

Supplement to the agenda for

Council

Friday 12 October 2018

10.00 am

**The Council Chamber - The Shire Hall, St. Peter's Square,
Hereford, HR1 2HX**

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Agenda item no. 5 - Questions from members of the public

Question Number	Questioner	Question	Question to
PQ 1	Mr P McKay, Leominster	The Ordnance Survey Getoutside Greenspaces Map encouraging us to be 'A More Active, Greener, Healthier Nation' does not presently show some of our Greenspaces such as Credenhill Park Wood, Bromyard Downs, Bircher Common, etc., and I ask if Herefordshire Council, as part of its role monitoring the implementation of the Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy, will provide Ordnance Survey with authoritative feedback requesting that all our green open spaces be shown?	Cabinet member infrastructure
Response: Thank you for raising this issue. The dataset used to produce the Ordnance Survey (OS) 'Greenspace' digital mapping was created without this council's involvement. I have asked officers to write to OS raising your concerns.			
PQ 2	Mr M Finning, Ross-on-Wye	There is an adolescent mental health epidemic, reported on almost daily. Sadly, in Herefordshire, hospital admissions for youngsters due to mental health issues is more than double the national average. This was in a report provided to the Council and reported in the Hereford Times. In light of this, do the members of the Council support the highly significant numbers of young people in the county who suffer from anxiety, panic attacks and poor mental health?	Cabinet member children and families
Response: Yes we do, along with our partners including such groups as the No Wrong Door Herefordshire Voluntary Organisations Support Service, other community and voluntary organisations, schools, colleges as well as health services such as health visitors, school nurses and more specialised services that are funded by Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group and provided by 2Gether NHS Trust. It's a really important area and something I am focused on with our partners. The mental health and emotional wellbeing of children and young people continues to be a priority for this council, Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Wye Valley NHS Trust and 2Gether NHS Trust. Through Herefordshire's Children and Young People's Partnership and our children and young people's plan that is currently being refreshed, we and our partners are committed to supporting the mental health, emotional			

wellbeing and other needs of children and young people through a range of universal, early help and specialist support so that they can stay safe and have a great start in life.

I would like to provide some clarification of the local context behind nationally published figures.

Local protocols at the county hospital in Hereford result in a number of children and young people being counted as a hospital admission where in other areas they are not. This is because, when children and young people who may need support from a mental health professional arrive at the Herefordshire Accident and Emergency department, they are moved to the children's and young people's ward so that they can be provided with support in a non-stressful and highly professional environment and therefore are counted as 'admitted' even if they stay for less than a day.

When individuals admitted for less than a day are excluded from the data, the local admission rate is not significantly different from the national rate. Consequently, published figures reflect differences between routes to support rather than represent true differences in the underlying prevalence of need. The local strategic analysis reports have been updated to consider the context of local practice on nationally reported figures.

PQ 3	Mr S Betts, Ledbury	Is Herefordshire Council aware of the 'Plantlife' initiative to improve the wildlife carrying capacity of the Nation's road verges and of one specific neighbouring local authority example of up-take of this initiative; namely, Gloucestershire County Council's recent unanimous decision to adopt a pro-wildflower/wildlife policy of road verge management?	Cabinet member transport and regulatory services
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Response:

Yes, we are aware of the Plantlife initiative. Our [Highway Maintenance Plan](#) sets out our approach to verge maintenance. Rural carriageways are cut with a single 1m swathe width, increasing in width to incorporate appropriately sized visibility splays at junctions, bends and in front of signs. Verges wider than 1m and the vegetation beyond this point remain largely untouched, so allowing nature to run its course. Our current policy is that highway verges are cut twice a year. The first cut is expected to be completed before the late May bank holiday; the second cut before the August bank holiday. The number and timing of cuts for verges is subject to ongoing monitoring and will be considered in our current review of the Highway Maintenance Plan. We are open to a reduction in the number of cuts, and/or adjustments in the timing of our cuts, in locations where this approach is supported by the community and we are satisfied that this will not present undue risk to road users.

A number of parish councils in the county operate Lengthsman schemes which may include verge maintenance and we will ensure they are aware of the Plantlife initiative.

PQ 4	Ms M Steel, Hereford	<p>Currently only 1 out of 8 members of the council cabinet is female, and overall less than a third of councillors (16 out of 53) are female. What steps is the Council taking to address the stark gender imbalance?</p> <p>The Women's Equality Group in Herefordshire is holding a meeting during Local Democracy Week on Wednesday 17th October (7.30pm at the Kindle Centre) to look at the issue of under representation of women in local democracy and the group looks forward to sharing the council's response at that meeting.</p>	Cabinet member, finance and corporate services
<p>Response:</p> <p>Ultimately council representation is made up by those councillors who are elected by the public. The prerequisite before we see a change in the gender balance is to see more women standing in elections to give the electorate a real choice in who they want to represent them.</p> <p>Herefordshire Council is taking active steps to encourage a more diverse group of candidates to stand for election. Building on the Local Government Association's 'Be a Councillor' campaign, we will be running a local campaign designed to encourage a wider range of people to consider standing for election either as a Herefordshire councillor or as a parish councillor in the county. This will include elements targeted at encouraging more women, younger people and ethnic minority groups to consider standing for election. As well as existing councillors describing their motivations and work as locally elected representatives, we will be publishing on the council's web-site details of the support that councillors elected to Herefordshire Council can expect to receive in terms of training, allowances, computer equipment and supporting policies, such as child or dependent carer support, maternity leave, and reasonable adjustment for disabled people.</p> <p>I am pleased to note that some of my colleague female councillors from Herefordshire Council are attending the Women's Equality Group meeting to mark European Democracy Week on 17 October, and welcome the support of the Women's Equality Group in raising the profile of this important issue.</p>			



Meeting:	Council
Meeting date:	12 October 2018
Title of report:	Community Governance Reviews
Report by:	Chairman, Audit and Governance Committee

It has been noted that the names of three of the properties listed in the original report to this item are incorrect.

Incorrect name originally used	Correct name – now inserted
'The Bounds'	The Boundary
St. Margaret's Bungalow	St Margaret's
Old Weir Farm Cottage	Old Weir Cottage

The recommendations for this item are therefore amended as follows to include the correct property names and amended draft orders have been published with this supplement.

Recommendation(s)

a) orders be made to give effect to the following with changes taking effect from 1st April 2019 ('the effective date'):

I. That the parish boundary between the Bishopstone group parish and the Stretton Sugwas parish be moved between Stoney Street and Credenhill ward to enable the following properties (Bradworthy; Pear Tree Cottage; Elandwin; the Boundary; Longhope; Old Weir Cottage; Sugwas Pool Cottage; Miramar; Anchorage; Heathmere, and St. Margaret's) to be moved from the Bishopstone district group parish to Stretton Sugwas parish, and that this proposal does not require other changes to the existing governance arrangements for the parishes affected;

II. That consequent upon this change being made that the council recommend to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) that the boundaries of the Stoney Street and Credenhil ward be changed to ensure coterminosity with the new parish boundary;

III. The number of seats on Brockhampton group parish be reduced from 15 to 10 to better reflect the number of electors; the ratio of parish council seats will be 5 for the Linton Parish group member (a reduction of 1 seat); 4 for the Norton parish group member (a reduction of 2 seats) and 1 for the Brockhampton parish group member (a reduction of 2 seats), and that the electoral arrangements will remain unchanged in all other respects.

IV. The existing parish councils of Kilpeck, Kenderchurch, St. Devereux, Treville and Wormbridge that make up the existing Kilpeck group parish council shall all be dissolved; the existing parishes of Kilpeck, Kenderchurch, St. Devereux, Treville and Wormbridge that make up the existing Kilpeck

group parish council shall all be abolished; and to form a new parish as shown on the map in appendix C and that the new parish shall be represented by a Parish Council); the name of that new parish council shall be 'Kilpeck Parish Council, and that the electoral arrangements will remain unchanged in all other respects

V. The number of seats on Peterchurch parish council be increased from 8 to 9 to accommodate current and future population growth, and that the electoral arrangements will remain unchanged in all other respects

VI. That the ward and parish boundary in the Moreton on Lugg parish and the parish of Wellington be moved between Queenswood and Sutton Walls to enable two properties, namely Aylus Cottages, to move from the parish of Moreton on Lugg into the parish of Wellington (Marked A on the map contained in Appendix E and G) and that this proposal does not require other changes to the existing governance arrangements for the parishes affected;

VII. That consequent upon this change being made that the Council recommend to the LGBCE that the boundaries of the Queenswood and Sutton Walls ward be changed to ensure coterminosity with the new parish boundary;

VIII. The parish boundary between Wellington and Hope Under Dinmore is adjusted to enable three properties, namely the Old Fruit Farm, Bathfield and Queens Wood House to move from their current parish, Wellington, into the parish of Hope Under Dinmore (Marked B on the map contained in Appendix G); and that this proposal does not require other changes to the existing governance arrangements for the parishes affected;

b) No changes be made to the Bredenbury district group parish council;

c) No changes be made to Longtown group parish council; and

d) The solicitor to the council be authorised to make the orders as drafted at appendices H to O and referrals to the LGBCE to implement the above recommendations.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

The County of Herefordshire District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Bishopstone Group Parish Order, 2018.

Made 12 October, 2018

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

The County of Herefordshire District Council (“the council”), in accordance with [section 82\(a\)](#) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007(e) (“the 2007 Act”), has undertaken a community governance review and made recommendations dated *12 October 2018*:

The council has decided to give effect to those recommendations and, in accordance with [section 93 of the 2007 Act](#), has consulted with the local government electors and other interested persons and has had regard to the need to secure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community and is effective and convenient:

The council, in accordance with section 100 of the 2007 Act, has had regard to guidance issued under that section:

The council makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections [86,98\(3\)\(h\)\[\]](#), [98\(4\)\(i\)\[\]](#), [98\(6\)\(j\)\[\]](#) and [240\(10\)](#) of the 2007 Act.

Citation and commencement (a)

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the County of Herefordshire District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (Bishopstone Group) Order, 2018.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (5) and (7) below, this order comes into force on 1 April 2019.

(3) For the purposes of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of parish councillors for the new Bishopstone Group Parish Council, to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2019, this order shall come in to force 12 October 2018, the day on which it was made.

2. — In this Order—

‘district’ means the district of the County of Herefordshire;

‘map’ means the map marked ‘Map referred to in The County of Herefordshire District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2018’ and deposited in accordance with section 96(4) of the 2007 Act;

‘ordinary day of election of councillors’ has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983; and

‘registration officer’ means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8(c) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Effect of Order

3. — This Order has effect subject to any agreement under section 99 of the 2007 Act (agreements about incidental matters) relevant to any provision of this Order.

Election of Parish Councillors for the Bishopstone Group parish

- 4.—(1) The first election of all parish councillors for the Bishopstone Group shall be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2019.
(2) The term of office of every parish councillor elected on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2019 for the Bishopstone Group Parish shall be four years.

Alteration of parish areas and the areas of parish wards

- 5.— The area referred to in the area marked ‘blue’ on the map (below) indicates the parish boundary between the Bishopstone group parish and the Stretton Sugwas parish that will be moved between Stoney Street and Credenhill ward to enable the following properties (Bradworthy; Pear Tree Cottage; Elandwin; The Boundary; Longhope; The Old Weir Cottage; Sugwas Pool Cottage; Miramar; Anchorage; Heathmere, and St. Margaret’s) to be moved from the Bishopstone district group parish to Stretton Sugwas parish, and that this proposal does not require other changes to the existing governance arrangements for the parishes affected;

Electoral register

- 6.—The registration officer for the Council shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

Transfer of property, rights and liabilities

- 7.—All the land, property, rights and liabilities of referred to the area marked ‘blue’ on the map including the following properties (Bradworthy; Pear Tree Cottage; Elandwin; The Boundary; Longhope; The Old Weir Cottage; Sugwas Pool Cottage; Miramar; Anchorage; Heathmere, and St. Margaret’s) shall transfer from the Bishopstone group parish to the Stretton Sugwas parish and from the ward of Stoney Street to Credenhill on the date specified in Article 1(2) above.

Order date

8. —1 April, 2019 is the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE COUNTY OF HEREFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL was hereunto affixed BY ORDER

Authorised Officer

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by The County of Herefordshire District Council for the alteration of the area of the parish of Bishopstone Group (as noted in the order above) to be grouped under a common parish council with the parish of Stretton Sugwas.

The electoral arrangements apply in respect of parish elections to be held on and after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2019 and then to continue according to the established system of parish elections every four years.

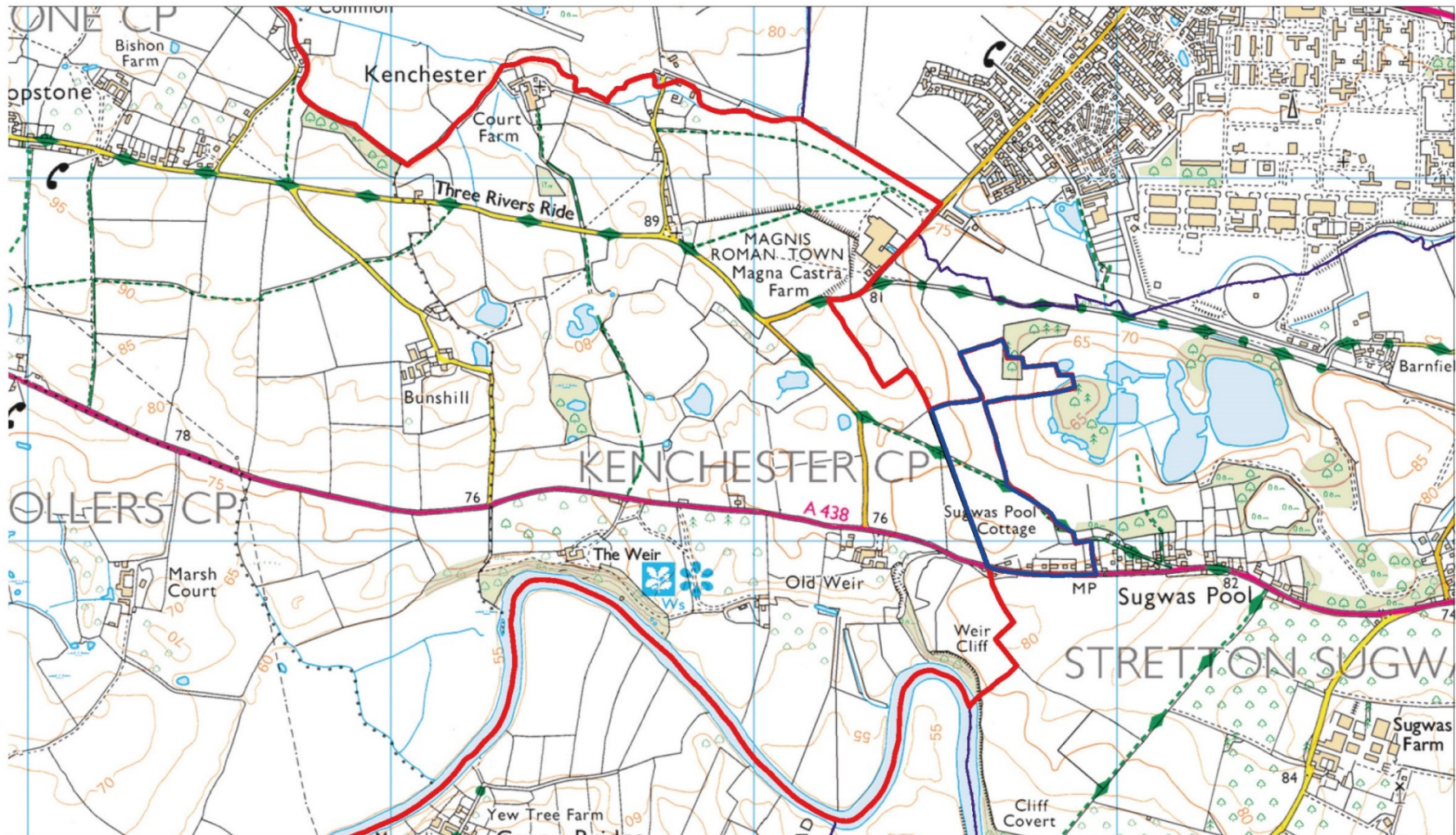
Article 10 obliges the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 8 contains details of land, property, rights and liabilities described in 11 (above) that shall transfer between the council's defined within this order on the date specified.

The maps are available for inspection during normal working hours at the Shire Hall offices of Herefordshire Council, St. Peter's Square, Hereford, HR1 2HX and online at:

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200148/your_council/779/community_governance_review/1

Map of Bishopstone group parish and border with Stretton Sugwas parish. Area mark with black line is proposed to move from Bishopstone group parish into Stretton Sugwas parish.



Proposed Boundary Line



Existing Boundary Line

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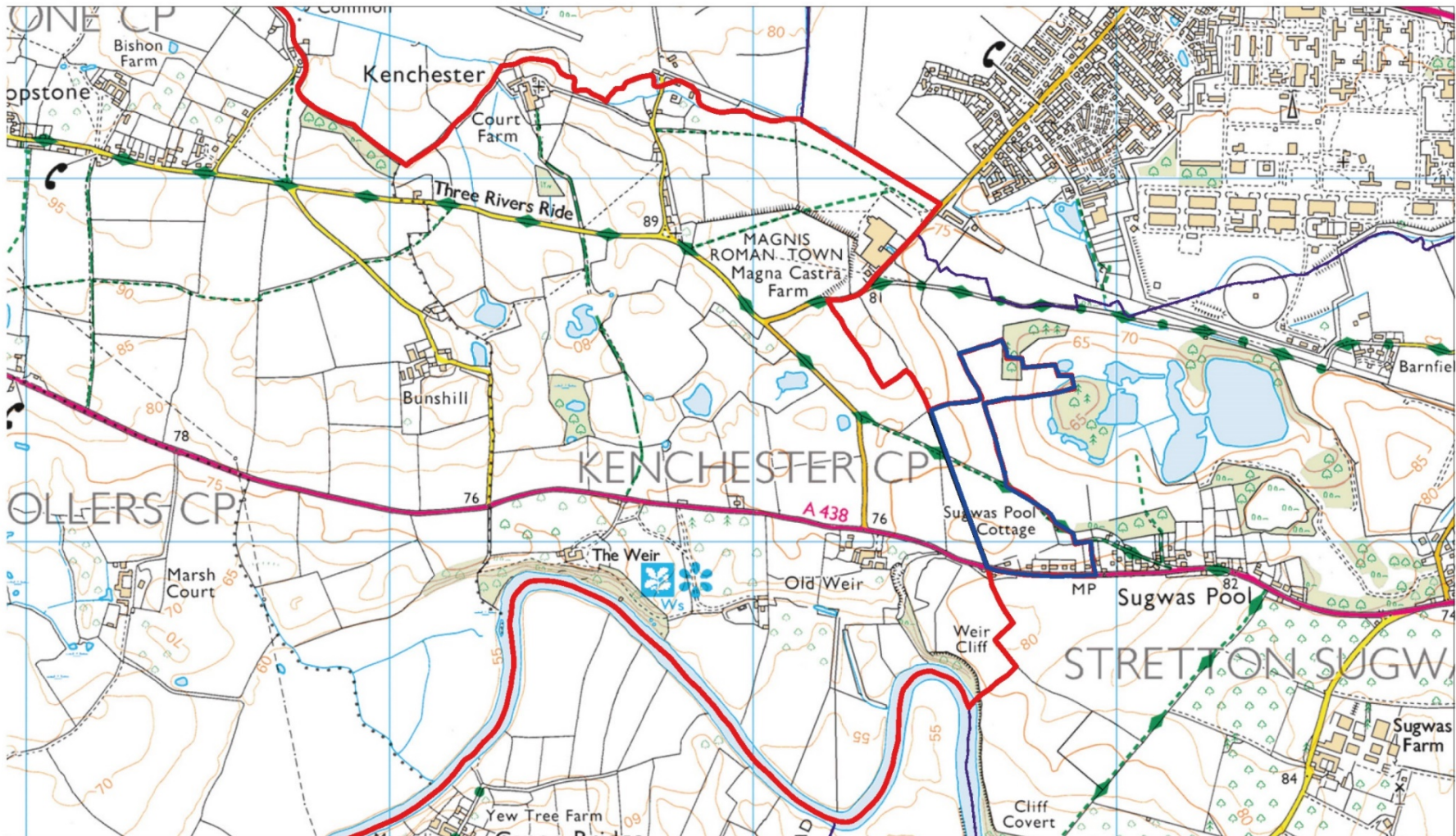
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