

Submission on the Community Governance Review for Cornwall 2019

Please complete and return this form with any accompanying papers to Cornwall Council, by email or post, no later than noon 17 July 2019.

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1. Please state the area or Parish to which this submission relates:

Penzance Parish – Heamoor and Gulval wards and the Longrock area of Ludgvan Parish.

2. Is this submission from:

- A Parish Council (City, Town, Parish or Community Council, or Parish meeting)
- A community organisation
- Any other body or organisation
- One or more individual resident(s)

3. Please indicate whether this submission relates to a change or no change:

- No Change – *please continue to section 5*
- Change – *please continue to section 4*

4. Submission proposal:

Please tick any that apply

- Change to Parish boundary
- Create a grouped Parish with at least one other Parish
- Creation of a new Parish
 - By separating part of a Parish
 - By aggregating parts of a Parish
 - By amalgamating Parishes
- Change to Parish name
- Create Parish wards
- Change the boundaries of existing Parish wards
- Abolish Parish wards
- Change the total number of Councillors (say how many you want in the future)
- Change the number of Councillors in each ward (say how many you want in the future)
- Other (please provide details below)

5. Details of proposal(s):

Please give details of any submissions that you are proposing or, if appropriate, reasons why you do not want change.

Please give sufficient evidence to support your submission, including any information that you may have already provided to Cornwall Council.

Please explain why you consider that the submission you are making will ensure that community governance within the area will reflect the identities and interests of the community and will be effective and convenient.

Heamoor area of Penzance Parish

Penzance Town Council (PZTC) requests no change in relation to the Heamoor area of the parish for the following reasons:-

1. PZTC does not believe that there is majority local support for the proposal to create a separate parish in the style of a 'village council' but acknowledges that members of SHED (Save Heamoor from Excessive Development) is campaigning for the creation of a village council.
2. PZTC acknowledges Heamoor as a community within Penzance Parish along with Gulval, Paul, Newlyn and Mousehole. However Heamoor has historically always been a settlement of another parish, originally Madron but since the 1934 local government changes, part of Penzance Parish. With the urban expansion of Penzance in the 20th century, Heamoor became contiguous with Penzance and a suburb tightly linked socially and economically with Penzance. The centre of Heamoor lies less than one mile from Penzance Town Centre
3. Penzance. PZTC does not believe that the creation of a parish would best reflect the interests of the community. PZTC is particularly concerned that the establishment of a village council could have a negative and destabilizing impact on community cohesion. The proposed area for the village council would in effect 'split' the community by leaving out some areas where deprivation is an issue but including some more affluent areas in Treneere (e.g. Manor Way which is within the East Ward of Penzance Parish). Community governance arrangements need to be inclusive of all residents of the community.
4. Any proposal to create a village council should be considered alongside the broader needs of Penzance parish and the need for parishes to take a larger role in protecting the interests of their residents during an extended period of national austerity and local government cut backs. The strength of its many local communities adds up to a bigger community that is more than the sum of its parts. PZTC's view is that all areas of Penzance parish should continue to contribute to its civic life and public services.
5. PZTC does not believe that the proposal to create a village council would lead to the delivery of effective and efficient local governance in terms of value for money or service provision.
6. It is PZTC's view that the drive to establish a village council comes from the single issue community pressure group SHED (Save Heamoor from Excessive Development) which believes it could exert greater influence over planning decisions concerning new housing through establishment of a separate Heamoor Village Council. However, a parish council is only a statutory planning consultee in relation to planning and not the Planning Authority.
7. PZTC is also concerned about the effect that this proposal may have on its agreed programme of devolution with Cornwall Council. Heamoor residents would expect to use services devolved to PZTC but would not be contributing to them through their parish precept.

Gulval area of Penzance Parish

Penzance Town Council (PZTC) requests no change in relation to the Gulval area of the parish for the following reasons:-

- 1.PZTC is concerned that the inclusion of the Gulval area in Madron parish could have a negative impact on community cohesion. Madron parish is very rural and focuses on the one village of Madron. It is the Council's understanding that the Gulval proposal intends to 'split' off part of the community/ward by leaving out some areas where deprivation is an issue creating an unrepresentative social demographic. As with Heamoor, community governance arrangements should reflect, and be sufficiently representative of, people living across the whole community.
- 2.PZTC does not believe that the proposal would lead to the delivery of effective and efficient local governance in terms of value for money or service provision. The residents of Gulval regularly and frequently use the services provided by PZTC within the town less than one mile distant.
- 3.PZTC understands from its discussion with Madron Parish Council that Madron does not want Gulval ward to be part of the parish as it would detract from its strictly rural character.
4. Again, PZTC is also concerned about the effect that this proposal may have on its agreed programme of devolution with Cornwall Council. Residents of Gulval would use services devolved to the Town Council but not contribute to them through their parish precept.

Gulval ward – Penzance parish

Penzance Town Council (PZTC) requests a change in relation to the boundaries of Gulval ward to include the Longrock area.

This proposal is being made for the following reasons:-

1. Longrock is within the site allocation area for Penzance and shows proposed housing and employment sites.
2. The Longrock Industrial Estate is Penzance's industrial area and a key economic asset. Being in Ludgvan Parish, the Town Council is not automatically consulted on key planning decisions effecting its future. This proposed extended ward would include the new Heliport, another key economic asset.
3. PZTC would be able to extend some of its existing service delivery to Longrock enabling effective and efficient local governance in terms of value for money and service provision.

PZTC also proposes that Gulval ward is renamed Gulval and Longrock ward and that the number of members in this ward is increased from 1 to 2. This would give PZTC a total of 21 members.

5. Evidence in support of submission:

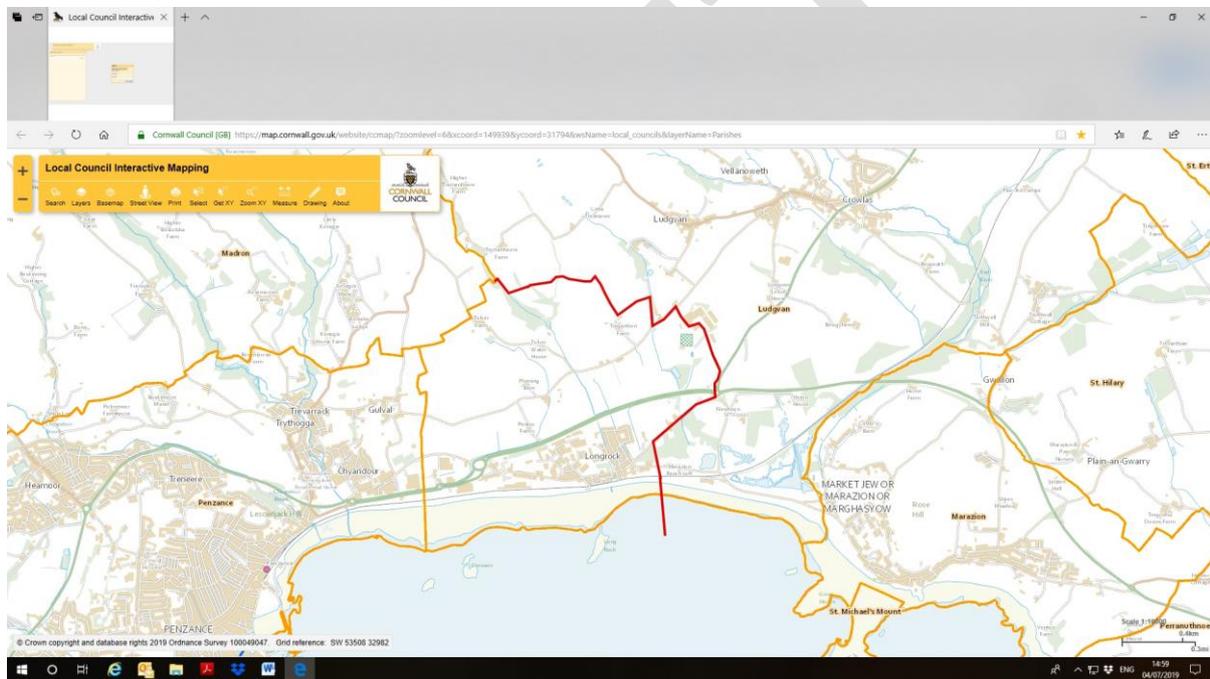
If your proposals involve any changes to existing boundaries, please submit ordnance survey base maps showing clearly proposed new boundaries.

Please give detailed information on the number of dwellings and other significant buildings (shops, industrial premises etc.) affected by your proposed changes.

Please give details of any consultation that you may have carried out with affected residents, and the outcome.

If your proposals affect other parishes, please state what discussions you have had with other parish councils and the outcome.

PZTC met with representatives of Madron and Ludgvan parish councils at the Community Governance Review Community Network area meeting on 30 May. Madron informed PZTC that it would be making a submission for the inclusion of Marazion marshes in its parish. PZTC would therefore propose to include the area shown on the map edged red This area is proposed to include Longrock and be co-terminus with the new electoral divisional boundary (2021)



(please attach additional pages as required)

6. List of attachments:

7. Submitted by:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Organisation and position (if submitting on behalf of an organisation):

Contact details:

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