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Related subject: Bonkers Boundary Land aka Coopers Edge in three parishes of Brockworth, Hucclecote (Tewkesbury Borough) and Upton St Leonards (Stroud District)

There is a strategic need for any rewording of Gloucestershire to fully reflect new communities created by development and avoid them becoming left behind communities due to poor community leadership. A case in point is Coopers Edge which suffers from incoherent and disjointed governance arrangements. As part of this the Commission is urged to move away from using District boundaries as an organisational unit to allocate divisions within and allow for County Divisions which cover areas in two or more Districts, where the sense of community identity is stronger.

Coopers Edge

Coopers Edge is a development of approximately 1900 homes on the southeastern corner of the former Brockworth Airfield site, once the site of the Gloster Aircraft Company, part of the wider site (now Invista) was also the site of the construction of postwar pre-fabs by the AW Hawkesley company. The area of the Coopers Edge is illustrated from the attached planning document (from the original outline consent) reference 01_1423-Areas_PLAN-1004711.pdf

Incoherent Planning

The lack of a single authority planning authority coupled with 3 parish council, 3 district council wards and 2 county divisions has resulted in poor co-ordination of community services and the lack of delivery of essential infrastructure including the provision of a local retail centre. There are issues about lack of adoption of highways and in part of the area some years on from development completion unadopted roads, including at

least one still only surfaced at base course.

Confusion about Identity

The part of Coopers Edge administered by Stroud within the Parish of Upton St Leonards has only a bridleway connection with the main part of Upton St Leonards and the only road connection is by way of the adjoining Gloucester City Suburb of Abbeymead. The part of Coopers Edge administered by Tewkesbury is split between Hucclecote and Brockworth parishes. Hucclecote parish is the remanent of a pre 1965 parish which was largely incorporated (and therefore deparished) within the former County Borough of Gloucester and has two other large development areas north and south of the Hucclecote Road. Brockworth Parish is now a very large parish and as such Coopers Edge is a disconnected part of the development and due to the policies of the Gloucester Business Park owners there are no public highways connecting Coopers Edge with Brockworth itself.

Residents have no affinity with either Tewkesbury or Stroud District and this appears to be supported by the low turnouts in local elections, the lack of contested parish council elections. In the absence of a commitment to Unitary Governance, there is an urgent need for a District Council boundary review.

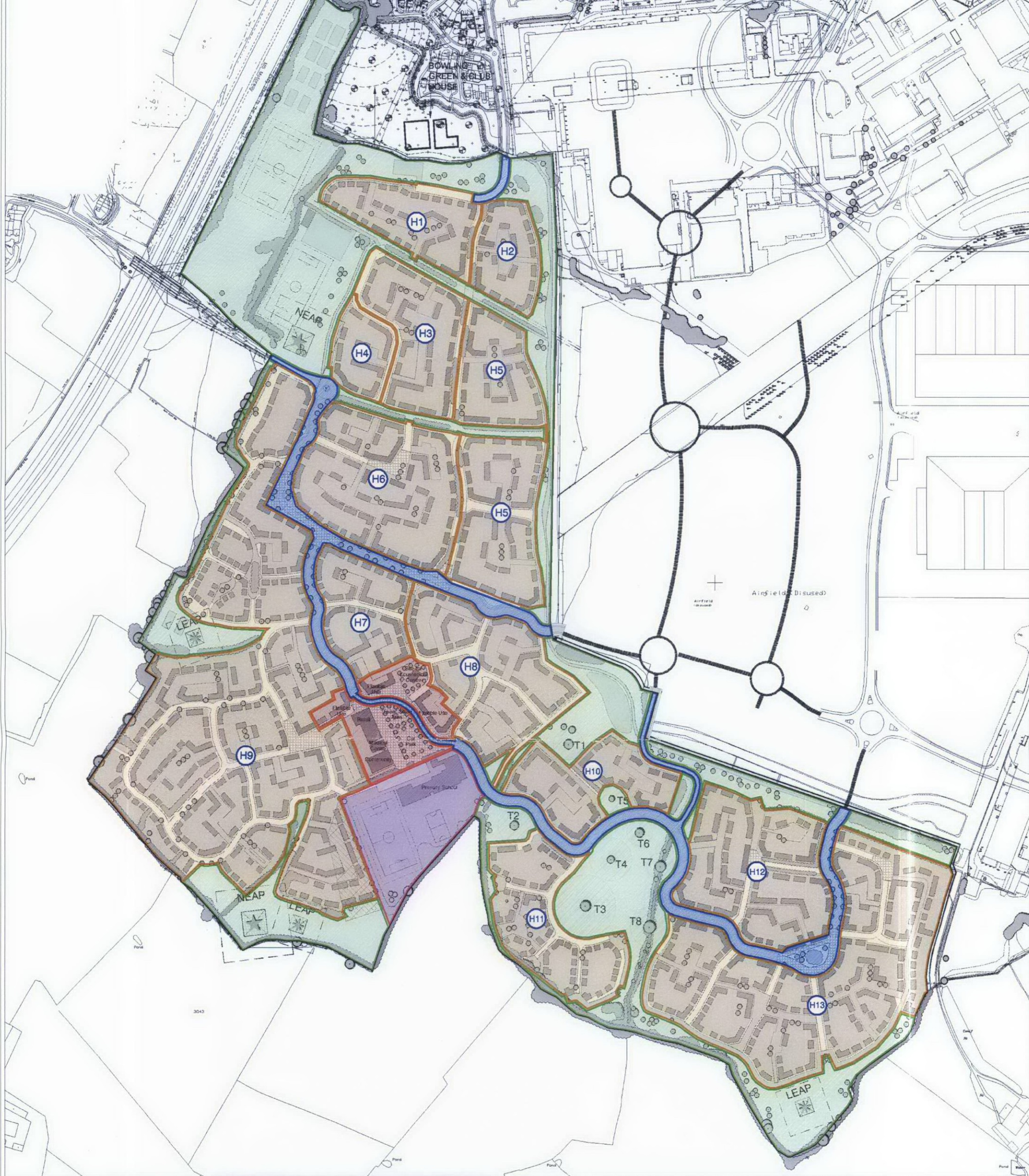
Boundary Proposals

The proposals as they affect Coopers Edge should look at the area as a single entity and provide for a single County Councillor covering the whole of the former Gloucester Airfield site, and should also encompass the whole of the Parish of Hucclecote. It is possible this could be achieved by simply including the Upton St Leonards Coopers Edge Ward in a redrawn Brockworth Division, perhaps by including parts of the Cheltenham urban fringe developments in cross boundary divisions like Leckhampton and Warden Hill and Benhall and Up Hatherley which have developments outside of the Cheltenham boundary but in reality part of the Cheltenham development.

I trust that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England will give proper consideration to these matters

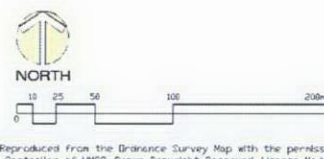
Attached Documents:

- 01_1423-AREAS_PLAN-1004711.pdf



Site Boundary	69.92	172.78
Residential Area	Ha	Ac
H1	1.65	4.09
H2	1.12	2.77
H3	2.02	5.00
H4	0.83	2.06
H5	3.77	9.32
H6	3.52	8.71
H7	1.58	3.90
H8	3.07	7.58
H9	12.27	30.31
H10	1.74	4.29
H11	2.29	5.65
H12	3.10	7.65
H13	6.68	16.51
Sub Total	43.64	107.85
Mixed Use	1.63	4.03
Primary School	2.16	5.34
Potential School Extension	0.54	1.33
Roads Including Squares	3.49	8.62
Open Space	19.00	46.94
Overall Total (exclg Potential School Extension)	69.92	172.77

WORK IN PROGRESS



Project: BROCKWORTH

Drawing Title: AREAS PLAN

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