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MEETING	COUNCIL
DATE AND TIME:	TUESDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 2014 AT 7.00 PM
VENUE:	FLEXI HALL, THE CENTRE, FARNHAM ROAD, SLOUGH, SL1 4UT
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SUPPLEMENTARY PAPERS

The following Papers have been added to the agenda for the above meeting:-

Item 8 was not available for publication with the rest of the agenda.

PART 1

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SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council

DATE: 28th January 2014

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PART 1
FOR DECISION

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL
(REORGANISATION OF COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE NO 1) ORDER 2014

1. **Purpose of Report**

To advise the Council of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's (LGBCE) consent to the Council's proposals for the Britwell Parish Council boundary and electoral arrangements arising from the recent Community Governance Review (CGR).

The report seeks the Council's consent to make a Reorganisation Order altering the electoral arrangements in Britwell parish as provided for in Section 86 of the Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

2. **Recommendations**

The Council is requested to note the report and Resolve

- (a) that the Slough Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance No 1) Order 2014 as attached at Appendix 1 to the report be approved.
- (b) that the the Head of Democratic Services following consultation, as appropriate, with the Commissioner for Neighbourhoods and Renewal be authorised to take all necessary steps to give effect to the Reorganisation Order including the publication and notification requirements as required by law.

3. **Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities - Cross-Cutting themes**

Civic responsibility - Effective governance arrangements are central to a successful modernised and transformational council and the Community Governance Review is an essential part of those arrangements.

Other Implications

(a) Financial

The costs associated with undertaking the Community Governance Review have been accommodated within existing budgets.

(b) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

The conduct of the CGR is governed by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ("the Act"),

(c) Risk Management

Risk	Mitigating action	Opportunities
Legal Risk of legal challenge to decisions	Seek legal advice at all stages of the Review	Proposals must bring about improved community engagement, better local democracy and more effective and convenient delivery of local services
Property	N/A	N/A
Human Rights	None at this stage	
Health and Safety	N/A	
Employment Issues	None at this stage	
Equalities Issues	EIA prepared	
Community Support	Ensure consultation is appropriate and engages all interested parties so that community support for the way forward is effectively sought	Community engagement improved as a result of the recommendations of the review
Communications	Consultation is appropriate and engages all interested parties	Residents given the opportunity to influence how their local area is governed
Financial Review costs have been absorbed within existing budget provision.	Ensure statutory Guidance on Reviews is followed and recommendations are evidence based.	
Reputation	Ensure statutory Guidance on Reviews is followed and recommendations are evidence based	

(d) Equalities Impact Assessment

An Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) was completed at the start of the Community Governance Review.

4. Supporting Information

4.1 At its meeting on the 26th November 2013 the Council considered the outcome of the CGR that had been undertaken during 2013. The Council made a number of recommendations with regard to the existing Parish Councils in the Borough.

4.2 In respect of Britwell Parish Council the Council resolved:

Support for abolition/retention

- (a) That the results of the advisory postal poll and the representations made by Britwell Parish Council in their meeting with the Review Group on 9th October 2013 be noted and the written responses received during the consultation both in support of the Parish Council and making representations on its future boundaries also be noted.
- (b) That the Council notes that the advisory poll returned a majority in favour of abolition of the Parish Council and that public opinion be tested again in a further four years' time.

Proposed Changes

Alteration of Parish Area

- (c) That the boundary of Britwell Parish Council be altered as shown on maps attached at Appendix A to the Council Report [Attached to draft Order].

Electoral Arrangements

- (d) That the number of Parish Councillors be reduced to seven.

Elections

- (e) That the term of office of the existing thirteen Parish Councillors be reduced by one year from 2015 to 2014 in order to bring these changes into effect from May 2014 and that the newly elected seven Parish Councillors serve a five year term of office initially and then revert to the traditional four year term.
- (f) That subject to the consent of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) to the proposed changes to the boundaries and electoral arrangements for Britwell Parish a Reorganisation Order will be laid before Council for approval giving effect to the Council's final recommendations of the Community Governance Review.

Local Government Boundary Commission Consent

- 4.3 The Council was advised that if it decided to proceed with changes to the parish boundary, it would be required to submit an application to the LGBCE for consent to the changes to the parish as part of the LGBCE review process. If consent was granted, the Council would then need to make an Order implementing the changes.
- 4.4 The LGBCE formally notified its consent to the proposed changes to protected electoral arrangements for Britwell Parish Council on the 9th January 2014. This allows the Council to make an order altering the electoral arrangements in the Parish as required by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Reorganisation Order

- 4.5 Copies of the Order, once made, need to be deposited at the Council's main offices along with a detailed map showing the effects of the Order which should be available for inspection by the public at all reasonable times (i.e. during normal working hours).
- 4.6 In addition to depositing a copy of the reorganisation order at its main office, the Council must inform the following organisations that the Order has been made:
- The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government
 - The LGBCE
 - The Office of National Statistics
 - The Director General of the Ordnance Survey
 - Any other principal council whose area the order relates to
- 4.7 The Council is also required to inform the Audit Commission to ensure that it is kept abreast of changes emerging from Community Governance Reviews.
- 4.8 The Council must also send two copies of the order to the Secretary of State and two copies of the order to the Electoral Commission

5 Appendices

Appendix 1 - The Slough Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance No1) Order 2014

6 Background Papers

Letter dated 9th January 2014 from the LGBCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

The Slough Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance No.1) Order 2014

MADE [DAY, MONTH] 2014

Coming into force in accordance with Article 1(2)

Slough Borough Council ("the Council"), in accordance with Section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ("the 2007 Act"), has undertaken a community governance review and made recommendations dated 26th November 2013.

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) and 240(10) of the 2007 Act.

1 Citation and commencement

- (1) This Order may be cited as the Slough Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance No.1) Order 2014.
- (2) It shall come into force on 1 April 2014 except as provided below.
- (3) Article 5 shall come into force on the date stated in that Article.

2 Interpretation

In this Order –

"Borough" means the borough of Slough

"County" means Royal Berkshire

"existing" means existing on the date this Order is made

"ordinary day of election" has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983

"Map" means the maps marked "Existing Britwell Parish" and "New Britwell Parish" referred to in the Slough Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance No.1) Order 2014 and deposited in accordance with section 96(4) of the 2007 Act.

“Registration Officer” means an officer appointed for the purpose of, an in accordance with, section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

3 Effect of Order

- (1) 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.

4 Alteration of the parish area of Britwell

- (1) The area hatched [orange] on the Map titled "New Britwell Parish" shall cease to be part of the parish of Britwell and the area. The parish boundary for Britwell Parish shall be changed and a new boundary established, as designated by the area shaded blue and outlined by the red solid line on the Map titled "New Britwell Parish".

5 Electoral Arrangements for the parish of Britwell

- (1) The number of Parish Councillors to be elected for Britwell shall be 7 Councillors from the next ordinary election of parish councillors after 1st April 2014.

6 Elections for the parish of Britwell

- (1) The first ordinary election of parish councillors for the new Parish Council of Britwell shall take place on 22 May 2014.
- (2) The term of office for parish councillors elected in May 2014 will be five years with further elections taking place on the ordinary day of election in May 2019 and every fourth year thereafter.

7 Electoral register

- (1) The registration officer for the borough shall make such arrangements of, or adaption of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of this Order.

8 Order date

- (1) 1 April 2014 is the Order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

Sealed with the seal of the Council on the [day] of [month] 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by Slough Borough Council for:

Article 4 provides for the alteration of the parish of area of Britwell.

Article 5 specifies the numbers of parish councillors for the parish of Britwell.

Article 6 provides for the alteration of the election cycle of Britwell.

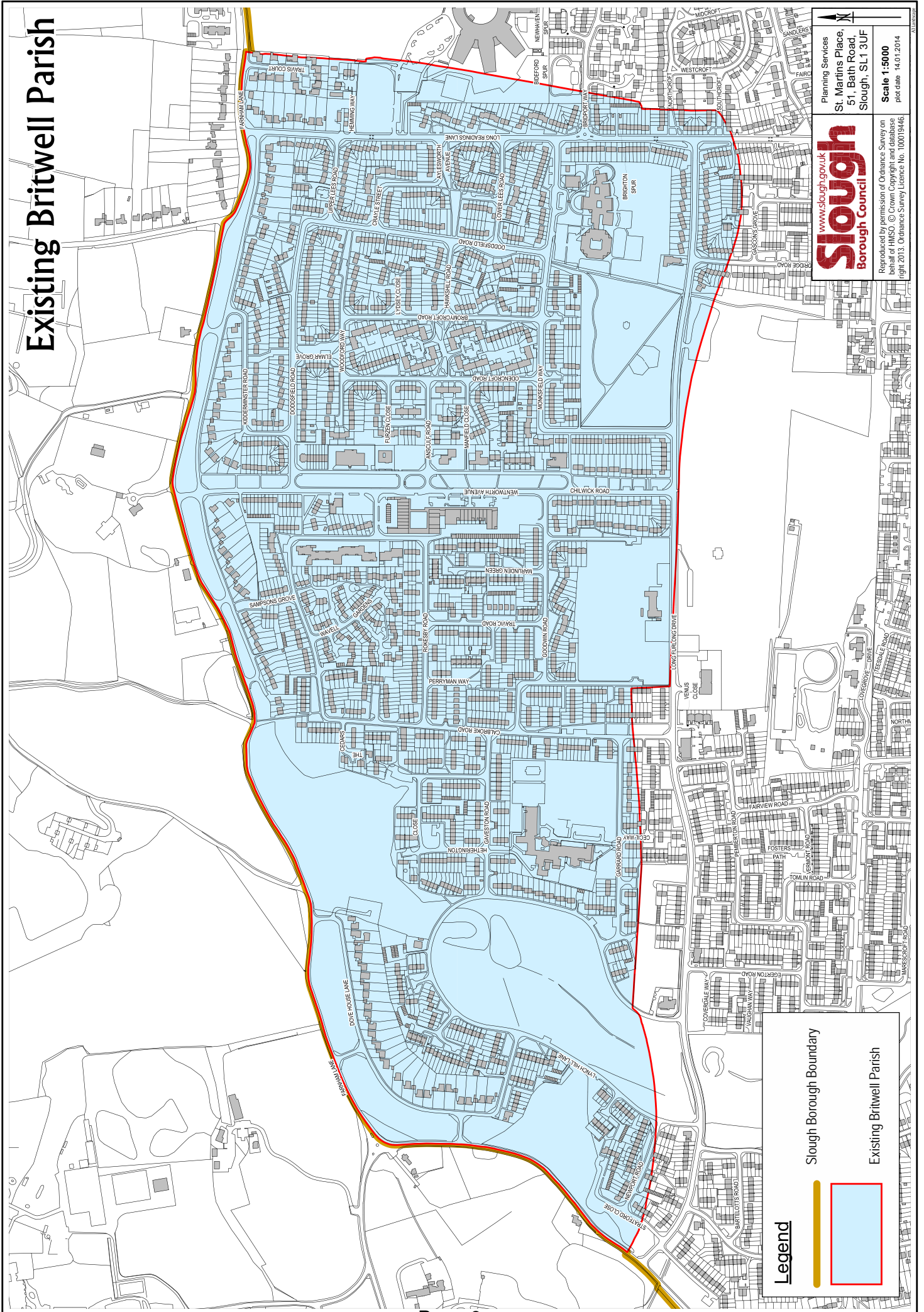
Article 7 obliges the Registration Office to make any necessary amendments to the electoral registers to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

The map defined in article 2 show the new parish areas and new boundaries of the altered parish. They are available, at all reasonable times, at the offices of Slough Borough Council.

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Existing Britwell Parish





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 51, Bath Road,
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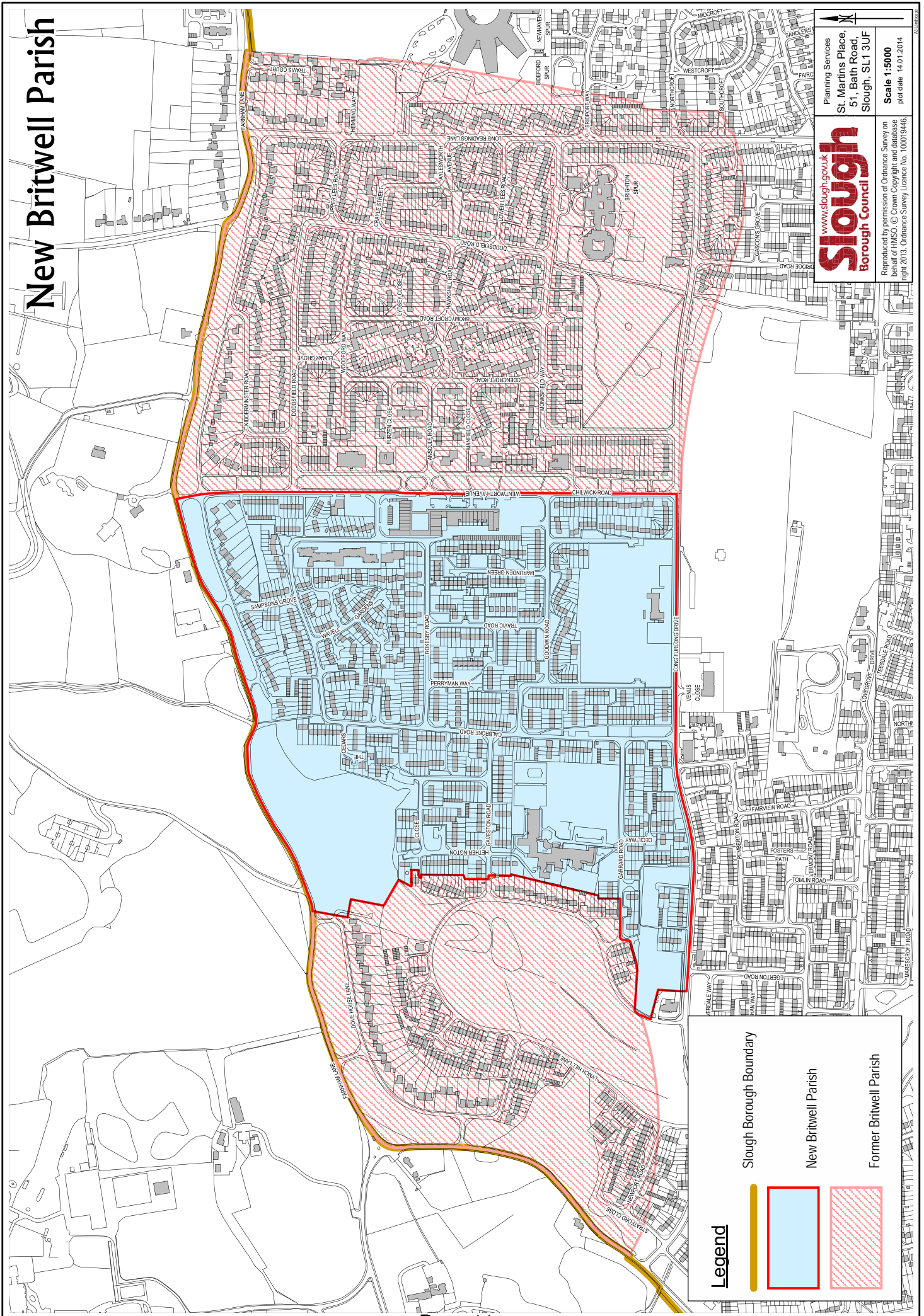
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Legend


 Slough Borough Boundary
 Existing Britwell Parish

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New Britwell Parish



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