

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

POSSIBLE PARISH BOUNDARY CHANGES

Hampton in Arden Parish Council has agreed to a request from Catherine de Barnes Residents Association to initiate a process called a Community Governance (Boundary) Review to consider incorporating the unparished area of Catherine de Barnes into the Hampton Parish. This request was supported by Parishioners and Residents in a Petition to Solihull Council and was adopted at the meeting on 28th November of Solihull's Governance Committee.

At present, the village of Catherine de Barnes is split between the Hampton in Arden Parish Council area (polling district BH06) and the unparished area to the west of the Grand Union Canal (polling district BH07). See map overleaf.

To promote better community cohesion and more effective local government, we are asking for a redrawing of the boundary so that the whole of the village of Catherine de Barnes is within the parish of Hampton in Arden.

Solihull will now carry out a review of the proposals and each and every elector in Hampton and Catherine de Barnes affected by these proposals will have a chance to comment. A questionnaire will shortly be delivered to every household.

WHY ARE WE SUPPORTING THIS CHANGE?

The current parish boundaries were drawn up long before the settlement of Catherine de Barnes grew into the village we now know. The separation between the parished part of Catherine de Barnes/Hampton in Arden and the unparished area to the west of the Grand Union Canal is now outdated, and no longer reflects the community. It means that some residents living in Catherine de Barnes do not have a say on Parish Council business because they live outside the area. In other words, the current community governance arrangements hinder effective local government.

This proposal will unify the village and its representation through Hampton in Arden Parish Council. The Parish Council is a Statutory Consultee on all planning and development matters with the Local Authority. The residents of Hampton in Arden will largely be unaffected by these proposals but there would be an increase in activity for the Parish Council which would represent a larger area. To facilitate proper representation we anticipate an increase of one additional Councillor representing Catherine de Barnes and revenues to support the increase in the size of the parish.

The increased devolution of powers and responsibilities for some local services falls to Parish Councils and this is reflected in the recently adopted Hampton-in-Arden Neighbourhood Plan, within which only part of Catherine de Barnes is included. The proposal seeks to rectify this. A Neighbourhood Plan (NP) enables the local community to have a significant input as to how that Community develops. Local Authorities are required to take a NP into account when considering any development in the area.

In the event that our proposal is successful there would an **Addendum** to the Hampton NP to incorporate the newly parished area into the Plan.

If adopted, we would like to see the new parish warded and one additional Parish Councillor elected to represent a new Catherine de Barnes ward.

To sum up, we believe the current community governance arrangements hinder community cohesion and effective local government by artificially splitting the village of Catherine de Barnes into two parts.

Catherine-de-Barnes Residents' Association



The above recommendation will:

- improve community engagement
- bring communities closer together
- create better local democracy
- result in more efficient and effective delivery of local service
- provide a more representative Parish with a stronger voice on development issues affecting the area and in dialogue with community agencies, statutory authorities and Solihull MBC

There will be a drop-in session at the Meeting Room, Hampton Parish Office on Tuesday 12 December between 5pm and 7pm and there is a meeting for residents in Catherine de Barnes Village Hall on Friday 8 December at 7:30pm.

Following the receipt of the Petition and the decision reached by the Governance Committee, Solihull MBC have issued the following Press Release outlining the process and next steps:

“Solihull Council has received a petition requesting a Community Governance Review (CGR) to incorporate the whole of Catherine-de-Barnes into the Hampton in Arden Parish Council boundary.

The petition was signed by the required number of electors to trigger a review under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. A CGR is a legal process where councils can consider creating, merging and altering parishes, among other possibilities.

The petition was entitled “Hampton in Arden Parish Council has agreed to a request from Catherine-de-Barnes Residents’ Association to incorporate the ward known as BH07 (that is the area of Catherine-de-Barnes west of the Grand Union Canal) into the Parish of Hampton in Arden (Ward BH06).”

A consultation period on the Terms of Reference will begin on 29 November and run until 31 December. This document will explain the aims of the review, the legislation that guide it and some of the policies that the Council considers important in its reviewing process. Copies of the terms of reference document will be available from 29 November and can be viewed online at www.solihull.gov.uk/cgr/hamptoninarden. Paper copies will also be available at Hampton in Arden Library, Solihull Connect in Theatre Square and at the Council House reception, Manor Square.

Residents in Catherine-de-Barnes and Hampton in Arden are encouraged to let the Council know their views during the consultation period. **Comments can be left online, emailed to electoralservices@solihull.gov.uk** or posted to Electoral Services, Solihull Council, Council House, Manor Square, Solihull, B91 9QS.

Draft proposals will be prepared and open to consultation in the New Year. Final proposals will then be prepared and open to consultation later in 2018. “

A summary of the questions on which we would welcome comment on is on page 3 & 4 together with a map showing the areas concerned. If you are making submissions online a copy of the map will need to be forwarded separately to the address shown above.

The deadline for submissions is **31 December 2017**.

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Question 1

The petition proposes to unify the parished and unparished parts of Catherine de Barnes and to secure its representation within Hampton in Arden Parish Council. Parishes should:-

- reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area;
- be effective and convenient; and
- take into account any other, non-parish, arrangements for the purposes of community representation or community engagement in the area.

Do you consider that this proposal satisfies the above criteria? Yes/No

Any additional comments -

Question 2

The petition proposes to extend the Hampton in Arden Parish to include the whole of Catherine de Barnes and to create two wards; known as Hampton in Arden Ward and Catherine de Barnes Ward.

Do you agree with the above proposal? Yes/No.

If yes, what boundary do you suggest for the two wards? *(please feel free to use the map overleaf to show your suggestions or comment here e.g. M42 or Catherine de Barnes Lane/Friday Lane).*

If no -

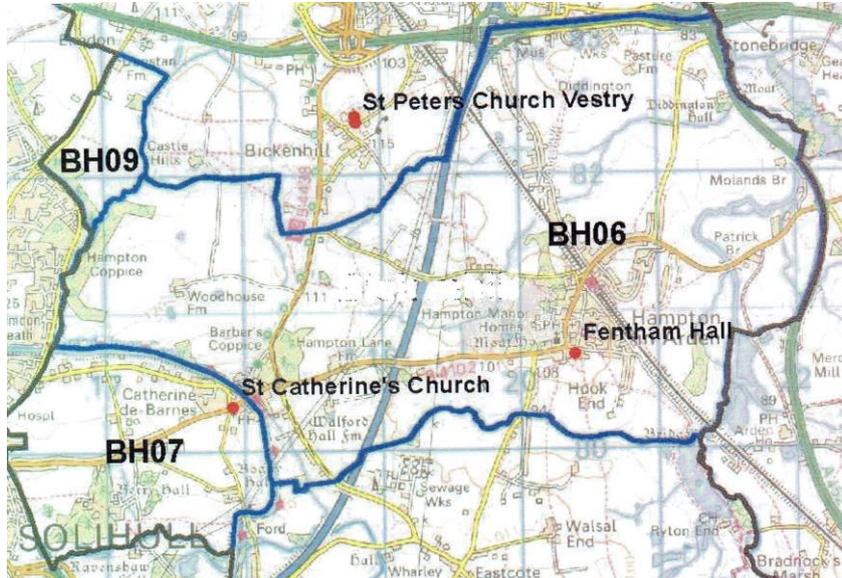
- How many wards do you suggest?
- What name(s) would you suggest for these wards?
- What boundaries would you suggest for the wards?
(please feel free to use the map overleaf to show your suggestions)

Additional comments –



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Question 2 – Boundary Map



Question 3

The petition proposes that Hampton in Arden Parish Council will **not** be renamed. Do you agree with this proposal? Yes/No

If no, what name do you suggest?

Any additional comments –

Once you have answered these questions please e mail pages 3 and 4 to electoralservices@solihull.gov.uk

Or post them to Electoral Services, Solihull Council, Council House, Manor Square, Solihull, B91 9QS. With details of your full name and address.

Resident's name: _____

Resident's full address: _____