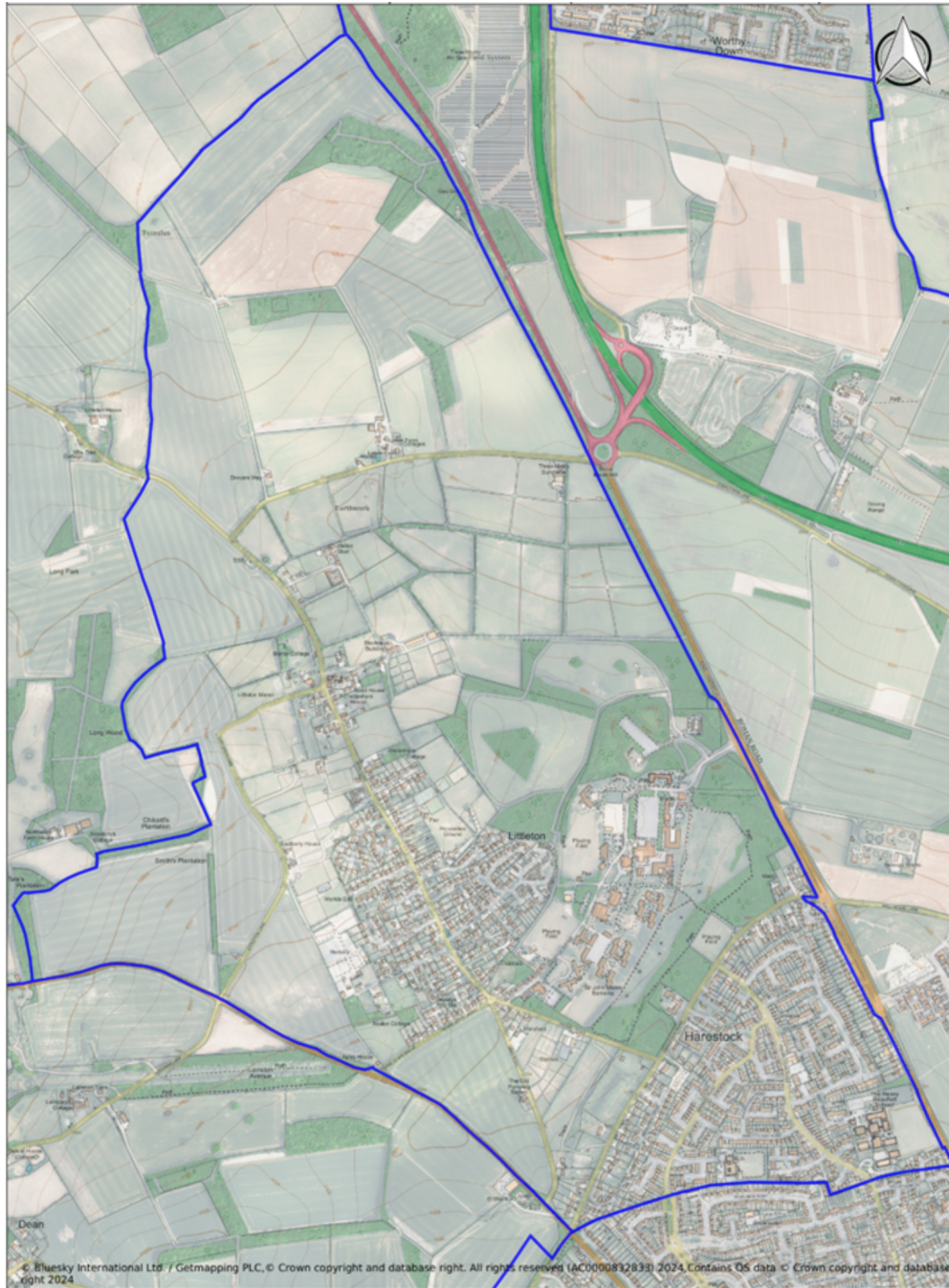


## The current Parish Boundary



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR PARISH?



There are big changes coming to the way that local government is organised which will affect us all – right the way through to our parish council area.

**We may not exist in the same way and we want to be sure that you are aware of what's planned and what can still be influenced.**

## Will Littleton and Harestock Parish exist in the future?

Because of the planned changes to the way local government works Winchester City Council will have to merge with other districts and the town itself is set to become a parish or town council.



This makes sense and will ensure that there is effective representation and dialogue with the new, much larger unitary council.

However, there are suggestions that this new **Winchester Parish could incorporate, in whole or in part, Littleton and Harestock Parish.**



# WE OPPOSE THE POTENTIAL LOSS OF LITTLETON AND HARESTOCK PARISH

## Sport – Playgrounds – Conservation

How can we ensure the recreation ground, sports facilities, conservation fields and playgrounds remain excellent and well-maintained community resources?



**Local representation** How do we ensure local views are heard and considered?



## Truly local experience and knowledge

How can we continue to tap into local knowledge and experience to play a part in influencing new developments and planning – both small and large scale – such as the Sir John Moore Barracks?



**Influence that matters** Will there still be the ability to raise matters which are important to our residents directly with the responsible authorities e.g. in relation to traffic and diversions along Harestock Road?



**Community involvement** Will volunteers continue to help enhance our current parish – e.g. via sports facility maintenance, mini-meadows, tree wardens, flower border maintenance, repair café's, historical artefacts, the Memorial Hall?

## What can we do if we split ?

Can we remain financially sustainable if we are split as a parish ?

How responsive can we be in the future ?



## Your views count

Any proposals to subsume existing parishes within a new Winchester Parish must follow a procedure known as a Community Governance Review and everyone will get the chance to have their say on the parish they want to be part of.

Please let us know how you feel about the proposed options by completing our online questionnaire.



You can also keep in touch with what's happening by subscribing to our monthly parish e-newsletter.



## What else is new?

In the bigger picture, there are plans to create a Hampshire and Solent Combined Authority with a regional mayor similar to those in Greater Manchester, the West Midlands, Cambridge & Peterborough. Within this Combined Authority large (around 500,000 people) unitary authorities will be formed by merging existing districts. Locally this means that Winchester City Council will have to merge with other districts and a number of options are being proposed and submitted to the Secretary of State by 26<sup>th</sup> September this year.