

Community Governance Review

Saltburn, Marske and New Marske Parish



DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Introduction

1. Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council is undertaking a Community Governance Review (CGR) of the existing Saltburn, Marske and New Marske Parish Council and part of the surrounding area, in accordance with Part 4, Chapter 3 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

What are Community Governance Reviews?

2. CGRs are the processes used to consider whether existing parish council arrangements are suitable, whether they should be changed in any way, or to consider whether new arrangements should be created. This is to ensure that the arrangements reflect the identity and interests of the local community and that the arrangements are as effective and convenient as possible.

Why is the Council undertaking the Community Governance Review?

3. Councils have a general duty to keep their area under review. Whilst ward boundaries and parliamentary boundaries have been reviewed in recent years, it is over 15 years since a review of the parish boundary has taken place. The Council has had awareness that the boundaries for Saltburn, Marske and New Marske Parish Council omitted part of the Longbeck Ward but encompassed part of the Wheatlands Ward but has not previously had sufficient time to conduct a review.

Initial consultation

4. An initial public consultation was open between 20th April and 31st May 2026, during which time residents, property, land and/or business owners, and any other person or organisation who has an interest in the parish, were welcomed to provide feedback on the current arrangements and make suggestions and proposals on any amendments to the parish area.
5. 26 responses were received during the initial consultation, of which 21 respondents used the published survey, whilst the other 5 responses went sent via email.
6. The responses largely indicated support for the part of Longbeck Ward (LBKCR) which is not currently included within the parish boundary to be included, and the part of Wheatlands Ward (WHTCR) which is currently included within the parish boundary, to be removed.

7. Responses also indicated that residents of the Wheatlands area (known as the Mickledales estate) identify as being residents of Redcar rather than Marske, and that the dividing line between the two places is the bridge over the train tracks on Redcar Road, which is locally referred to as the black bridge.
8. Of the 5 email responses submitted, 4 make reference to a small group of properties situated to the east of Saltburn Ward, on Saltburn Lane, which are currently part of Skelton and Brotton Parish Council. These submissions indicate that the residents of these properties feel that they belong to the Saltburn community rather than Skelton. Whilst the Terms of Reference which were published on 20 April did not make reference to this group of properties as an area for consideration, it has been agreed that consideration of this area is beneficial now, rather than through a separate review. For this reason, a slight modification to the Terms of Reference has been made and these terms have been republished.

Draft recommendations and rationale

9. Following the initial consultation, all submissions have been considered, and the following draft recommendations have been made.
 - Recommendation 1
The part of Wheatlands Ward identified as WHTCR be removed from the area defined at Saltburn, Marske and New Marske Parish Council.
 - Recommendation 2
The part of Longbeck Ward identified as LBKCR be included within the area defined as Saltburn, Marske and New Marske Parish Council.
 - Recommendation 3
The identified properties to the east of Saltburn which currently sit within the SKEAM polling district of Skelton East Ward and form part of Skelton and Brotton Parish Council, be transferred to the Saltburn, Marske and New Marske Parish Council area, and a request be made to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to implement a consequential related alteration to align the Saltburn Ward boundary with this change.
10. From the responses received it is apparent that residents of the Mickledales estate, identify as residents of Redcar and not Marske. There are strong feelings that these residents do not receive any services from the parish council, despite paying parish precept, and they therefore no longer want to be included within the parish area. This supports the recommendation for WHTCR to be removed from the parish area.
11. Several responses refer to the bridge over the train line on Redcar Road being what residents identify as the physical dividing line between Redcar and Marske. Whilst the Longbeck and Wheatlands Ward boundaries do not follow the train line, this seems to act as a natural divide between the two areas. The residential properties within the LBKCR polling district are located on the Marske side of the train line, which is consistent with the recommendation being made for LBKCR to

be included within Saltburn, Marske and New Marske Parish.

12. Finally, whilst the properties situated to the left of Saltburn were not identified as part of the initial preparations for this review, evidence has been provided to demonstrate that an argument for these properties to be included in the both the Saltburn Ward and Saltburn, Marske and New Marske Parish Council were previously presented to the Local Boundary Commission for England as part of their Local Government Boundary Review in 2018. Given that these properties are adjacent to the current Saltburn, Marske and New Marske Parish boundaries, which are subject to the current review, there is an opportunity to deal with this issue at the same time.

Second Consultation Period

13. A further consultation on the above recommendations will commence on 29th June 2026 with submissions being welcomed until 9th August 2026.
14. Respondents are invited to tell us whether or not they agree with the recommendations and provide reasoning as to why, however new proposals will not be accepted in this stage of the consultation.
15. Representations can be made by completing the consultation form available via www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/voting-and-elections/community-governance-reviews by email to elections@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk or by post to Electoral Services, Civic Centre, Ridley Street, Redcar, TS10 1TD.

Conclusion of the Community Governance Review

16. At the end of the second consultation period, final recommendations will be prepared and presented to Council for approval in accordance with the timetable laid out in the terms of reference.
17. This review will conclude when a Reorganisation of Community Governance Order, giving effect to the decisions in the final recommendations, is made. The provisions of such Order would take effect from 1st April 2027 for financial and administrative purposes, and from the date of the next ordinary elections (May 2027) for electoral arrangements.

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