

**Terms of Reference**  
**Community Governance Review**  
**Croxley Green and Sarratt Parish Council**

**Why are we doing the community governance review?**

In January 2025, Croxley Green Parish Council requested that Three Rivers District Council review the boundary between Croxley Green and Sarratt Parish Council. Three Rivers District Council has agreed to undertake the review.

It is good practice for District Councils to periodically look at parish boundaries. Over time, the natural boundaries that created parishes can change, and it may or may not be helpful to change the boundaries.

**What is a community governance review and what can it do?**

A community governance review (CGR) is an opportunity to explore the arrangements for parish councils in the area. It can only be undertaken by the District Council.

A CGR can look at whether new parish councils should be created or disbanded, or whether the existing parish council arrangements should change. It can also agree any “consequential” matters, such as the number of parish councillors or whether assets should transfer between parishes.

In this case, the review is confined to looking at the boundary between Croxley Green and Sarratt.

**How will this impact me?**

If Three Rivers District Council was to look to make changes to the border, it could mean that those living on the boundary move from one parish to another.

As far as possible, Three Rivers District Council will seek to work with the Parishes concerned to ensure any potential consequences for local residents are minimized. For example, residents may have burial or allotment rights in one parish they may wish to ensure are preserved through the review.

**What is the boundary between Croxley Green and Sarratt?**

Attached to these terms of reference are two maps. The first puts the Croxley Green and Sarratt boundary in the context of the wider District; the second is a specific map of the boundary, showing in detail the current structure.

### **What is the process for this?**

At this stage, Three Rivers District Council is consulting on whether or not to amend the boundary. The feedback given during the consultation will be considered by the Council's Policy and Resources Committee in November 2025.

If the Committee feels that changes should be taken forward, it will develop formal recommendations and may undertake a secondary consultation on these during November 2025 to January 2026. A final decision will be made by the Council by June 2026.

If any changes are made, it will be some time before they come into effect. Further information is available in the timeline below.

### **What does the District Council take into account in making a decision?**

Three Rivers District Council is obliged to ensure that local community governance is reflective of the identities and interests of the community in the area, and effective and convenient. It has to take into account the impact of community governance on community cohesion and the size, population and boundaries of the community or local parishes.

The sort of factors it will consider are how the community comes together – are there natural or artificial borders that distinguish the parish boundaries, or economic, social or cultural factors, and do the residents on the parish boundary more naturally look to one parish or another.

Factors such as the level of precept (council tax) in one parish over another are not as much of a consideration.

### **How can I have my say?**

The consultation is now open on the Council's website until 19 September 2025 [link to be included](#) You can also e-mail [enquiries@threerivers.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@threerivers.gov.uk) (please put CGR in the subject line of the e-mail) or writing to Three Rivers House, Northway, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, WD3 1RL.

You are welcome to tell us your general thoughts about the review – for example, whether you have any concerns or feel there would be any benefits to making changes, as well as any thoughts you have on specific amendments to the boundary.

### **What is the proposed timeline for the review?**

Policy and Resources Committee agrees Terms of Reference	9 June 2025
Consultation begins	16 June 2025
Consultation ends	19 September 2025
Policy and Resources Committee agrees draft proposals	10 November 2025
(if required) consultation on draft proposals begins	17 November 2025
Consultation on draft proposals ends	9 January 2026
Final proposals considered by Policy and Resources Committee	26 January 2026
Final proposals agreed by Council	TBC but by June 2026 at the latest
Re-organisation order (including any consequential matters) made	TBC
New boundaries come into effect	1 April 2027
First elections based on new boundaries	May 2027