



Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion

Time and Date

10.00 am on Thursday, 23rd July, 2026

Place

Committee Room 3 - Council House

Public Business

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 4)
 - a) To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2026.
 - b) Matters arising.
4. **Petition - Change of Ward Names** (Pages 5 - 12)

Report of the Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities.

To consider the above petition bearing 1,066 signatures. The petition organiser has been invited to the meeting for the consideration of this item.
5. **Request for Community Governance Review - Allesley** (Pages 13 - 20)

Report of the Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities.
6. **Outstanding Issues**

There are no outstanding issues.
7. **Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as a matter of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.**

Private business

None

Julie Newman, Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities, Council House, Coventry

Wednesday, 15 July 2026

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Membership: Councillors A Albert (Shadow Cabinet Member) and J McNicholas (Cabinet Member)

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Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion
held at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 17 June 2026

Present:

Members: Councillor J McNicholas (Chair)
Councillor A Albert (Shadow Cabinet Member)

Employees (by Service Area):

Regulatory Services J Barnett, K Bell, D Blackburn

Law, Governance and Safer Communities S Bennet, A Veness, M Rose

Public Business

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

2. Approval to Consult on Renewal of Coventry City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

The Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion considered a report of the Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities, which sought approval to undertake a period of public and stakeholder consultation on a proposed renewal of the Public Spaces Protection Order. The proposed Order retains effective existing provisions while introducing a revised, behaviour-based approach to ensure the Order remains proportionate, enforceable, and legally robust.

Key changes proposed include:

- A shift from activity-based prohibitions to a behaviour-based approach, focusing on conduct that causes harassment, alarm or distress.
- New provisions to regulate the use of amplification equipment.
- New controls on temporary structures such as gazebos and stalls.
- Retention and refinement of provisions relating to busking, cycling, and e-bikes.

The proposed approach reflects current legal guidance, operational experience, and evidence on effective enforcement practice.

The Coventry City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) was introduced to address behaviours that have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those living in, working in, and visiting the city centre. The current Order is due to expire in November 2026 and requires renewal to ensure that appropriate powers remain in place to manage anti-social behaviour and public nuisance.

The current City Centre PSPO was introduced under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to address behaviours occurring within the city centre that were having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those who live in, work in, or visit the area.

While the Order has provided a useful enforcement framework, operational experience, partnership working, and evolving legal guidance indicate that aspects of the current provisions are no longer aligned with best practice and present increasing legal and practical limitations. In particular, there is a need to ensure that restrictions are clearly focused on behaviours that meet the statutory test of causing harassment, alarm, or distress, and that they are proportionate, enforceable, and legally robust.

Officers specifically noted there was a change in focus away from activity-based prohibitions to behaviour-based approach, targeting the impact of behaviour and not people's status. They also specified that although there was an increased focus on education and information, this was supported with an increase in enforcement and legal action.

The Cabinet Member, Councillor J McNicholas discussed the efficacy and impact of enforcement, particularly related to e-bikes. He emphasised the importance of responding to public concerns and ensuring he was regularly updated on the enforcement data and the impact of consultation.

RESOLVED that, the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion:

- 1. Authorises officers to undertake a 4-week city wide public and stakeholder consultation on the draft PSPO proposals as detailed in Appendix 1.**
- 2. Notes that a further report will be brought forward following consultation, setting out the results and any proposed amendments prior to approval and implementation.**

3. Any Other Business

There were no other items of business.

(Meeting closed at 10.22 am)



Public report Cabinet Member

Cabinet Member Community Safety and Cohesion

23 July 2026

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member Community Safety and Cohesion – Councillor J McNicholas

Director approving submission of the report:

Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities

Ward(s) affected:

Woodlands and Tile Hill and Canley

Title:

Petition – Change of Ward Names

Is this a key decision?

No – Whilst the report relates to people working or living in two or more wards the recommendations are not significant in terms of the effect.

Executive summary:

A petition supported by 8 signatures was submitted online and a paper petition was also received containing 1058 signatures by a number of local residents who are asking for the change of two ward names within the City. The petition reads as follows:

We the undersigned petition the Council to change both the Woodlands and Tile Hill & Canley ward names in West Coventry.

We're asking the council to change both the Woodlands and Tile Hill & Canley ward names following recent boundary changes which did not take into account local history or the landscape of the area.

Option 1:

(A) Woodlands – Change to Broadvale

The ward no longer contains any of the woodlands it was named after due to recent boundary changes which have shifted them into another ward. We recommend changing the name to reflect the landscape of the ward which lies across a valley with Upper Eastern Green Lane on one side and Broad Lane on the other. There is also a pub in Mount Nod called The Vale.

(B) Tile Hill & Canley (previously Westwood) – Change to Woodlands

We recommend changing the name to reflect the history of the ancient Arden landscape and the various woodlands in the area. We think it is important to keep a reference to the historical woodlands in this part of the city. The name Westwood is also preserved in Westwood Heath therefore we believe Woodlands is a more suitable name for the ward.

Option 2:

(A) Woodlands – Change to Eastern Green & Tile Hill North

The ward no longer contains any of the woodlands it was named after due to recent boundary changes which have shifted them into another ward. We recommend changing the name to include Eastern Green and reflect the two different parts of Tile Hill.

(B) Tile Hill & Canley (previously Westwood) – Change to Canley & Tile Hill South

The Boundary Commission (LGBCE) recently changed this name however Tile Hill is actually split across two wards. We recommend changing the name to reflect the two different parts of Tile Hill.

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion is recommended to:

1. Note the petition set out in this report.
2. Approve one of the following options:
 - a) a consultation on the options contained in the petition be carried out to establish if there is support for a proposed change of ward names (option 1), or
 - b) decide not to conduct a consultation exercise due to a local government boundary review only having been carried out in 2023 when this could have been considered. (option 2).

List of Appendices included:

None

Background papers:

None

Other useful documents

None

Has it or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No – but if there is a recommendation to change the Ward names it will need to go to Council.

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Report title: Change of ward name petition

1. Context (or background)

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- 1.2 In accordance with Section 59 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Council has powers in relation to electoral arrangements. Whilst the Local Government Boundary Commission is responsible for electoral reviews (boundaries, councillor numbers) local authorities may resolve to change ward names.
- 1.3 If the Council is minded changing the ward names, as it is within five years of a boundary review, it is required to consult the Local Government Boundary

Commission (LGBCE). The Commission will require justification and evidence of consultation. This ensures stability following a recent review.

- 1.4 There is no prescribed statutory procedure for ward name changes, however, LGBCE guidance confirms that full public consultation is expected before any decision to make a change is made.
- 1.5 The consultation should include:
 - Residents in affected wards
 - Ward councillors
 - Key stakeholders (parish councils, community groups, partners)
- 1.6 Consideration needs to be given as to whether the current names sufficiently reflect community identity. There is a potential risk of confusion making further changes so soon after the implementation of the boundary review.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1. Option 1 – To conduct a consultation exercise to establish if there is support for the proposed changes and which of the 2 options set out within the petition are preferred.
- 2.2. Option 2 – Note the content of the petition but decide not to conduct a consultation exercise due to a local government boundary review only having been carried out in 2023 when this could have been considered.

3. Consultation process and timing

- 3.1. If it is agreed to undertake a consultation it is suggested that the consultation be carried out in the affected wards, by an online survey and some targeted engagement. The options contained in the petition would be what was consulted on.
- 3.2. The consultation will take place for a period of 8 weeks.
- 3.3. Once the consultation has closed the responses will be collated and analysed and a report will then be submitted to the Cabinet Member for consideration.
- 3.4. If the preferred option is to consider the ward name changes then a proposal would need to be submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission to seek agreement to process as it is within 5 years of a review having been completed.
- 3.5. The final decision will then need to be taken by Council if agreement is received from the LGBCE.

4. Comments from Director of Finance and Resources and Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities

4.1. Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from the report. If Ward names were to be changed as a result of consultation, this could have an impact in terms of any relevant signage or other costs associated with a change in an address.

4.2. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications associated with this report. This report is being considered in line with the councils' petition scheme.

5. Other implications

5.1. How will this contribute to the One Coventry Plan?

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/strategies-plans-policies/one-coventry-plan>

The decision will contribute to the following one Coventry Plan –

Not applicable.

5.2. How is risk being managed?

There is no ongoing risk.

5.3. What is the impact on the organisation?

None

5.4. Equalities / EIA?

This decision does not impact on Equalities

5.5. Implications for (or impact on) climate change and the environment?

Not applicable

5.6. Implications for partner organisations?

None

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Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities

Ward(s) affected:

Woodlands and Tile Hill and Canley

Title:

Request for Community Governance Review - Allesley

Is this a key decision?

No – However, the decision to undertake the community governance review is a function reserved for Council

Executive summary:

The Council has received a valid petition under Section 83(2), Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (the 2007 Act).

The Council must now respond to the petition and undertake a community governance review (CGR).

The petition requests that the Council:

“Change the Allesley Parish Council boundary to remove the built-up areas of Eastern Green, Pickford Green and Brownhill Green from the parish.”

Recommendations:

That the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion recommends that:

1. Having reviewed the petition that a report be taken to Full Council to conduct a community governance review that extends to cover the parishes of Allesley and Keresley, as the proposal will potentially have a knock-on impact on Keresley.

List of Appendices included:

None

Background papers:

None

Other useful documents

None

Has it or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

Yes – as it is a matter reserved for Council.

Report title: Request for Community Governance Review – Allesley Parish

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 In accordance with Section 83(2) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 a valid petition has been received requesting that a Community Governance Review be conducted in relation to Allesley Parish.
- 1.2 The Council must now respond to the petition and undertake a community governance review (CGR).
- 1.3 The petition requests that the Council:

“Change the Allesley Parish Council boundary to remove the built-up areas of Eastern Green, Pickford Green and Brownhill Green from the parish.”
- 1.4 Under the 2007 Act, the Council has a duty to keep the community governance arrangements in place in the area under review. The Government’s guidance suggests that a council should do every 10-15 years.
- 1.5 This would require reviewing the arrangements for existing parish councils and exploring whether there is adequate community governance in the unparished areas of the City.
- 1.6 Coventry City Council has not undertaken a full review of community governance since the 2007 Act was implemented.
- 1.7 In response to the petition, the Council must now undertake a community governance review, with terms of reference that consider the matters raised in the petition. As this is a matter reserved for Full Council this will be the subject of a separate report.
- 1.8 It should also be noted that the council may choose to widen the terms of reference to consider other matters, such as:
 - consider the impact of any changes on neighbouring areas. The petition requests that certain areas are removed from the Allesley Parish Council area (as outlined in the map at Appendix 1). This would leave unparished areas in between the Allesley and Keresley Parish council areas. The review could consider whether this is what the residents want or is there an alternative for example moved into the Keresley Parish Council area with the rest of Tamworth Road.
 - reviewing all parish council arrangements in the city. This would consider the boundaries, number of councillors and other arrangements for Allesley Parish Council, Keresley Parish Council and Finham Parish Council.
 - carrying out a review covering the whole city. This would include the options above and whether any new parish councils or other forums should be created.
- 1.9 A consultation exercise must be carried out, with particular attention to those residents potentially affected by the outcomes of the review. This would specifically be aimed at residents within the Eastern Green, Pickford Green and Brownhill Green areas – as

well as the residents in the rest of the Parish Council area. However, any consultation would need to be open to all Coventry residents.

- 1.10 As outlined above, this consultation could also specifically include residents of the adjacent Keresley Parish Council, given the potential knock-on impact on Keresley.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1. Option 1 – to carry out a community governance review which only responds to the direct request made in the petition, that the named areas should be removed from the Allesley Parish Council area. This is not recommended due to the potential knock-on impact on Keresley.
- 2.2. Option 2 – to conduct a community governance review covering the parishes of Allesley and Keresley, as the proposal will potentially have a knock-on impact on Keresley. This is the recommended option.
- 2.3. Option 3 – the review should consider the community governance arrangements for all three parish councils in the city. This is not recommended as Finham has only been in existence for 10 years.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1. The receipt of the petition under the 2007 Act puts the Council under a statutory duty to undertake a community governance review and as such no consultation is required in relation to the recommendations in this report.
- 3.2. Following approval of the recommendations set out in this report, a report detailing the terms of reference, process and timetable will be presented to Full Council in September 2026.
- 3.3. Following the approval by Full Council there will then be a consultation which will take place for a period of 6-8 weeks.
- 3.4. Once the consultation has closed the responses will be collated and analysed and the Council will need to consider its initial proposals for the any changes, this will determine if there needs to be a further consultation exercise.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1. The council must complete this review within 12 months of receiving the petition. The petition was received on 17 February 2026.
- 4.2. It is anticipated that the terms of reference and timetable for the review will be put before Full Council in September. There would need to be at least one round of consultation to seek views and then a further round of consultation based on the Council's draft proposals. These would then inform the final decision, to be made by Full Council.

4.3. The detailed terms of reference and timetable will form an appendix in the report to Full Council.

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Resources and Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities

5.1. Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

If any Parish Council footprints were to be changed following the review, then this would have a direct impact on the number of properties paying the relevant Parish Council precept and could therefore impact on the local Parish Council's finances.

5.2. Legal Implications

The council is legally required to respond to the petition for a community governance review. The community governance review will be undertaken in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and supplementary guidance. This is due to the fact that the Council is obliged to undertake a review which has been requisitioned following the submission of a valid petition and these will be covered in a report being taken to Full Council in September 2026.

6. Other implications

6.1. How will this contribute to the One Coventry Plan?

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/strategies-plans-policies/one-coventry-plan>

The decision will contribute to the following one Coventry Plan –

Not applicable.

6.2. How is risk being managed?

There is no ongoing risk.

6.3. What is the impact on the organisation?

None

6.4. Equalities / EIA?

This decision does not impact on Equalities

6.5. Implications for (or impact on) climate change and the environment?

Not applicable

6.6. Implications for partner organisations?

None

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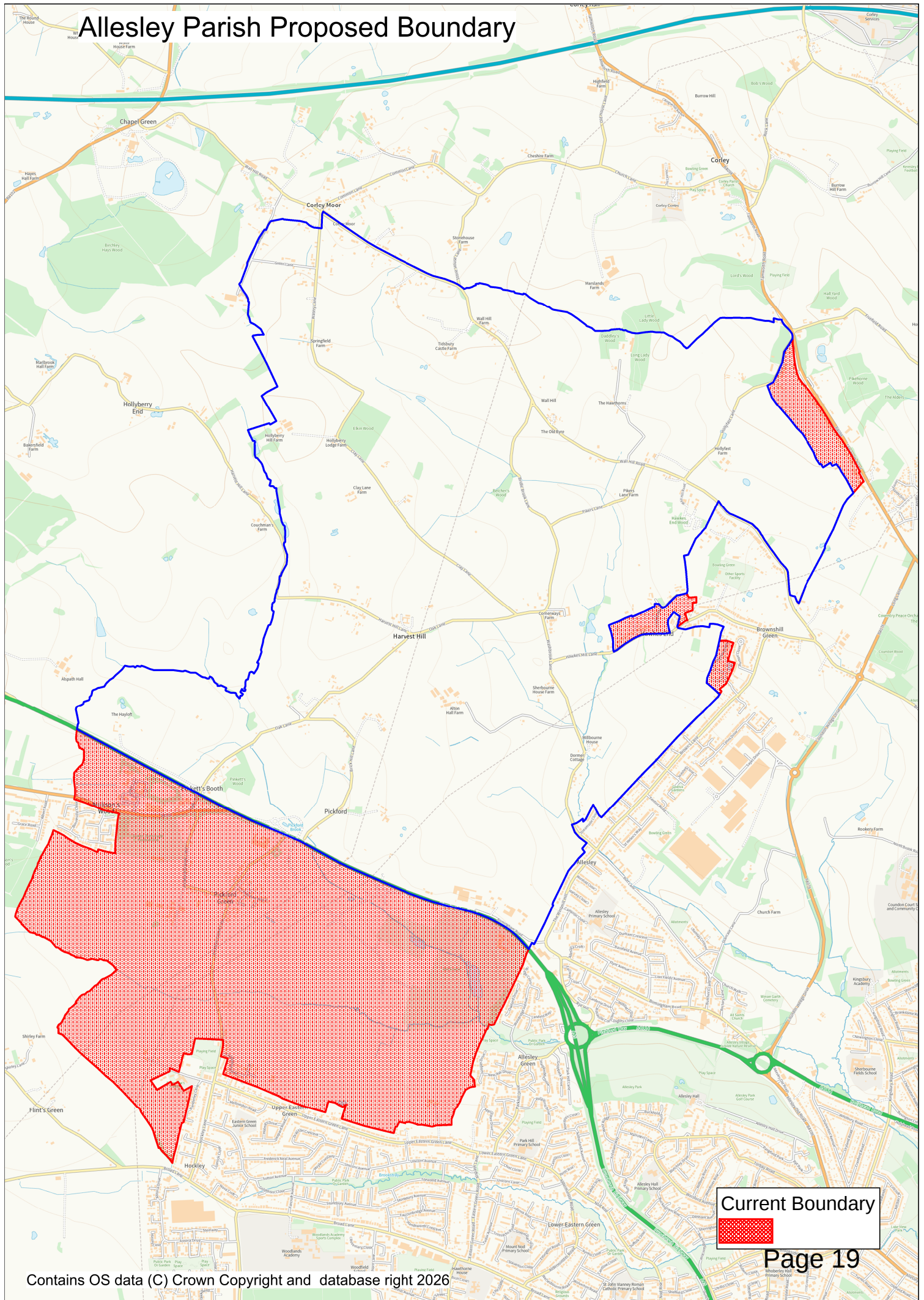
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Allesley Parish Proposed Boundary



Current Boundary



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