

CNA 15 Liskeard and Looe

1506 Liskeard / 1508 Menheniot

Panel Recommendation:

To defer the boundary issues between Liskeard and Menheniot for future consideration following the May 2021 elections.

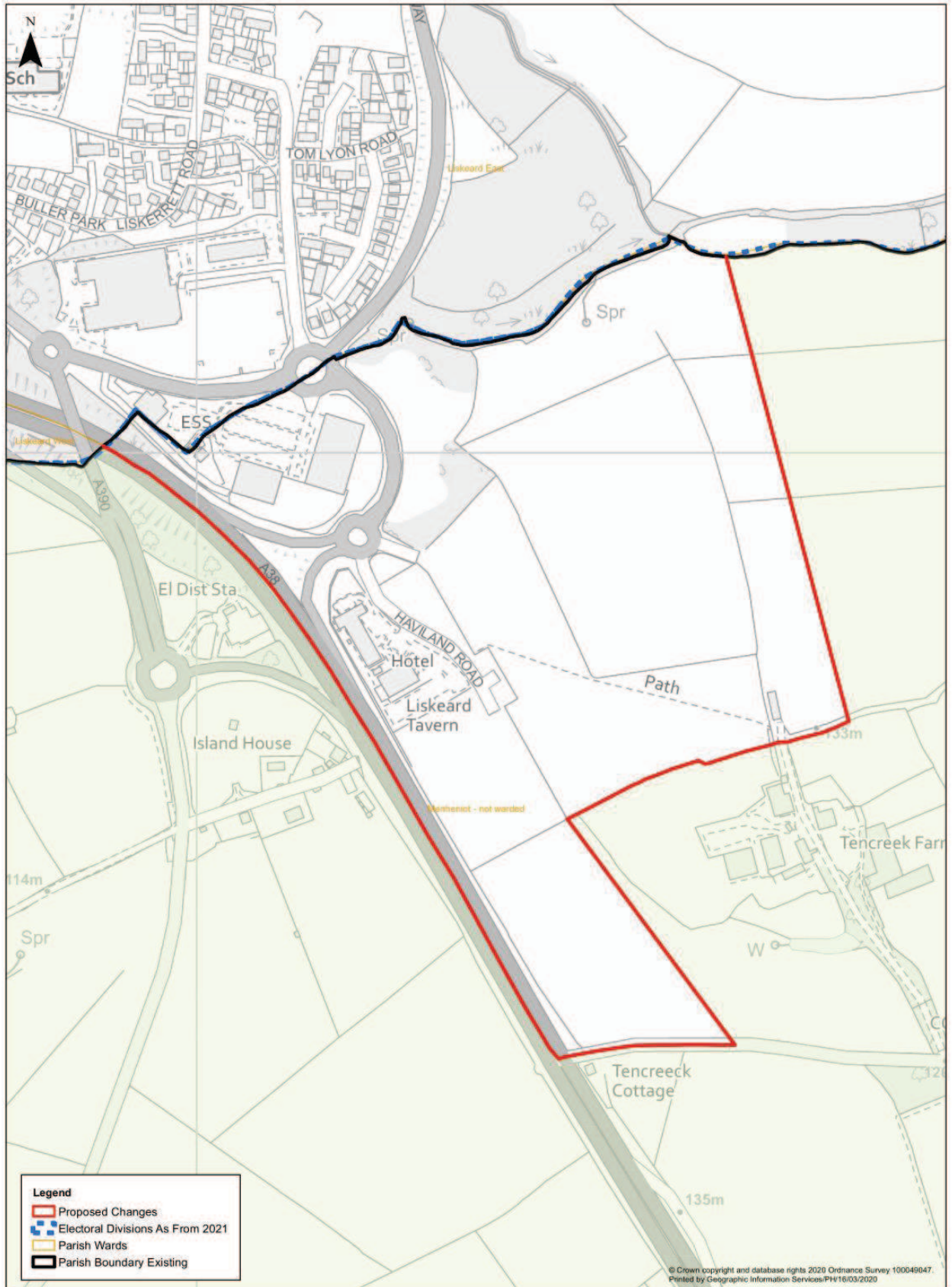
Proposed Amendment:

The following amendment is proposed by Councillor Hawken, seconded by Councillor Long that:

‘The area shown edged red on Map 3.0 in the Public Consultation document for Liskeard and Looe Community Network Area (CNA15) be transferred from Menheniot parish to Liskeard parish and be included within Liskeard Central ward (2021 boundaries), subject to any necessary consent from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE), in relation to Electoral Division boundaries and parish boundaries.’

Supporting map:

Map3.0 Proposed amendment to transfer the area outline in red from Menheniot parish to Liskeard parish



Additional information supplied by the proposer:

“The panel's deliberations have focused on where there are existing planning permissions and there has been reluctance to make changes based on speculation. There is no doubt the pandemic has impacted on the expected timescale for developer activity but on 19th August 2020 Liskeard Town Council and Menheniot Parish Council representatives attended a pre-application meeting with Cornwall Council officers and developers for the Tencreek site. Development on this site seems inevitable and more imminent than the panel may have realised.

There have been commendably cooperative conversations following the pre-application meeting between Liskeard and Menheniot as Menheniot draft their Neighbourhood Plan. Menheniot have demonstrated thoughtful concern over the potential impact development here will have on Liskeard, which has only highlighted the logic for including it within the town.

Liskeard Town Council's current position on the boundary is reflected by the amendment here. This was confirmed at the Liskeard Town Council meeting of 25th February 2020.

The change in this amendment would better reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area and secure more effective and convenient community governance.

If you're looking for easy options, the Liskeard/Menheniot boundary will never be that. However, when neighbours are unlikely to reach agreement it is right and proper that Cornwall Council as the neutral party gives good consideration to what will be the best fit for future generations and takes action.”

Context of Panel recommendation:

Liskeard Town Council wished to change the boundary with Menheniot parish to include an area of land south of Liskeard, including Bolitho Farm, the junction of the A38 and A390 and land to the east of this junction for which planning permission has been granted, as shown edged red on Map 3.0 in the Public Consultation Document for Liskeard and Looe Community Network Area (CNA15). Menheniot Parish Council opposed this change.

Based on the evidence then available, Cornwall Council recommended a smaller scale change limited to the eastern side of the junction (including the Bubble Retail Park, the Premier Inn and the land with planning permission) as it considered that this would better reflect the identity and interests of the

community in the area and secure more effective and convenient community governance.

During the Public Consultation Period thirteen submissions were received from residents of Menheniot parish opposing the change. Partly on the basis that Menheniot Parish Council serves that area well and partly because the area has not yet been developed and so it would be premature to transfer that area at this stage. A Cornwall Councillor also made a submission raising a number of issues including affordable housing, schools' education grant and Section 106 (Planning) implications, which he suggests need to be addressed before any boundary change between Liskeard and Menheniot, as being proposed, is finalised. Willton Homes West Ltd, who own the development site at Ten Creek Farm, which is within the area proposed to be transferred, was neutral as to any change in the boundary.

Subsequently, although remaining a proposed allocated site for development in the Menheniot Neighbourhood Development Plan, it has transpired that the planning permission has lapsed. Having regard to the representations received and as the reason for including the land with planning permission no longer applies, with no indication as yet received as to when or whether any planning application will be made in the foreseeable future, the Panel was invited to consider that this land should no longer be transferred to Liskeard parish at this time. Such a transfer can be considered in a future review. On that basis, on balance, the Panel was recommended to make a smaller scale boundary change limited to the area of land encompassed by the A38, the slip road and the A390 together with the Premier Inn and the Liskeard Tavern, as shown on the Map 3.0a (appendix 15), being transferred from Menheniot parish to Liskeard parish (Central ward, 2021 boundaries), subject to any necessary consent from the LGBCE, in relation to Electoral Division Boundaries and Internal ward boundaries.

Should the boundary change, as shown on alternative Map 3.0a (appendix 15), be made the 2021 Electoral Division boundary should also be adjusted to align with it. A number of properties would be transferred, but the electoral ratio would not be significantly affected. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) would need to consent to the consequential change to the Cornwall (Electoral Changes) Order 2019. In any event, the LGBCE's consent will be required for the parish boundary change as the 2019 Order would similarly need to be updated to include the land to be transferred from Menheniot parish (unwarded) to the Liskeard parish (2021 Central ward).

The Panel was of the view that due to the lack of agreement between the parishes concerned, the complexity of the issues raised and time constraints, as

well as that the details of the development might be known by then, in order to assist with the decision, it was suggested that the matter be deferred for future consideration following the May 2021 elections.

If the amendment is carried, the 2021 Electoral Division boundary should be aligned with the proposed parish boundary, which would require the Electoral Division boundary to be adjusted and the consent of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) would be needed. In addition the LGBCE consent would be needed to transfer the area from Menheniot parish to Liskeard parish (Liskeard Central ward) as referred to in the Cornwall (Electoral Changes) Order 2019.

Links to supplement packs for previous relevant panel meetings which include relevant maps and accompanying documentation:

Panel Meeting - 6th October 2020

<https://democracy.cornwall.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1152&MIId=9562&Ver=4>

Consultation Document – CNA 15 Liskeard and Looe

https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/42266325/liskeard-and-looe-community-governance_final.pdf