

## Submission on the Community Governance Review for Cornwall 2019

**Please complete and return this form with any accompanying papers to Cornwall Council, by email or post, no later than noon 17 July 2019.**

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**1. Please state the area or Parish to which this submission relates:**

Liskeard Parish – Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish – Menheniot Parish

**2. Is this submission from:**

- ☒ A Parish Council (City, Town, Parish or Community Council, or Parish meeting)
- ☐ A community organisation
- ☐ Any other body or organisation
- ☐ One or more individual resident(s)

**3. Please indicate whether this submission relates to a change or no change:**

- ☐ No Change – *please continue to section 5*
- ☒ Change – *please continue to section 4*

**4. Submission proposal:**

*Please tick any that apply*

- ☒ Change to Parish boundary
- ☐ Create a grouped Parish with at least one other Parish
- ☐ Creation of a new Parish
  - ☐ By separating part of a Parish
  - ☐ By aggregating parts of a Parish
  - ☐ By amalgamating Parishes
- ☐ Change to Parish name
- ☐ Create Parish wards
- ☐ Change the boundaries of existing Parish wards
- ☐ Abolish Parish wards
- ☐ Change the total number of Councillors (say how many you want in the future)
- ☐ Change the number of Councillors in each ward (say how many you want in the future)
- ☐ Other (please provide details below)

**5. Details of proposal(s):**

*Please give details of any submissions that you are proposing or, if appropriate, reasons why you do not want change.*

*Please give sufficient evidence to support your submission, including any information that you may have already provided to Cornwall Council.*

*Please explain why you consider that the submission you are making will ensure that community governance within the area will reflect the identities and interests of the community and will be effective and convenient.*

**5.1 Background** - Following the 16th February 2019 Cornwall Council / Cornwall Association of Local Councils joint Community Governance Review information event, a report was taken to the 26th February 2019 Liskeard Town Council meeting. It was agreed that the Liskeard Town Council indicate

its intention to submit a Community Governance Review to Cornwall Council and that Liskeard Town Council consult with our neighbouring parishes of Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish Council and Menheniot Parish Council. The review was based upon changes to the town boundary to take account of the actual extent of the built development of the town.

Liskeard Town Council was mindful that already consented and proposed development planned in the near future are directly adjacent to the current built environment forming the natural extension to the town. Given that it appeared that a Community Governance Review in Cornwall was only very infrequently conducted, a degree of “futureproofing” of the location of the parish boundary, might well be needed.

**5.2 Local Context** - The proposals aim to include the existing built area of premises and facilities within the town boundary. In many cases, the main reason for the construction of the properties was as a natural extension of the town. The adoption of business names referencing Liskeard is indicative of the commercial sense of associating with the local town. The inclusion of reference to the range of facilities and services offered in the town in the sales material of residential developers, recognises that for members of the public the proximity of homes, jobs and services is of great practical relevance. Indeed it helps to inform the community with which they identify.

Sites have also been included that are either immediately adjacent to the current settlement or on the network of access roads and roundabouts serving as the towns access to the trunk road. However, either there is already planning consent, or the site has been identified as employment land, or the proposed boundary makes sense to keep agricultural holdings together and make the boundary relatively smooth. The residents will look to the town as the provider of an extensive range of services. Therefore, it is felt to be appropriate to include those sites at this Community Governance Review. These points are developed further below.

**5.3 Changing Liskeard’s Boundaries to fit the town – A Practical Recognition of the Actual Situation on the Ground** - There are a number of buildings and facilities which are physically part of the built environment of Liskeard and are considered by the public as being part of Liskeard. For example, the Liskeard Tavern, Liskeard Argos+, Liskeard B&M, the goods railway line, a number of units on Moorswater Industrial Estate, and even the sewage treatment work etc. However, they are beyond the current boundary and in the neighbouring parishes of Menheniot and Dobwalls & Trewidland. It is believed that there would be benefit in regularising the situation on paper to reflect public belief in the reality of the actual situation. It should assist public bodies, for example, Cornwall Council, when dealing with statutory planning consultees including, town and parish councils.

**5.4 The Impact on the Vitality and Viability of the town** – the town council and our partners in the community have over a number of years tried to strengthen the role of the town centre both for the benefit of Liskeard residents and also the residents of the neighbouring parishes and indeed the wider South East Cornwall catchment who access many of their services by visiting the town. Recently, this has taken the form of progressing a Neighbourhood Plan to 2030 which achieved 92% public support in a referendum in October 2018. This will provide the local element to the planning context for built development proposals to 2030. A key aspect is the protection and enhancement of the town as a shopping, service and employment centre.

The town council and chamber of commerce have not supported development, that could harm the vitality and viability of the town centre. Both organisations have objected to planning applications on out of town and edge of town locations. Planning applications beyond, or even on the parish boundary have not been treated by the Planning Authority as being in the town. Despite concerns, that the application could harm the viability and vitality of the town centre they have received approval. If the town boundary were amended to include sites likely to be developed in the time scale of the Neighbourhood Plan up to 2030, it would give the town council and our partners a much stronger input into the planning process.



**5.5 The role of the town as a service and employment centre** - The town of Liskeard has a population of almost 10,000 and serves a wider rural catchment area of villages with a combined catchment population of about 35,000. Residents of new houses on the edge of town will look to Liskeard for services and it is important that boundaries for council tax and planning purposes reflect this.

The town is located on the A38 the main trunk road access to South East Cornwall. It has a main line railway station providing inter city services directly to London and other main national and regional cities. The rail network also extends to commuter traffic to the nearby city of Plymouth and a branch line to the popular seaside town of Looe. The town is also serviced by national express and local bus services including to Plymouth and other local settlements.

The town provides to the wider catchment area:

- a. health services (doctors, a hospital, dentists, vets)
- b. education provision (primary schools, and the Liskeard School and Community College),
- c. Principal Council services (Unitary Cornwall Council offices at Luxstowe House, Laity House, Westbourne House and Graylands, a library and a depot at Moorswater.
- d. Banks, (3 of the 4 main high street banks, building societies,
- e. financial services e.g. insurance brokers, accountants,
- f. professional services (architects, solicitors, surveyors and estate agents),
- g. employment (Liskeard Business Park, Miller Business Park, Moorswater Industrial Estate and Heathlands Business Park),
- h. retail with both edge of town supermarkets and a traditional town centre with many independent shops.
- i. The town also has the Lux Park Leisure Centre which adjacent football, rugby and cricket pitches.
- j. Post Office – counter and sorting office.
- k. Churches and Chapels - including church and Council cemeteries.
- l. Community Centres – e.g. Liskerret Centre, St Martins Hall, Greenbank Centre,
- m. Youth organisations – 40 ranging from uniformed organisations, through to informal groups.

Liskeard Town Council itself provides for the benefit of residents, people living in the hinterland and visitors:

1. The Museum.
2. Tourist Information Centre.
3. Provision of 4 function rooms and the 300 seat main Hall forming the Public Hall Complex.
4. Guildhall & Clock tower and 6 business premises, including the arcade of shops
5. Parks and Gardens – Thorn Park and Westbourne Gardens
6. Rapsons' Field - Multi Use Games Area and skate park
7. Allotments at Pengover Road & Lake Lane.
8. Three sets of Public Toilets at Dean Street, Sungirt and Westbourne Car Parks.
9. 11 granite planters on the Parade and in Dean Street and the planting of the roundabout outside Morrison's. The Council, in conjunction with Liskeard In Bloom, also organises 14 hanging baskets at 4 Council properties. The Council maintains 6 promotional granite map plinths within the town.
10. The War Memorial,
11. The Fountain monument
12. The Pipe Well and 33 public benches. The Town Council also maintains certain footpaths on an agency basis on behalf of Cornwall Council and pays for the weed control in the town centre.

**5.6 Current Trends and Near Future Developments** – there are several current and near future factors that support the approach taken by Liskeard Town Council that the boundaries need to be changed.

**5.7 Liskeard Neighbourhood Plan - 2030** – The Cornwall Local Plan and Liskeard Neighbourhood Plan housing target is for Liskeard to accommodate 1,400 more houses. These could be anticipated to accommodate an additional, 3,300 people. This approximates to an increase in the towns' population of a 1/3<sup>rd</sup> or 33%. These houses are presently being built to the north east and east of the town on sites within the parish boundary. Thereafter, the next phase of development, will be at the Tencreek Farm site\*. This is a logical extension of the built environment being immediately alongside the Liskeard Tavern and other development adjacent the A38 junction. However, it is beyond the current parish boundary.

**\*Development Site already consented - Tencreek Farm development, Plymouth Road, Liskeard.**

Consented development for up to 275 dwellings, 6.2 ha employment space, 4.1 ha public open space, a class C" or 'extra care' home.

This site is directly abutting the Liskeard Tavern development. The extension of the Liskeard boundary to cover this area would be appropriate at this point before any housing has been completed, thereby avoiding concerns about increase in the residential precept.) It is worth noting that the site will have good connectivity via foot and cycle paths to Liskeard schools and services, as this is the natural community and follows the natural line of built development. As might be expected there are no corresponding plans to link the Tencreek Farm development to the Menheniot village which is itself several miles distant.

**5.8 Employment Land** – the Neighbourhood Plan identifies the critical importance of providing employment land and business premises. This is not just to support the 1/3<sup>rd</sup> uplift in the population of the town. At the time the Neighbourhood Plan was being researched, the last occasion, that serviced employment land was available for business expansion was in 2003. There had been a considerable increase in residential provision during the intervening period. During this period the town has become more dependent on commuting for employment purposes.

Proportion of People of Working Age Living in Liskeard, but employed outside of the town. – 2001 Census	44%
Proportion of People of Working Age Living in Liskeard, but employed outside of the town. – 2011 Census	51%

A key message from the community during various phases of the Neighbourhood Plan public consultation was that the town needs to become more sustainable as a community offering employment and services as well as housing.

**5.9 Neighbourhood Plan Employment Land** – The Neighbourhood Plan identified suitable employment land. These include the Liskeard Business Park and some other small employment land sites within the town boundary. The Neighbourhood Plan is produced in accordance with the current civic parish boundary. It noted that the already consented Tencreek Farm site which includes employment land, is beyond the parish boundary. In addition, Bolitho Farm was specifically identified under "Additional Employment Land Outside but abutting the Liskeard NDP Designated Area" it was described as "a prime location for sustainable business and employment use (B1, B2, B8)".

**5.10 Liskeard Town Council – Actions towards the achievement of Employment Land and relevant Neighbourhood Plan projects.**

Liskeard Town Council is taking a proactive approach to economic development and it is important that our planning can cover all of the identified employment sites around the town.



**Our vision for Liskeard** - A thriving and inclusive community which serves as the commercial and cultural hub of South East Cornwall.

**Our aims for Liskeard** – The Town Council will work towards this vision by taking action directly, in partnership with others, and by using its influence, to deliver the following aims:

- Support the growth of good quality local jobs and businesses, strengthen the local food and farming sector and attract new investment.
- Promote and market Liskeard as the commercial and cultural centre for South East Cornwall.

**Localism Act 2011 – General Power of Competence (GPC)** – Liskeard Town Council achieved the General Power of Competence in late 2016 and has retained it by continuing to meet the eligibility criteria and by adopting further resolutions. This has provided the legal basis to enable Liskeard Town Council to more actively consider direct participation in investing in employment sites and premises projects. This is likely to be in conjunction with partners such as Cornwall Council and private investors. Where sites are beyond the current parish boundary (e.g. Bolitho Farm and Tencreek Farm) there is a potential risk regarding the future loss of the General Power of Competence. Liskeard Town Council would be limited to using Section 137 of Local Government Act 1972 for spending authority. Given the small size of that allowance, Liskeard Town Council might be able to fund revenue costs such as, grounds maintenance and utility costs. However, direct investment in capital building projects would not be covered.

**Objectives 2021** - The Town Council has adopted its workplans to support its objectives to 2021. These include: the regeneration of the cattle market, promoting employment land provision and supporting an Innovation Centre/Training Centre provision for the town and hinterland.

**Employment Land and Agri-Hub Demand Assessment** – this study was commissioned by Liskeard Town Council and was funded among others by the Local Enterprise Partnership, Cornwall Quality Livestock Producers, Menheniot Parish Council and Liskeard Chamber of Commerce.

**Economic Development Working Party** – Liskeard Town Council is supporting joint working with partners, including Cornwall Council, local businesses, investors and the relevant funding and advice agencies on projects including employment and premises, through this working party.

**Cattle Market Working Party – (Cornwall Council Working Party)** – supported by the Mayor, Chair of Planning, Vice Chair of Facilities Committee, RFO/Deputy Town Clerk and Town Clerk to support the regeneration proposals in the former Cattle Market site which is the top priority of the Town Council emerging from the Neighbourhood Plan. This includes employment space.

**Review of the Town Council – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019** – this has reallocated duties to create more time for the Town Clerk to support the Economic Development proposals of Liskeard Town Council.

*(please attach additional pages as required)*

**6. Evidence in support of submission:**

*If your proposals involve any changes to existing boundaries, please submit ordnance survey base maps showing clearly proposed new boundaries.*

*Please give detailed information on the number of dwellings and other significant buildings (shops, industrial premises etc.) affected by your proposed changes.*

*Please give details of any consultation that you may have carried out with affected residents, and the outcome.*

*If your proposals affect other parishes, please state what discussions you have had with other parish councils and the outcome.*

**6.1 Note** – this has been an iterative process with feedback from residents, businesses and from Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish Council prompting Liskeard Town Council to revise the proposals. Consequently, both the Dobwalls & Trewidland and Menheniot plans below have each been changed on 3 occasions. The earlier versions are available if required. The plans below are in final format. The plans in respect of the new Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish b. and c. have been approved by both the Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish Council (resolution at its 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 meeting) and the Liskeard Town Council (resolution at its 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Council meeting).

**6.2 Please find attached:**

- a. Boundary Review Both Parishes (dark blue hatched) – complete area to be transferred.
- b. Dobwalls Parish Moorswater (dark blue hatched) – Dobwalls Parish Moorswater area.
- c. Dobwalls Southern (dark blue hatched) – Dobwalls Parish southern area.
- d. Dobwalls Properties (residential & business) – all Dobwalls premises for transfer.
- e. Menheniot Parish (dark blue hatched) – Menheniot parish area for transfer.
- f. Menheniot Properties (dark blue hatched) – all Menheniot premises for transfer.
- g. Menheniot Residents Boundary Consultation sample letter.
- h. Menheniot Businesses Boundary Consultation letter.

Liskeard Town Council is requesting changes to the parish boundaries with the following parishes:

- Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish – (with the support of Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish Council)
  - a. The proposal in respect of the Dobwalls Parish has two elements of land (Moorswater and the southern area both of which are shown on a. in addition to the Menheniot parish area).
  - b. Dobwalls Parish Moorswater area
  - c. Dobwalls Parish southern area.
  - d. Dobwalls Properties to be transferred – 1 residential and 17 business premises
- Menheniot Parish – (Menheniot Parish Council does not support the proposed changes)
  - e. Menheniot Parish – Menheniot area to be transferred.
  - f. Menheniot Properties to be transferred – 8 residential and 4 business premises)

The proposals for revision are based upon a practical recognition that the town has already extended beyond the parish boundary. Recent consents will increase the size of the actual town still further. Therefore, Liskeard Town Council proposes revising the parish boundary to take account of this reality of the current and near future built environment.

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**6.4 Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish** – The attached sheet d. outlines the full list of 1 residential and 17 commercial properties eventually agreed with the Parish Council for transfer. The more significant buildings include at Moorswater plan b. attached:

- Lafarge Cement – this is the goods railway line facility.
- Jewson Ltd
- TWF International Ltd – wetsuit factory
- Cornwall Council Maintenance Depot / Cormac (former Cornwall Council refuse Depot)



At the southern end of the Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish which is attached as plan c. This is:

- Liskeard Sewage Treatment Works at Lodge Hill

**Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish Council Initial meetings – First Revision** – following an initial informal meeting with the Chair and Parish Clerk on 18th March 2019, the proposals were revised to take out the existing residential properties at the western end of the Moorswater Industrial Estate (9 residential properties were retained as Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish Council residents) . The Town Council's 19th March 2019 Finance Committee approved the revised plan which was presented to the 20th March 2019 Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council agreed to use that plan as the basis for further discussion. They agreed the benefits of regularising the location of the business units into the Liskeard parish. Their concern being to avoid the loss of residential properties. This was both with regards the loss of precept to themselves and the increase in the parish element of the residential occupiers. They specifically asked that a consultation be undertaken by Liskeard Town Council. This to be of all residential and businesses premises affected. The findings to be reported to the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish Council.

**6.5 Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish Council – Survey – Second Revision** - The Parish Council were consulted in the drafting of the consultation letters and the list of residential and businesses to be contacted. Further residential properties were identified as needing to be removed. These were at the southern end of Moorswater and in the area of the countryside to the south. (6 residential properties were removed – in the first and second revision combined 15 residential properties were removed with just 1 remaining). 1 residential and 17 businesses premises were included in the consultation exercise. Sample copies of the consultation letter are attached at g. h.

The survey ran from 5th June – 17th June (to permit results to be fed into the 19th June Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish Council meeting, as previously agreed. No responses were received from the 5th June 2019 letters. It should be noted that only one residential property was within the area to be transferred. The majority of the properties are commercial for which there is no UBR implication in transferring from one parish to another. The TWF (wetsuit factory at the western end of Moorswater – had been the subject of a specific question asked at 20th March 2019 Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish Council meeting). It was rung and consulted. They acknowledged receipt of our consultation letter and indicated that including the factory within Liskeard seemed a good idea.

**6.6 Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish Council 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 meeting. Third Revision** - The meeting was attended by 3 members of the public. They were owners of the residential properties at the Looe Mills end of Moorswater. It was confirmed that their properties were not within the area proposed to be transferred to the town council.

Discussion ensued regarding the position of the new parish line at Moorswater. It was noted that a complete farming unit was included if the new parish boundary line followed the railway line. It was considered that following the line of the stream and boundary hedges would retain the farming land.

Subject to being sent a copy of the revised plan Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish Council voted to support the revised proposals for submission under the Community Governance Review. Dobwalls & Trewidland Parish were sent the revised plan which on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 was confirmed as being acceptable to them as the area to be transferred to Liskeard.

**6.7 Menheniot Parish** - The attached sheet f. outlines the full list of 8 residential and 4 commercial properties proposed for transfer. The more significant buildings and points of note include attached at plan e.:

- 4 of the residential properties are located in the cluster of buildings identified as Bolitho Farm.
- 3 of the residential properties are flats located as staff accommodation in conjunction with the operation of The Liskeard Tavern.
- Premier Inn Travel
- B & M Retail
- Argos+

**Menheniot Council 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 meeting** – was attended by the Liskeard Town Clerk. He explained Liskeard Town Council felt there was a good case for reviewing the parish boundary to include existing built development such as, Liskeard Tavern, Liskeard Argos+ etc. and areas of Moorswater Industrial Estate. etc. The Chair of Menheniot Parish Council indicated that the Menheniot Parish Council had already resolved in January not to change the current boundary and further resolved not to revisit the decision. The Liskeard Town Clerk indicated that Liskeard Town Council had already decided to submit to Cornwall Council the case for a review of the parish boundaries and had decided that the Mayor, Vice Chair of Planning and Town Clerk should discuss with neighbouring parishes the positioning of the boundaries. Menheniot Parish Council decided to set to a Community Governance Review working party and for the Chair, Vice Chair and Parish Clerk to be those nominated to meet with Liskeard Town Council.

**6.8 Menheniot Parish Council 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 meeting** - The Chair, Vice Chair and Parish Clerk of Menheniot and from Liskeard Town Council the Mayor, Vice Chair of Planning and Town Clerk were in attendance. Menheniot Parish Council wished to confirm, that a single property, which was directly under the red-line of the proposed area was outside of the area to be transferred. This was agreed by the Liskeard Town Council representatives. Thereafter, the Menheniot Parish Council representatives resumed with the explanation that Menheniot Parish Council had resolved in January not to review the parish boundary. Consequently, they could not discuss reviewing the parish boundary.

**6.9 Menheniot Annual Parish Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019** – Prior to the meeting, it had been confirmed in writing that as Liskeard Town Council would have to consult the residents and businesses within any proposed area to be transferred, it was agreed, that the attendance sheets would be supplied to Liskeard Town Council. This would enable the members of the public attending the meeting to be contacted by Liskeard Town Council. This has still not appeared in the public record of the meeting (as of 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019) and even at the time of the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Liskeard Town Council meeting minutes of the meeting had not been posted. Without those details it was not possible to identify which members of the public would be affected by the Liskeard Town Council proposals.

Nevertheless, at the subsequent 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Planning Committee, and the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 Finance, Economic Development & General Purposes Committee meeting of Liskeard Town Council it was reported that the people attending the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Menheniot Annual Meeting objected on the following grounds:

Burials – it was suggested that a person whose property transferred between parishes would not then be able to be buried in their home parish with their deceased relatives. (Advice obtained from the Church of England after the event has been that Ecclesiastical Parishes are not the same as Civic Parishes and that the current review of the civic parish would not change the Ecclesiastical Parish. Crucially, the location for marriages and burials would continue as at present).



Primary School – preference given to ‘in parish’ children would affect families currently in Menheniot being transferred to Liskeard. (It was in fact subsequently found that the primary school catchment areas do not conform to the civic parish. The Tencreek Farm area is in fact well within the Liskeard Primary School catchment area. Indeed, there is a Section 106 educational provision attached to the planning consent for Tencreek Farm that indicates that the local primary school is Liskeard. Liskeard Town Council is supporting the growth of the Primary School capacity by receiving under a Section 106 agreement the Maudlin Farm site, which is next to one of the existing primary schools, to enable future expansion if required. In addition, there is a further site allocated which could accommodate a new primary school.

Parish Council Precept – it was stated that if the current properties within the red outline were transferred to Liskeard – then the current Menheniot precept would fall by about £1,000 which was just under 5% of its budget. If the properties that are consented for the Tencreek Farm site, were to be built after the transfer to Liskeard – the Menheniot Parish Precept would not increase by £8,000. (actual situation - the movement of 8 residential properties from the Menheniot parish to Liskeard Town Council would reduce their parish precept by £258.88 pa (based on the 2019/20 figures for a band D property). A reduction of 1.29% of their overall precept.)

Increase in Existing Residents Parish Precept – The current properties within the red line would face an increase in their Parish Precept upon immediate transfer – e.g. the Band D figure annual figure would increase from £40.72 to £139.42. There would be no increase in service provided although it had increased significantly. (the actual situation regarding council tax is a band D property would increase from £1771.73 to £1880.45 (an extra £2.09 per week) based on the 2019/20 figures.

Agricultural Occupancy Numbers – Farms come with an Agricultural Occupancy Number and these are coordinated on a Parish basis, for example, for the purposes of animal health and transportation. The red line area cuts across an existing farm and would require a rethink of the Parish area, potential involving the NFU. – (Advice was obtained that in the case of animal health and transportation emergency plans will usually be based upon the location of roads. Subsequent advice has been that it is considered beneficial if the majority of the land attached to a farm can be located in the same parish as the farm and its holding number. – This contributed to the decision to revise the Menheniot Parish final version plan by taking out the Tencreek farmhouse and 3 associated residential units and including more completely the Bolitho Farm – Note that on the third revision of the Dobwalls & Trewidland plan a farm was removed at Moorswater)

**6.10 Liskeard Town Council (20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Planning Committee and the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 Finance Committee)** considered a report on progress with the Community Governance Review. During discussions, it was considered that the concerns of residents could best be accommodated within the overall objective of expanding the parish boundary, if the number of current residential properties transferred from Menheniot to Liskeard could be kept to a minimum. The original number proposed for transfer being 34 residential proposals. The number of residential properties remaining within the area was reduced to 11.

Menheniot – consultation letters were sent out covering the period running 11th June – 24th June – to enable input to the 25th June Town Council meeting. The responses received were

- 1 residential property (also a farm unit) supported the proposal and indicated that the area should be expanded to include the complete area of the farm – they indicated that this general principle could be applied to other farms within the proposed area of change).
- 4 residential property owners were opposed to the proposals (3 of the residential properties were located at Tencreek Farm. One of the properties was the farmstead address to a 650 acre holding. 50 acres of which were already within the Liskeard parish area.

**6.11 Menheniot Parish Council 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 meeting** – a further meeting was held involving the the Chair, Vice Chair and Parish Clerk of Menheniot and from Liskeard Town Council the Mayor and Town Clerk. Menheniot Parish Council repeated their January decision and opposition to any change at all.

**6.12 Liskeard Town Council 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 meeting** – the meeting was attended by 5 residents from the Menheniot. 3 were parish councillors who all spoke against the proposal to extend the Menheniot boundary. Two of the Menheniot residents attending were the farming couple at Tencreek Farm. Before the meeting they made clear they wished their farmhouse to remain in Menheniot and the majority of their farm to remain in Menheniot. The Mayor reported the results of the consultation. Liskeard Town Council resolved to progress with the proposals to review the parish boundaries as set out in plans attached as a. b. c. and e, which do not include Tencreek Farm house and associated dwelling in response to the objections from the residents.

The original plans area contained 34 residential and 4 businesses premises affected by the proposed boundary change. The final version of the plan shows 8 residential premises and 4 business premises for transfer to the Liskeard parish area. Fuller detail is contained in attachments f.

Of those that have responded and are still within the proposed area for transfer:

- 1 residential property is opposed (Menheniot resident)
- 1 residential property has indicated support (Menheniot resident)

*(please attach additional pages as required)*

**7. List of attachments:**

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**8. Submitted by:  
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Signed:



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