

COUNCIL

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REPORT OF	Councillor Harness, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Helen Isaacs – Assistant Chief Executive
SUBJECT	Parish Council Community Governance Review
STATUS	Open

CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS

The Council has two strategic priorities – Stronger Economy and Stronger Communities. Within that second priority, the parish council community governance review will have potential impacts on local democracy for the thirteen Parish Councils and one Town Council in North East Lincolnshire.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The third period of public consultation (15th December 2023 to 26th January 2024) on the Parish Council Community Governance Review has now been completed. This concerned a suggested change to the parish boundary between Barnoldby Le Beck and Waltham Parish Councils. The findings were considered by the Communities Scrutiny Panel on 22nd February 2024. The Panel has unanimously agreed a recommendation to Council on a proposed change to the parish boundary and also made recommendations concerning various administrative tasks required to complete the review.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Communities Scrutiny Panel unanimously recommended the following to Council:

1. To receive and note the feedback received during the third consultation phase of the parish council community governance review as set out in Appendix 1.
2. To support option 2 (move five properties from Waltham parish to Barnoldby Le Beck parish) for the proposed new parish boundary between Waltham and Barnoldby Le Beck parish councils, with Bradley Road made the new parish boundary with effect from the May 2027 parish council elections.
3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance make a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order to implement the changes to parish council boundaries agreed by Council during the second and third consultation phases.
4. That the Electoral Registration Officer be asked to incorporate the changes to Immingham Town Ward boundaries and Barnoldby Le Beck and Waltham parish boundaries into the electoral registers to be published on 1st December 2026.

5. That the Returning Officer be asked to implement the changes to the parish boundaries at the next full Parish Council elections in May 2027.
6. That the Assistant Chief Executive be asked to publish the Order, notify organisations of the changes made to parish boundaries in accordance with legislation, and complete any administrative tasks to conclude the review.

REASONS FOR DECISION

Members are required to make a decision on the proposed parish boundary between Barnoldby Le Beck and Waltham Parish Councils. In considering the feedback, Members of the Communities Scrutiny Panel felt that option 2 was their preferred choice for the following reasons:

- Bradley Road would be a clearly defined boundary line between the two parishes, which was a requirement of the guidance from the Secretary of State and Local Government Boundary Commission for England in 2010.
- It would cause less disruption to residents of both parishes, with only 5 properties moving parish.
- Removing 71 out of 186 properties from Barnoldby Le Beck parish for option 3 could have a considerable impact on the viability of the parish and, in particular, its finances.

The proposed changes to parish boundaries (including the changes made to Immingham Town Council in the second consultation phase agreed at Council on 14 December 2023) will be subject of a Reorganisation Order that will take effect from the next parish council elections scheduled for May 2027. Officers will need to make the Order and ensure that it is published and distributed in accordance with legislation.

The Electoral Registration Officer will need to publish an electoral register incorporating the changes to the parish boundaries in December 2026, and then the Returning Officer will need to hold elections on these new boundaries at the next full parish council elections in May 2027.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1 At Council on 25th May 2023, Members resolved to undertake a Community Governance Review covering all parishes in North East Lincolnshire. The report set out the scope for the review, terms of reference, proposed method of consultation and proposed timetable.
- 1.2 Initial submissions on the current parish councils, together with any general comments and/or requests for new parish councils were invited between 2nd June and 28th July 2023.
- 1.3 Members of the Communities Scrutiny Panel considered the feedback received during the first consultation period on 15th August 2023. The Panel made a recommendation to Council to change Immingham Town Council Ward boundaries, in accordance with a north/south split along Pelham Road which had been recommended by Immingham Town Council. The electoral and governance arrangements for the remainder of the parish councils were recommended to

remain unchanged. No new parish councils were proposed for North East Lincolnshire.

- 1.4 These recommendations were agreed by Council on 7th September 2023. For the purpose of the community governance review, these recommendations became draft recommendations which were then subject to a second period of public and stakeholder consultation. This consultation was undertaken between 8th September and 3rd November 2023.
- 1.5 The Communities Scrutiny Panel considered the feedback from the second consultation phase on 23rd November 2023. The Panel noted the support from a majority of residents of Immingham for the change in Town Ward boundaries from May 2027. It was agreed to recommend this change to Council. For the remainder of the parish councils in North East Lincolnshire, it was agreed to recommend no change to the electoral or governance arrangements, except for a potential change which had been requested from a number of people to the parish boundary between Barnoldby Le Beck and Waltham Parish Councils.
- 1.6 During the second consultation period, submissions were received to move five properties from the Barnoldby Le Beck side of Bradley Road, which were in Waltham parish, into Barnoldby Le Beck parish. Further representations had been made to move the properties on the Barnoldby Le Beck side of Bradley Road from Barnoldby Le Beck parish into Waltham parish. The Scrutiny Panel agreed to recommend to Council that consultation be undertaken with residents and both parish councils on these options, as well as no change. Council endorsed all of these recommendations at its meeting on 14th December 2023.

Barnoldby Le Beck / Waltham Parish Boundary

- 1.7 Every household in Barnoldby Le Beck and Waltham and both parish councils were contacted and asked for their views on the proposals. It should be noted that there are 3,226 properties in Waltham (with 5,097 electors on the electoral register) and 186 properties in Barnoldby Le Beck (with 352 electors). The consultation period was held between 15th December 2023 to 26th January 2024.
- 1.8 255 responses were provided through the online portal during this period. Furthermore, 49 email or postal responses were received. These are set out in full at Appendix 1 – which also sets out a breakdown by parish of the responses received through the portal and by email/post. The total number of votes cast for each option (see Appendix 2 for each option) were:

Option	Online Votes	E-Mail Votes	Total Votes
1 - No change	30	6	36
2 - Move 5 properties on Bradley Road into Barnoldby Le Beck	67	13	80
3 - Move Properties from Barnoldby Beck side of Bradley Road into Waltham	156	30	186
4 - No view/preference	2	0	2
Total Votes			304

1.9 Both parish councils have also made representations:

- Barnoldby Le Beck Parish Council - The Parish Council voted Option 2 - to bring the handful of homes currently residing in Waltham Parish into Barnoldby le Beck parish - to join the rows of homes both to the left and right of them, that are already in Barnoldby le Beck Parish council. It was a unanimous vote and was also echoed by residents who attended the open forum at the beginning of the meeting.
- Waltham Parish Council - The Parish Council considered this at the meeting on Tuesday 9th January and agreed that out of the three options, option 3 was the preferred one. The Parish Council asked if it is still possible to make further suggestions? With Option 3, the Council discussed a potential boundary line that extended South of Barnoldby Road. An application for a housing development is currently awaiting NELC decision and the site runs south of Willow Park (parallel to Oakfield on your map).

1.10 With regard to the request from Waltham Parish Council, no representation was made to this effect from Waltham Parish Council or anyone else during the two main consultation periods. If Members are to consider this option, there would need to be a further period of public consultation on this option. If agreed, every household in both parishes and both parish councils would need to be consulted. There is a legal requirement to complete the review within a maximum period of one year (before 25th May 2024) so a special meeting of Council may need to be held before that date.

Parish Council Boundaries – Guidance from Secretary of State and Local Government Boundary Commission

1.11 The Council is required to consider any requests to amend current parish council boundaries, including creating/amending/removing parish Wards. Guidance recommends from the Secretary of State and Local Government Boundary Commission in 2010 states that parish boundaries should use recognisable barriers (e.g., rivers, roads, etc.) if they are being amended, wherever possible.

1.12 In reaching conclusions on boundaries between parishes, the Council will take into account community identity and interests in an area and will consider whether any particular ties or linkages might be broken by the drawing of particular boundaries. Equally, the Council, during its consultations, should be mindful that proposals which are intended to reflect community identity, and local linkages should be justified in terms of sound and demonstrable evidence of those identities and linkages.

1.13 In any event, the Council will endeavour to select boundaries that are, and are likely to remain, easily identifiable as well as taking into account any local ties which might be broken by the fixing of any particular boundaries.

Communities Scrutiny Panel – Discussion of Feedback from Third Consultation Period

- 1.14 On 22nd February 2024, Members of the Communities Scrutiny Panel gave full consideration to the feedback received to the third period of consultation regarding the Barnoldby Le Beck and Waltham parish council boundary. Although the Panel noted that more votes had been received for option 3, Members were mindful that there were considerably more properties in Waltham than Barnoldby Le Beck.
- 1.15 Officers confirmed that there were 187 properties in Barnoldby le Beck parish and 3,026 properties in Waltham parish. On the electoral register, there were 352 electors in Barnoldby Le Beck parish and 5097 electors in Waltham parish. Despite the significant difference in the size of the parish, a Member commented that a third of the total votes had come from Barnoldby Le Beck and nearly half had come from Waltham.
- 1.16 During discussion of the proposed boundary options, the importance of having a clear boundary line, as per the Government guidance, was stressed. Bradley Road, which was the proposed boundary line in option 2, was the clearest definable option between the two parishes. Furthermore, Members felt that option 3 would remove too many properties from Barnoldby Le Beck parish, which still needed to grow as a parish. Option 2 was also felt less disruptive as only five households would be affected.
- 1.17 A discussion then ensued regarding the potential impact on parish precepts if either option 2 or 3 were implemented from May 2027. It was confirmed parish councils request a precept level and then this is funded from the properties in the parish through the parish precept. By removing a significant number of properties in Barnoldby Le Beck through option 3, the parish council might either need to re-consider how much it requests, or households may be required to pay more in parish precept.
- 1.18 Members of the Communities Scrutiny Panel then unanimously agreed to recommend option 2 to Council for the reasons set out above and also a number of administrative tasks to complete the review as set out below.

Conclusion of the Parish Council Community Governance Review

- 1.19 The final recommendations agreed by Council during the second and third consultation phases will be subject of a Reorganisation Order. This Order will be published together with the reasons for the changes and maps. These can be viewed on the Council's website and will be available for public inspection at the Municipal Offices.
- 1.20 The changes to the town and parish council boundaries will be made to the electoral register published on 1st December 2026. These will then take effect from the next full town and parish council elections scheduled for May 2027.
- 1.21 Following conclusion of the review, the Team Manager (Elections) will notify all relevant organisations (e.g., relevant Parish Councils, Electoral Commission, etc) in accordance with legislation.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- 2.1 There is a risk that someone could challenge the outcome of the community governance review through judicial review. Council officers will mitigate against this by ensuring that at all times the council follows the requirements laid down in the 2007 Act and guidance.
- 2.2 The main risk is that the council fails to meet the statutory requirement to complete the review within twelve months. The terms of reference for the review were set out the timetable for the review presented to Council on 25th May 2023.

3. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Before any decision is reached on any changes to parish council governance and/or electoral arrangements, the Council is required to consult and should show regard to the responses received back in coming to any proposed changes in the electoral arrangements and/or governance of parish councils in North East Lincolnshire.
- 3.2 All households and parish councils were asked for their views on the current arrangements, as well as other stakeholders, at the beginning of June 2023. A second period of public consultation was held between 8th September and 3rd November 2023. A third period of public consultation on the Barnoldby Le Beck and Waltham parish boundary issue was held between 15th December 2023 and 26th January 2024.

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 There will be some financial costs involved in undertaking this review (e.g. postage). These costs will be met from within existing budgets.

5. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no children and young people implications arising from this report.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no implications to climate change or the environment arising from the matters contained in this report.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no significant financial implications arising from the decision. However, it should be noted that if the parish boundary is changed, this will potentially impact on the precepts for Barnoldby Le Beck and Waltham parish councils from the next full parish council elections in May 2027.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 In carrying out the parish council community governance review, the Council must follow the requirements laid down in the Local Government and Involvement in Public Health Act 2007. It must also pay heed to the joint guidance on community governance reviews published by the Department of Communities and Local Government and Local Government Boundary Commission for England in March 2010.

8.2 The product of the consultation must be conscientiously taken into account in making the decision.

8.3 The Council will implement any changes by making a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order.

9. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no human resource implications arising from the decisions in this report.

10. WARD IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The report impacts on all Wards that contain parish councils. In addition, during the first two consultation phases, new parish councils were suggested by consultation respondees for other areas in North East Lincolnshire.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Council – 25 May 2023 [Council – Special Meeting | Democracy \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

Communities Scrutiny Panel – 15th August 2023 [Special – Communities Scrutiny Panel | Democracy \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

Council – 7th September 2023 [Special Meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council | Democracy \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

Communities Scrutiny Panel – 23rd November 2023 [Special – Communities Scrutiny Panel | Democracy \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

Council – 14th December 2023 [Council | Democracy \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

Communities Scrutiny Panel – 22nd February 2024 [Communities Scrutiny Panel | Democracy \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

Legislation:

- The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007
- Guidance published by the Secretary of State and Local Government Boundary Commission for England in March 2010: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/8312/1527635.pdf

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North East Lincolnshire Council
Parish Council Community Governance Review
Stage 3 Consultation Responses

On-line Portal Responses

Breakdown of Responses from Portal

Resident of:	Option 1 - No change	Option 2 - Move 5 properties on Bradley Road from Waltham into Barnoldby Le Beck Parish	Option 3 - Move Properties from Barnoldby Beck side of Bradley Road into Waltham Parish	Option 4 - No view/preference
Barnoldby Le Beck	14	26	15	0
Waltham	16	40	135	2
Other Location	0	1	0	0
Location Not Provided	0	0	6	0
Total Votes on Portal	30	67	156	2

Option 1 – No Change

Written Comments Received through Portal:

We have always resided under Barnoldby-Le-Beck and wish to continue. There is a potential for future address confusions if things were changed. We also contribute towards the upkeep of the church and wish to remain in the parish. Previous experience of changing address boundaries has proven to be a complete waste of time and money.
I see no reason for the change
Bradley road gives a natural boundary line between the two villages
Existing boundary works well
Doesn't need changing

Logical thought, natural boundary
Lower the property value
Good services in Waltham clean and tidy
The movement of the parish boundaries will have cost impact of those residence affected. Driving Licence, car and home insurance will need to be changed and prices may increase. Whilst I take on board views that the area in question is closer to Waltham, I would argue I didn't move to Waltham and moved to Barnoldby le Beck. The same argument could be applied to Laceby and Aylesby - will you be merging the two together or Scartho top and Nunsthorpe? It seems an unnecessary cost with no benefits to the residence themselves. I must therefore assume an underlying gain to North East Lincolnshire Council?
Waltham is big already and the school cannot cope with demand as it is.
Any movement of the Parish Boundary will cause needless disruption, the current set up works well so why change. Also, this will cause costs at a time when there must be other projects that are a higher priority.
I see no reason to change
We want to retain the existing boundary between Barnoldby le Beck and Waltham as we see no clear rationale behind the proposals to change from the current position. Our property has been in the existing parish of Barnoldby since it was built in 1995 and the current situation provides a clear enough distinction between the two parishes.
Leave the boundary as it stands. This is down to council tax issues and monetary values of the council and residents.
Absolutely no reason to change what already exists. Just because you allowed houses to be built on open fields doesn't mean you now move boundaries.
The fields between Waltham & Grange Farm are kept within the parish of Barnoldby Le Beck
They bought their houses in the respective parishes so why change now? For me there is no valid reason to do it.
Don't want change
Continuity

Option 2 – Move Five Properties on Bradley Road from Waltham Parish into Barnoldby Le Beck Parish

Written Comments Received through Portal:

Keep Waltham within its boundaries, the hundreds of new detached properties that no doubt will be coming, will have to be handled by Barnoldby Parish Council
It's a good natural boundary plus it's only fair that those 5 houses are part of BLB. I oppose option 3 because I believe BLB PC will fight against any more houses being built on that field, compared to Waltham PC.

It makes sense for the five properties on Bradley road.
Doesn't change anyone's address apart from five properties near roundabout.
Would like to stay in Barnoldby-le-Beck parish as we are currently and assume the five residents on our side of Bradley Road would like to be included as Bradley Road is the natural parish boundary.
Because then everyone on that side of the road is classed as Barnoldby le beck
Because then everyone on that side are all Barnoldby le beck
We would like to stay as Barnoldby Le Beck and bring the whole of Bradley road into line.
My preference
It seems to be a natural boundary, also the more property built on this land will probably join will Barnoldby le beck anyway...this will make the village of Waltham too big to feel like a village.
Change would only impact 5 households; change of addresses would incur lots of admin in the change of addresses for not benefit. Maintains a standard for the west side of Bradley Road for potential future developments.
Preference to stay in Barnoldby Le Beck and option 2 seems the most logical to have all houses on this side of the boundary under Barnoldby Le Beck parish
Currently resident of Barnoldby Le Beck and it makes sense for all properties to the West of Bradley Road to be part of Barnoldby Le Beck Parish Council
To enable the whole Barnoldby le Beck side of Bradley road be within the Barnoldby le back parish.
Consistency with the natural boundary line
We have been part of the Barnoldby-Le-Beck parish for so many years now and have had no problems being part of this parish, so would like to remain in it.
I'd like to avoid further expansion of Waltham Village
Bradley Road forms a very clear demarcation between Waltham and Barnoldby-le-beck and thus Option 2 presents the most favourable boundary line. Further building on land to the west of this boundary will need to be approved on the basis of development within Barnoldby-le-beck, which, in my view will be much harder to achieve. This will help prevent urban sprawl in this area, which will be good news for everyone.
We live at number ... [Number withheld] Bradley Road & want to remain in Barnoldby le beck & making changes for the first 5 houses would create a clear boundary
Makes logical sense as a boundary. Also gives scope for expansion of the new builds if ever went ahead which would remain in Waltham

<p>It seems silly to have the boundary cutting through one of the properties (option 1) It seems more logical to have Bradley Road as the boundary and this is then more fair for all residents on that stretch of road. I'm slightly concerned about option 3 as I can see this becoming building land for Waltham parish council in the near future. The village is already at breaking point with traffic.</p>
<p>To maintain the natural boundary line along Bradley Road.</p>
<p>Most of Bradley Road is already a part of Barnoldby Parish and the rest should join them. Jan Lane</p>
<p>This represents the least upheaval and change. The five properties on Bradley Road will then be the same as all the properties on that side of the road.</p>
<p>Makes sense for these to be included with other houses on that side of Bradley Road</p>
<p>It would provide a definitive boundary between the villages. Clarify postal and delivery issues eliminating any confusion on people's perception of what parish they belong to.</p>
<p>Makes sense for a clear boundary</p>
<p>We believe that Bradley Road should be the natural parish boundary and that the 5 properties near the roundabout should be relocated into Barnoldby Le Beck parish. This we believe is the most sensible course of action. We don't think that the Waltham Parish boundary should be extended further as shown in Option 3.</p>
<p>Myself and my husband believe that Bradley Road should be the natural parish boundary and that the five properties near the roundabout should be relocated into Barnoldby Le Beck parish. We believe this to be the best course of action. We think that the Waltham Parish boundary should not be extended any further as shown in Option 3.</p>
<p>It shows how housing is expanding beyond Waltham boundary and encroaching on another village.</p>
<p>Bradley Road should be the natural parish boundary</p>
<p>I agree that Bradley Road is a natural boundary and I assume BLB parish isn't particularly big so can afford to expand a little.</p>
<p>Logical to use Bradley Road as a clear demarcation of the boundaries between the two parishes, however surely the properties along Oakfield Lane should also fall into the Barnoldby PC which would continue a clear boundary break point.</p>
<p>It's a natural boundary and during the discussion at planning regarding Aspen Park it was deemed to be Barnoldby Le Beck which is logical regarding option 2. Also, the Mink farm was to my knowledge Barnoldby Le Beck however I may of course be mistaken.</p>
<p>Waltham is getting too big as a village. Use Bradley Road as a boundary</p>
<p>Most logical</p>
<p>Makes sense</p>
<p>There is no reason to make the boundary any larger. The parish struggles to cope with the existing size so getting bigger would only result in more problems.</p>
<p>Makes most sense</p>

The boundary of Waltham should not exceed any further because extending it would allow builders to erect more houses therefore Waltham losing even more of a village status.
Represents village boundary with new development
Clear delineation between Waltham and Barnoldby le beck using Bradley Road as the dividing line
Makes to follow road and include the five houses for consistency
The extension of residence in Waltham is already straining on the village.
This option would create a natural parish boundary.
Makes sense for all properties on the Barnoldby le Beck side of Bradley Road to be in the same parish using Bradley Road as the natural boundary.
Makes sense that all properties on the Barnoldby Le Beck side of Bradley Road are in the same parish using Bradley Road as the natural boundary.
Because option 1 makes no sense
Keeps boundaries consistent to village boundaries
In our opinion option 2 is the most logical and natural boarder line moving forward. We do not see any logical reason to totally alter the border line so dramatically as shown in option 3.
Can't see any benefit of moving to Waltham. Having a Barnoldby Le Beck postcode is advantageous in terms of property value, insurance i.e. home and car.

Option 3 – Move Properties on Barnoldby Le Beck side of Bradley Road into Waltham Parish

Written Comments Received through Portal:

It provides a chance for Waltham Parish Council to control further development west of Bradley Road.
Makes logical sense and hopefully gives the people of Waltham to control or at least limit the growth of the village.
These properties are all located in what I would consider to be Waltham. These residents will utilise Waltham amenities - schools, transport etc, and should count towards our parish councils housing count.
The properties all use services within the Waltham parish and so should contribute to the parish council to support the upkeep of the village
The houses in the Bradley Road area are in such close proximity that it doesn't make sense to have a boundary here. There is clear separation in option 3 where the houses further down Waltham Road are all in Barnoldby and the houses near Bradley Road are all in Waltham. It is clear and logical this way.

More clearly defined boundary
More clearly defined boundary, currently it's a confusing boundary. Option 3 will give clarity to future planning
The fields represent a better and clearer boundary than Bradley Road. Have two parish council responsible for one road is just ridiculous and would cause problems.
Houses off Bradley Road should be part of Waltham as are their neighbours across the road
Obvious choice. These properties are adjacent to properties in Waltham
I suspect it will be more efficient having the same Ward Members representing the whole area rather than two different Ward member groups.
It just makes geographical common sense
The other properties off Bradley Road are not considered by us to be in the village of Barnoldby le beck
To simplify the matter
People living on the west side of Bradley Road will have no natural connection with Barnoldby le Beck. They will not shop there (it has no shops), will not worship there (there are few church services), go to the library (it has no library), etc. I'm desperately trying to think what Barnoldby le Beck has to offer. Virtually nothing. Why anyone would want to live there is beyond me.
To me it seems like the best option.
They are all located closer to Waltham than Barnoldby le Beck so should come under Waltham parish council
This would appear to be the most sensible change.
The houses are really part of Waltham as is.
These properties are part of the natural overspill of Waltham, there is no clear green boundary between these properties & the village. We consider it to be the common-sense approach.
it's the most simple and logical choice.
Including all properties as shown in option 3 seems to be a natural place to put the boundary and is less likely to cause confusion, ambiguity and delays in any issues arising.
It looks like the most sensible option
I believe they are classed as Waltham and not Barnoldby Le Beck
The houses are a distance away from the rest of the residences in Barnoldby le Beck, it just seems more natural for them to be part of Waltham
It seems logical that all properties along Bradley Road come under Waltham and it seems others in the new development want this too.

<p>These properties are closer to Waltham than Barnoldby le Beck and should therefore be in Waltham.</p>
<p>It is the most natural division of the two parishes, and it makes sense to have properties which face each other across a road part of the same parish as they will have common issues.</p>
<p>The houses on Bradley road are part of Waltham</p>
<p>I presume that the houses/households all use the facilities of Waltham village so should therefore be included in the parish</p>
<p>Because they are part of Waltham not Barnoldby</p>
<p>All the houses use Waltham facilities and the benefits of Waltham Parish Council.</p>
<p>For clarity, all housing on the Waltham side of Grange Farm should be included in Waltham parish. The gap should remain between the villages.</p>
<p>Due to the distance separating Barnoldby Le Beck and Waltham, it seems logical to adopt option 3</p>
<p>They are closer to Waltham's services and infrastructure</p>
<p>Access and egress to all houses in the development area in question is within Waltham.</p>
<p>I have lived in Waltham majority of my life before moving to Barnoldby and I have never classed the small Willow Park estate as BLB or the new builds on Bradley Road, so therefore the gap which is the field between Waltham and BLB should be classed as the boundary, so Option 3 is our preferred option and I believe the majority of BLB residence feel the same after speaking to a few</p>
<p>They will use Waltham resources, so I want them to pay their way</p>
<p>Because they are closer to Waltham than BLB.</p>
<p>The houses built on the outskirts of Waltham (Aspen Park and West side of Bradley Road) follow the natural expansion of Waltham village, due to the fields behind Separating from Barnoldby le Beck. I'm assuming that the Waltham Parish council currently look after the litter picking/floral arrangements of the area anyway?</p>
<p>The properties are all very clearly part of Waltham village and are remote / separate to Barnoldby-le-Beck. Common sense therefore states that they should be part of Waltham Parrish.</p>
<p>The new estate built on Bradley Road naturally feels part of Waltham parish and option 3 makes the most sense to me</p>
<p>It would in my view make common sense to include these properties within the Waltham Parish.</p>
<p>Just makes most sense</p>
<p>From the text and diagrams Option 3 I believe will most benefit the village of Waltham. I find it difficult to accept that presently the properties on the west side of Bradley Road to be in Barnoldby le Beck, it doesn't make sense. Option 3 would also allow with the required consents possible further expansion of housing within Waltham and any financial benefits for the village associated with it.</p>

Reduce the excessive building on greenfield sites in Waltham by acquiring all these properties
Think this is the fairest way of all the options available
House are in Waltham. They are part of Waltham and Barnoldby le beck is 1/2 a mile down the road separated by fields.
Houses on Bradley Road are joining the residences in Waltham and are more residential area in Barnoldby le beck.
Bringing the boundary of Waltham into a natural line of boundary. Residents of Bradley Road and willow Park use the facilities and roads of Waltham and are closer to Waltham than Barnoldby Le Beck.
Physical location of the houses with respect to services, shops and schools.
All lighting and drainage are connected to Waltham so any council work will be paid for by Waltham if this is not the case then option 2 as road is a definite boundary
1) It is a natural boundary to Waltham village, with 1/2 mile of fields before Barnoldby village houses. 2) It is less confusing to all concerned as most people assume it to be part of Waltham. 3) As soon as those on Bradley Rd leave their estate, they are in Waltham, they fall to using Waltham facilities etc 4) Residents of the new estate on Bradley Rd tell us they feel part of Waltham, not Barnoldby
I believe all living in the close area should have an input
There is a huge undeveloped area between these houses and the 30mph signs which denote the residential homes of Barnoldby village itself. It feels it is more naturally aligned with the Waltham catchment area
I thinks it's quite obviously an overspill of Waltham village so common sense would suggest all properties are moved into Waltham parish
The properties in the extended area are essentially in Waltham in any event.
Most logical
Seems more logical in my opinion
Those properties are all together in Waltham. They are part of Waltham Parish Council. Barnoldby le Beck is a drive down Waltham Road.
Those houses are part of Waltham not BLB
This seems more logical of the options
All the houses on a road should be under the same Parish Council
In my opinion it is more sensible to have houses on both sides of Bradley Road in the same Parish Council rather than having Bradley Road the boundary. This would enable easier resolution of any future possible situations which could become more complex if two Parish Councils were involved.
It seems sensible to have both sides of Bradley Road in the same parish councils to prevent possible disputes addressed by one authority

I believe the houses along Bradly road are in Waltham rather than Barnoldby Le Beck. They are part of Waltham village and should remain as such. Choosing option 3 helps to define council boundaries more clearly with the houses along Bradley Road's inclusivity of Waltham village.
The adjoining field is the natural boundary. Postcodes & addresses would cause problems.
I believe these properties are so close to Waltham they are using the Waltham facilities such as schools, parks, shops, libraries and should therefore contribute to the cost along with other Waltham residents. I also believe this new housing should be added to the total of properties being built in Waltham.
Those houses are using Waltham facilities, roads etc. so council tax should be proportioned to Waltham and not Barnoldby le beck
It makes sense to have that side of Barnoldby Road included as it is regarded as Waltham by many anyway. Any extra funding is a bonus, and it makes the boundary feel natural.
I don't agree that those houses on Bradley Road are in Barnoldby le beck. Barnoldby should finish when the 30mph speed limit changes to national speed limit
Most logical
All of those properties are an extension to, and part of Waltham Village, being totally remote from the village of Barnoldby-le -Beck. Planning permission for the latest development was granted with the facilities available in Waltham cited as a means to meet the planning criteria. With the large increase of properties attached to the village, amenities that are controlled and funded by the Parish precept have also come under increased pressure. If those properties were to be added to Waltham, the Parish budget would benefit from the increased precept revenue.
It has the clearest boundary markers
Just seems like the obvious choice, that obvious that I already considered it to be true. The current situation just seems absurd
All these properties will use Waltham facilities, not Barnoldby le Beck facilities, such as library, church, schools, shops.
The properties are nearer to Waltham than Barnoldby-le-beck. There is adequate land between the "actual properties" in Barnoldby Le Beck and those properties on Bradley Road to allow the two villages clear boundaries and identity.
All the properties currently with a Barnoldby postal address are currently using Waltham parish infrastructure e.g. roads etc. It makes sense for them to be included within the Waltham boundary. Also, it would make it easier for deliveries to be made e.g. prescriptions and post
Ridiculous when one side of the same street is in a different parish to the other.
They are a natural overspill of Waltham.
Because they are in Waltham
As I believe these properties are in Waltham not Barnoldby Le Beck
I think the whole of Bradley Road should be part of Waltham as we have been for many years
Geographically all the houses involved are clearly part of Waltham

Includes all major housing both sides of Bradley Road
They are in Waltham, it's stupid that the houses on the opposite side of the road are a completely different council. Make them all looked after by Waltham council
I think all of the houses should be clubbed together, no point splitting it mid-street
All the properties along Bradley Road and the houses which have been built in recent years in this area, Willow park and Oakfield Lane, are situated on the edge of the main village of Waltham. They seem part of this community rather than of Barnoldby-le- Beck, whose main area of housing is far removed from here.
Option 3 is the logical boundary being that there is a large rural gap between the 2 parishes clearly defining the border. Until now I believed these houses were in the Waltham parish as they adjoin the village of Waltham. Any further housing extensions along Bradley road up to the border and up to the first half of Waltham Road as per option 3 should be decided by Waltham parish as it directly affects the village. The traffic to this area directly affects Waltham more so than Barnoldby Le Beck, especially any increase in new housing.
The existing properties on the Barnoldby-le-Beck side of Bradley Road already draw on and impact directly the Waltham parish facilities and amenities but presumably don't contribute to Waltham parish funding. On the assumption that, if the boundary is changed to include them, Waltham parish would receive some financial benefit, then option 3 is a 'practical' solution. However, I would stress that the 'local plan' should clearly state there should be no further housing development beyond the existing properties to safeguard the strategic gap between the two villages.
Preference
It is a natural overspill of the village, Barnoldby Le Beck in my opinion is further down the road
Cleaner. Makes more logical boundary
It seems the best option to use as the houses are naturally part of Waltham and I feel that would be the most sensible thing to do
The fields between Waltham and Barnoldby is a natural boundary. The houses built on Bradly Road are just an addition to Waltham. It's common sense. You will just make it harder for the postmen and delivery drivers.
Natural break between Waltham and Barnoldby le beck
Encompasses the whole village, most people would say houses on Ridley Road are part of Waltham
Waltham is the closest village to these properties.
It seems a logical boundary given the closer proximity to Waltham than Barnoldby le Beck and the fields in between
Logical boundary
It would make it a more cohesive choice as the properties in question are nearer to Waltham village and already access the services on offer.
The houses along the west side of Barnoldby Road including the new development are naturally part of Waltham. No doubt residents enjoy the benefits of facilities administered by WPC so should therefore contribute to its budget through the Parish precept.

The houses on Bradley Road are on the outskirts of Waltham.
Seems more logical
School catchment
The properties alongside Bradley Rd and those in Willow Park area are all a natural overspill from Waltham village. There are several fields between these properties and the village of Barnoldby le Beck. Therefore, it is logical to include these properties within the Waltham parish boundary.
The residents here are receiving Waltham facilities the same as those on the opposite side of the road.
Option 3 makes it easier for both residents & strangers to know which village they are in. It is a clear boundary and means both sides of Bradley Road are in the same Parish. It is less confusing for everyone including delivery drivers.
The houses are clearly clustered in Waltham with a natural greenbelt break
The properties are closer to the amenities in Waltham.
As the properties and residents utilise amenities and services within the Waltham parish it makes reasonable their joining of that parish.
The properties all utilise amenities and services within the Waltham parish, so it makes sense to adopt the Waltham parish.
Residents in this area will be using the amenities in Waltham more so than in Barnoldby le Beck, it is therefore a reasonable expectation that these residents form part of the Waltham Parish and contribute to the Waltham parish council tax.
Seems a natural overspill of the village
Any parish services applying to Bradley Road benefit both sides of the road, so should be funded by one parish, rather than housing along Bradley Road benefitted/neglected by 2 parishes. Then have a clear green belt between Waltham and Barnoldby Le Beck, to preserve them as distinct separate villages.
Extending Waltham boundaries and extending distance between Waltham and BLB
It's the most sensible choice.
Ease of Administration. Also, observation on diagrams. Option 1 diagram red boundary line cuts diagonally across most northern of the five properties suggesting it's in both parishes. is this correct? Option 2 is not annotated with Parish Council names online response not possible as Web address does not work...plus ridiculously long address which doesn't help your electorate respond to the review.
Seems most logical as all of the dwellings are a long way from Barnoldby le Beck and are really on the edge of Waltham.
Surely, it is the most logical
The natural boundary is the fields and countryside between Waltham and Barnoldby le beck, to all effect these properties are in Waltham, use the facilities and schools and should have a say in our parish council
Incorporates the houses closest to Waltham and part of the village

There seems to be a big priority on maintaining the green spaces between the villages i.e. Waltham and Scartho and New Waltham. Allowing any other decision would remove this green space between Barnoldby and Waltham. I suspect if any of the other options were chosen then there would be a green light for building on the space between the two villages.

Seems most sensible. Driving along Bradley Road, I'd assumed that it is part of Waltham and not Barnoldby. With the residents affected also requesting that it makes most sense that it becomes part of Waltham with option 3

Common sense all under one package (on Waltham door step) provided that you are able service and provide facilities for the extra area!

This option includes all properties now "considered" as being in Waltham and allows for any further expansion of housing in this area without having to revisit the boundary in the foreseeable future.

Option 4 – No View/Preference

Written Comments Received through Portal:

Given the ongoing poor public services we've receiving, this is an absolute waste of money, ask the folk directly involved on Bradley Road and adjacent areas and let them decide. I guess this process with posting has cost north of £10k, money could have been better used. A cop out for local councillors who should make the decision in consultation with those directly involved.

It doesn't affect me either way

E-Mail or Postal Responses

E-Mail or Post Votes:

Resident of:	Option 1 - No change	Option 2 - Move 5 properties on Bradley Road from Waltham into Barnoldby Le Beck Parish	Option 3 - Move Properties from Barnoldby Beck side of Bradley Road into Waltham Parish	Option 4 - No view/preference
Barnoldby Le Beck	2	3	0	0
Waltham	3	5	20	0
Location Not Provided	1	5	10	0
Total Votes	6	13	30	0

Most responses just identified the preferred choice, without an explanation. The comments on options made by e-mail or postal responses are all set out below:

Option 1:

Option 1 - The bungalows were built in 1957, the house previously a bungalow and the shop was built earlier. The land I am led to believe belonged to the quarry (now fishing lakes non Barnoldby Road and was given to Waltham Parish Council in the late 1800's. It has worked for so many years, why change it now? Option 2 - Frequently I am asked where Bradley Road, Barnoldby Le Beck is by tradespeople, couriers, etc. They cannot believe that the properties are so far away from the village. The sign down the road says Waltham, not Waltham to the left and Barnoldby Le Beck to the right. No wonder people get confused. Option 3 – This makes sense as there are more properties on Waltham boundary than there are in Barnoldby village. These are all using Waltham facilities. My choice is option 1, 3 then 2. PS There is a property on the side of Bradley Road for sale, advertising as Bradley Road, Waltham. Even Estate Agents don't know the difference.

I would like to say yes to Option 1, Option 2 should only be for those residents who it will affect. Absolutely not, not Option 3. I chose to build my home in Barnoldby le Beck. I chose to live in my home in Barnoldby le Beck for over 35 years. I do not want my address and postcode to change to Waltham. We do believe the only reason Option 3 is put forward is so that development can expand closer to Barnoldby le Beck and classed as Waltham so as not to overdevelop Barnoldby le Beck legally. This Option 3 will only benefit the developers and whoever they are friends with in the planning department. We have spoken to most of the residents on Bradley Road, Barnoldby le Beck and they all say that they do not want to be forced to change their address. They all want it to stay the same.

We do hope that Equans plays this by the book and not just decide that it's best for everyone. We are looking forward to the outcome as just lately things don't seem to be going the way of the public, only the developers.

I vote Option 1 of no change. This has been a Barnoldby Le Beck address since 1950 and it will remain so. Any attempts to change us to Waltham and I will seek further legal advice. My thoughts are this is something to do with building houses, it is not my concern. Leave my address as it is please.

Option 2:

As any open space like on option 3 will be built on, and the village will start to lose its appeal as a village

That the 5 Bradley Road properties to be included in Barnoldby parish, making a better boundary line.

It makes sense for all houses on that side of Bradley Road to be in the same PC

Option 2 is my preferred choice and the most sensible as then Bradley road becomes a clear dividing line between Waltham and Barnoldby.

The most logical suggestion is option 2, it causes the least reorganisation. Option 1 is quite ridiculous; one house being located in both parishes. Option 3 extends the Waltham acreage, and the village is already far too big.

Option 3:

It would seem that the most common-sense approach to the above boundary change would be option 3 given the distance from Barnoldby of the homes. I have misgivings about this option if the enclosure by the boundary of the field north of Barnoldby Road encourages developers to build on it.

We are at number ... {Number withheld} Bradley Road, Waltham – one of the “5” and have lived here for more than ... (Number withheld) years.

We are of the opinion that Option 3 is the best and most logical way forward. Our reasoning for the above decision is that properties on Bradley Road and also Willow Park are basically annexed to Waltham and clearly outside the assumed boundary towards Barnoldby le Beck. We lived in Barnoldby le Beck for over 30 years and could not understand why Willow Park and a few properties along Waltham Road were included within the same area.

I would like to propose that Option 3 - all of the properties on the Barnoldby Le Beck side of Bradley Road to be relocated into Waltham Parish and including Willow Park, on the grounds they are a natural overspill of Waltham Village. It isn't logical or sense to have just 5 properties on the left-hand side of Bradley Road under the umbrella of Waltham PC and the rest in Barnoldby Beck PC when those properties enjoy the same facilities as Waltham PC residents.

My strong preference is for Option 3. It is plainly obvious that all those properties within Option 3 naturally fall within the parish of Waltham. I would have difficulty believing that any of those properties would ever associate themselves with Barnoldby. The natural and obvious boundary is as shown in Option 3.

My husband and I think that option 3 is the most satisfactory choice considering the distance from Bradley Road to Barnoldby le Beck.

I would like to vote for option 3 as a natural boundary for Waltham.

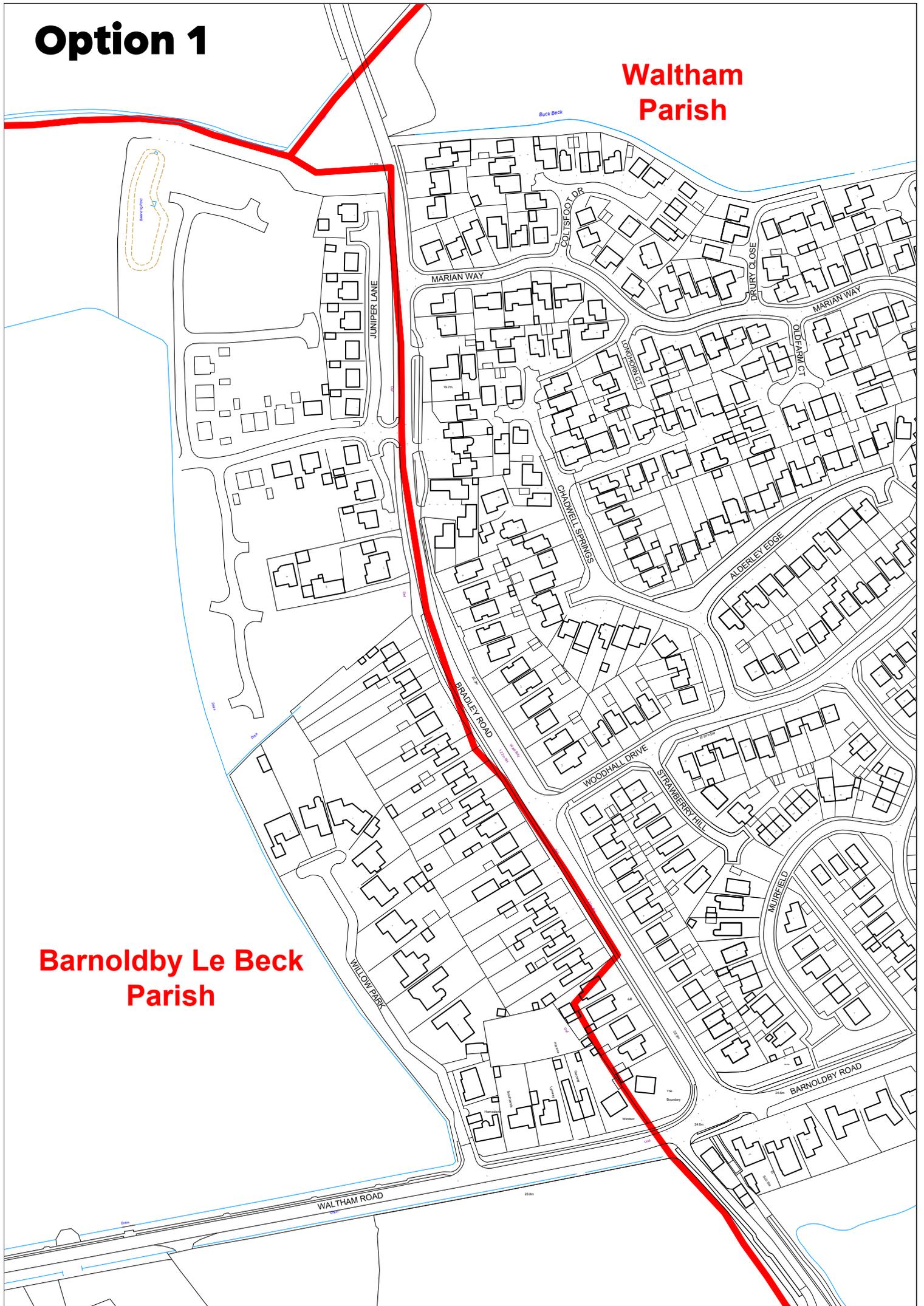
With regard to the above I choose: Option 3 - all of the properties on the Barnoldby-le-Beck side of Bradley Road to be relocated to Waltham parish. These houses are clearly just an extension of the ever-growing parish of Waltham. There is a clear gap (i.e. unbuild on land between Waltham and Barnoldby)

All of these properties are so remote from Barnoldby Le Beck, and they have the usage of the Gas grid from Waltham which is not a facility available in the actual village.

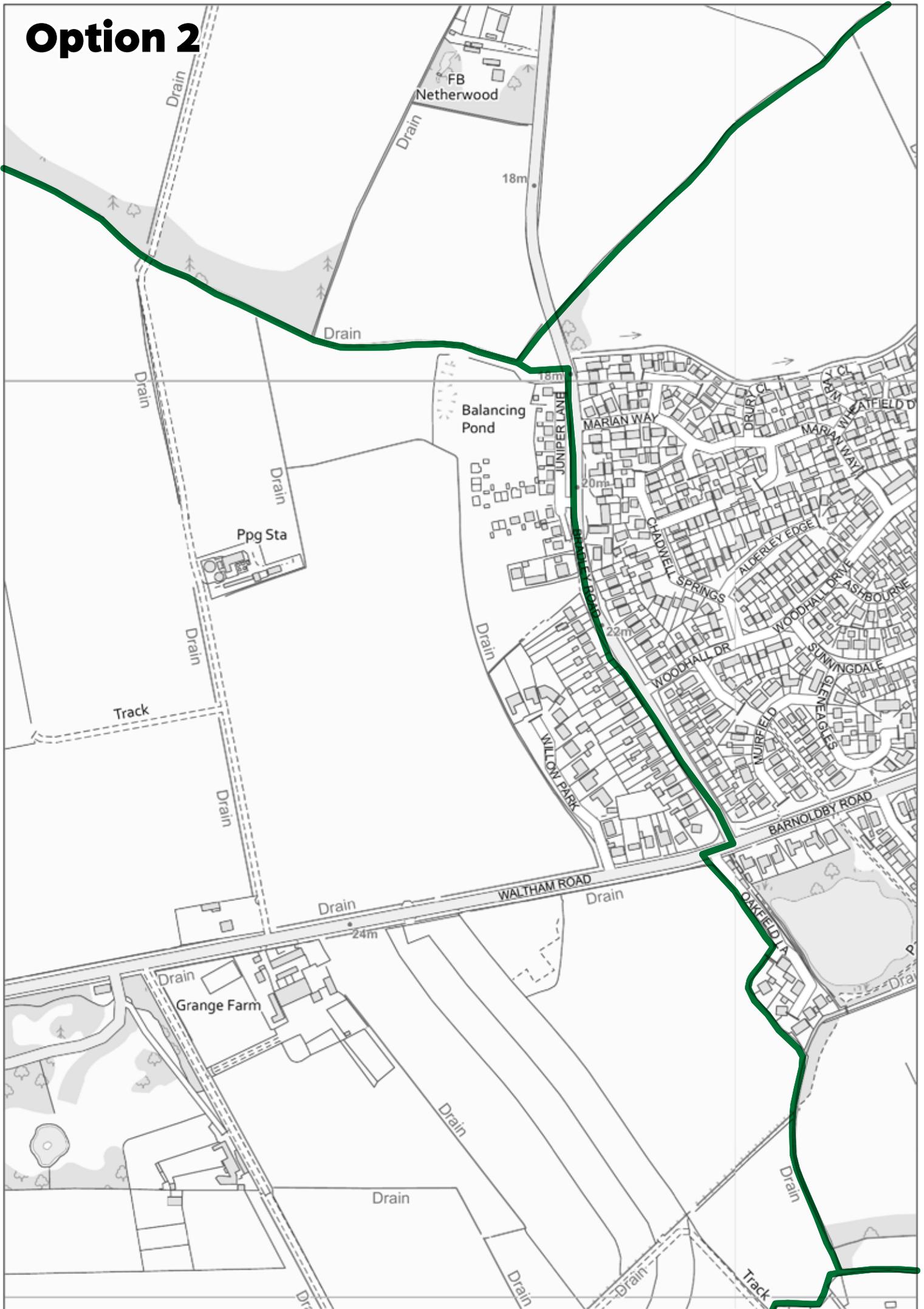
Option 1

Waltham
Parish

Barnoldby Le Beck
Parish



Option 2



Option 3

