## <u>Bishopstone Group Parish – Community Governance Review. Information Sheet.</u>

**Community Governance Review proposal is to** review a boundary on the north side of the A438 at Sugwas Pool, Swainshill, and Sugwas parish.

To review the Bishopstone Group Parish Community Governance review terms of reference please go to:

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200148/your\_council/779/community\_governance\_review/2

**Bishopstone Group Population**<sup>1</sup>: 909

Population by age group:

0-15yrs	16- 29 yrs	30-44 yrs	45- 64 yrs	65+ yrs
133	84	134	264	294

**Current housing numbers:** 

Approximately 140

**Projected housing growth**: Housing agreed in the Bishopstone Neighbourhood plan is for 25

new dwellings, this equates to an 18% increase between 2011

and 2031

Council Tax for each valuation band and parish. By parish, including the police and fire precepts<sup>2</sup>.

Parish	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Bishopstone	£1121.06	£1307.90	£1494.75	£1681.58	£2055.27	£2428.96	£2802.65	£3363.17
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Stretton Sugwas	£1124.69	£1312.14	£1499.59	£1687.03	£2061.93	£2436.83	£2811.73	£3374.07

## Why is a Community Governance review being considered?

Government guidance on community governance reviews suggest that occasionally, it may be appropriate to carry out a small reviews, for example, to adjust minor parish boundary anomalies. Local people have expressed a view about what form of community governance they would like for this area. Herefordshire Council has tailored the Bishopstone Group Parish terms of reference to reflect those views.

Ultimately, the recommendations made in a community governance review ought to bring about improved community engagement, better local democracy and result in more effective and convenient delivery of local services. In this instance, there is a view that the houses located on the north side of the A438 at Sugwas Pool, Swainshill, and Sugwas parish share a close community and geographic connection with the parish of Stretton Sugwas.

When considering parish ward boundaries Herefordshire Council will seek to ensure that we consider the desirability of fixing boundaries which are, and will remain, easily identifiable, as well as taking into account any local ties which will be broken by the fixing of any particular boundaries. The review will enable the parish and its residents to decide if a ward boundary change is supported enabling those household to be located in the parish of Stretton Sugwas.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The council tax figures will be updated in March





