published on the Council’s website and sent to the Clerk of the affected Parish.
2. Consulting the Principal Council’s Councillors representing the areas affected by the Review –
 - Letters will be sent enclosing the Notice of Terms of Reference of the Review.
3. Consulting with the relevant Area Assembly.
4. Taking into account any representations received in connection with the Review.

When taking account of written representations, the Principal council is bound to have regard to the need to secure that community governance within the area under the review:

- Reflects the identities and interests of the community in that area; and,
- Is effective and convenient

In order to ensure that this review is conducted transparently, as soon as practicable, the Principal Council will publish its recommendations and take such steps as it considers sufficient, to ensure that persons who may be interested in the review are informed of the recommendations and the reasons behind them.

The Principal Council will also notify each consultee and any other person or bodies that have made written representations, of the outcome of the review.

4. CURRENT ELECTORATES

Using the Register as at 15th December 2014, the electorate for the existing Parish area is as follows:-

Parish/Ward	Electorate
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Orgreave	754
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5. ELECTION RESULTS

The last available results for the parish of Orgreave are for Thursday 5th May 2011. The election was uncontested and the persons below were elected to be Parish Councillors for Orgreave.

Name of Candidate	Home Address
CLEAR Mary	7St James Walk, Orgreave, S13 9XP
FARGHER Michael James	9 St James Walk, Orgreave, S13 9XP
HOLDER Margaret	21 Hail Mary Drive, Orgreave, Rotherham, S13 9XW
MARSH Susanne Yvonne	21 St James Walk, Orgreave, S13 9XP
SLATER Joan	22 Hail Mary Drive, Orgreave, Rotherham, S13 9XW
THORNSBY George Antony	27 St James Walk, Woodhouse Mill, Sheffield, S13 9XP

6. TIMETABLE FOR THE REVIEW

Action	Timetable	Outline of Action
Terms of Reference are published	1 st June 2015	Principal Council publishes Terms of Reference and notifies stakeholders, clearly defining the extent of the review.
Consultation	1 st June 2015 – 28 th August 2015	Views on the proposals sought from interested parties.
Final proposals prepared and published	31 st August 2015 – 30 September 2015	Report to Council on outcome of consultation and approval of final recommendations.
Consultation on final proposals	1 st October 2015 – 30 th November 2015	Copies of final proposals published on website and sent to all interested parties.
Council approval of Order	1 st December 2015 – 31 st January 2016	Report to Council on approval of Order to implement changes
Implementation of Changes	1 st April 2016	

7. YOUR VIEWS

If you would like to say how you view potential future arrangements under these Terms of Reference, please submit your written comments no later than 28th August 2015 to:-

Stuart Fletcher
Service Manager – Commercial, Property & Information Governance
Legal & Democratic Services
Rotherham MBC
Riverside House
Main Street
Rotherham
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Alternatively your submission may be emailed to
stuart.fletcher@rotherham.gov.uk

Should you require any further information or need clarification on the review process, please contact:-

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These Terms of Reference will be published on the Borough Council website: www.rotherham.gov.uk and will be available for public inspection at the Riverside House, Main Street, Rotherham, S60 1AE. Notices advertising this Community Governance Review and the availability of these Terms of Reference will also be posted within the Parish.