

Councillor Sarah Williams, Leader of Bridport Town Council said that “the Town Council has requested this review as the proposed residential development at Vearse Farm will increase pressure on services delivered by the Council. If the new residents are in the Bridport parish, the increased tax base would make a significant difference to the Town Council’s ability to deliver services in the town. This is an opportunity to ensure that this further extension of the town is included within the town’s boundary and to regularise the boundary on the western side of the town. The additional costs for town centre services should not all fall on the existing residents of Bridport parish. The Town Council has a good relationship with Symondsburry Parish Council and will continue to meet and work with the Parish Council at all stages of the review.”

The Town Council will make its decision on its preferred option at its meeting on 19 June at 7pm in the Town Hall. The meeting is open to the public and there is an opportunity to speak at the meeting.

Symondsburry Parish Council will make its decision at its Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 10th July held at Symondsburry Primary School at 7pm. This meeting is open to the public. Symondsburry Councillor John Tinker said:
"We welcome our parishioners to the meeting and hope they will make their views known."

Public representations on this or any alternative submissions, as part of the review, can be made direct to West Dorset District Council by 11 July 2018 (the deadline has been extended by a week) and may be sent by email to elections@dorset.gov.uk or to Bridport Community Governance Review, Democratic and Electoral Services, West Dorset District Council, South Walks House, South Walks Road, Dorchester DT1 1UZ.

If you would like more information on the Town Council’s proposed submission please contact Bob Gillis Town Clerk at r.gillis@bridport-tc.gov.uk or 01308 456722.

The District Council will consider all the representations received and then draw up its recommendations, which will be subject to further public consultation later in the year. If there are any changes to the boundaries, then these would be introduced from the Local Elections in May 2019.