



Derbyshire Dales District Council
Town Hall
Matlock
Derbyshire, DE4 3NN

Attention: Jason Spencer, Electoral and Democratic Services Manager

BY EMAIL

21 July 2022

Dear Jason

**Re: Community Governance Review District
(Wards of Matlock East, Matlock and Tansley and Darley Dale)**

I write on behalf of Matlock Town Council.

Following our meeting on Monday evening when the Council once more considered the proposals for ward boundary changes in Matlock, we would like to propose that the Matlock and South Darley parish boundaries be re-drawn so that Oker & Snitterton remain within South Darley parish but the new housing developments in the former quarries be located in Matlock parish.

In April 2021 we considered, at length, the proposals of the Local Government Boundary Commission with regard to both Derbyshire Dales District Council and Matlock Town Council and I have taken the liberty of attaching an extract of the submission with regard to Matlock Town Council parish, also for your reference.

I feel certain that Cllr David Hughes, the author of the report, would be happy to explain further should it require clarification.

Yours sincerely

S. C. Smith.

Susan Smith
Town Clerk

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Town Clerk – Susan Smith



**EXTRACT FROM THE MATLOCK TOWN COUNCIL SUBMISSION
TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION RE
WARD BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR MATLOCK TOWN COUNCIL.**

4. MATLOCK TOWN COUNCIL WARDS

General comments

1. Para 70 refers. The Town Council is reported as having 12 councillors with no change in the number of councillors. **The current number of town councillors is in fact 11**, therefore the LGBC proposal would add one parish councillor.
2. The map of proposed civil parish wards provided by LGBC on its website is not clear: the names of the wards are misplaced, and it is not clear therefore what the LGBC intends. The naming confusion seems to emanate from the large map covering all Derbyshire Dales entitled “Draft recommendations for ward boundaries in the district of Derbyshire Dales February 2021”. The table below shows ward names on that map in relation to the current ward names and the area covered by the ward.

Map ref.	LGBC name	Current name	Area covered
I	Chesterfield Road East	Hurst Farm	Hurst Farm estate
J	Cuckoostone	New ward formed from North of Jackson Road	Cuckoostone
K	Highfields	Chesterfield Road East	Asker Lane & Bentley Bridge
L	Hurst Farm	Matlock Bank & Sheriff Fields	Matlock Bank & Sheriff Fields
M	Jackson Tor	North of Jackson Road	Jackson Tor
N	Lumsdale	New ward formed from Chesterfield Road East	Chesterfield Road East
O	Matlock Green	Matlock Green	Matlock Green
P	Riber	New ward formed from Riber and Starkholmes	Riber
Q	Smedley Street	Smedley Street	Smedley Street
R	Starkholmes	Riber and Starkholmes	Starkhomes

In the follow discussion we have adopted the current names except for the proposed new wards when we have taken the LGBC proposals since using the names proposed by LGBC for existing wards would lead to confusion.

3. LGBC has not had the benefit of up to date information about the developments in Cawdor Quarry, the Wolds (Gritstone Road), Halldale Quarry, Harveydale Quarry, the RBS site and Causeway Lane.

Recommendations concerning Matlock civil parish wards

We propose the following instead of the LGBC proposal.

1. We propose taking the names as specified in the “Area covered” column of the table above since these names directly relate to areas known to the people of Matlock.
2. We propose that the Cuckoostone ward combines LGBC’s Cuckoostone and Lumsdale wards. This would be consistent with our proposed Matlock East and Tansley district ward. We do not think that the area covered by the Cuckoostone ward will have sufficient population to warrant a ward of its own since it has approximately 120 houses in total with about 200 on the electoral roll.
3. We do not think that a separation of Riber from Starkholmes civil parish ward is necessary if the proposed LGBC Matlock Rural and Cromford district ward is abandoned as we recommend. Riber may have a small electorate, even though it covers a large area. However, if LGBC is minded to create a ward for Riber, we suggest, subject to discussion with Tansley Parish Council and the residents of Riber, that an alternative would be to include Riber in the Tansley Parish Council area, to create a civil parish comprising Tansley and Riber. Access to Riber is easiest via Tansley, and the two communities may have common issues and requirements, both having a large rural hinterland as well as being villages.
4. We believe that there may be the need to create a ward to cover the Cawdor development and the rest of the Matlock Bank and Sheriff Fields civil parish ward south of the river Derwent.

Cawdor is developing rapidly, and it is likely to have sufficient electorate with the rest of the that area to warrant a civil parish ward of its own before 2026.

5. The inclusion of Moreledge in the proposed Matlock West district ward suggests that the border between Darley Dale civil parish and Matlock civil parish should be altered to include Moreledge in Matlock. If that happened, we suggest that a separate Moreledge civil parish ward would be needed in Matlock.
6. Given the planned development in the proposed Matlock West and Matlock East and Tansley wards, we believe that any boundaries fixed in this review may need to be revisited before 2030.

The above proposals will add three parish councillors – one for the proposed Cuckoostone ward, one for the Cawdor ward and one for the Moreledge ward.

APPENDIX: MATLOCK WARD BOUNDARIES

Morledge development to be transferred from Darley Dale South to Matlock All Saints / Matlock West

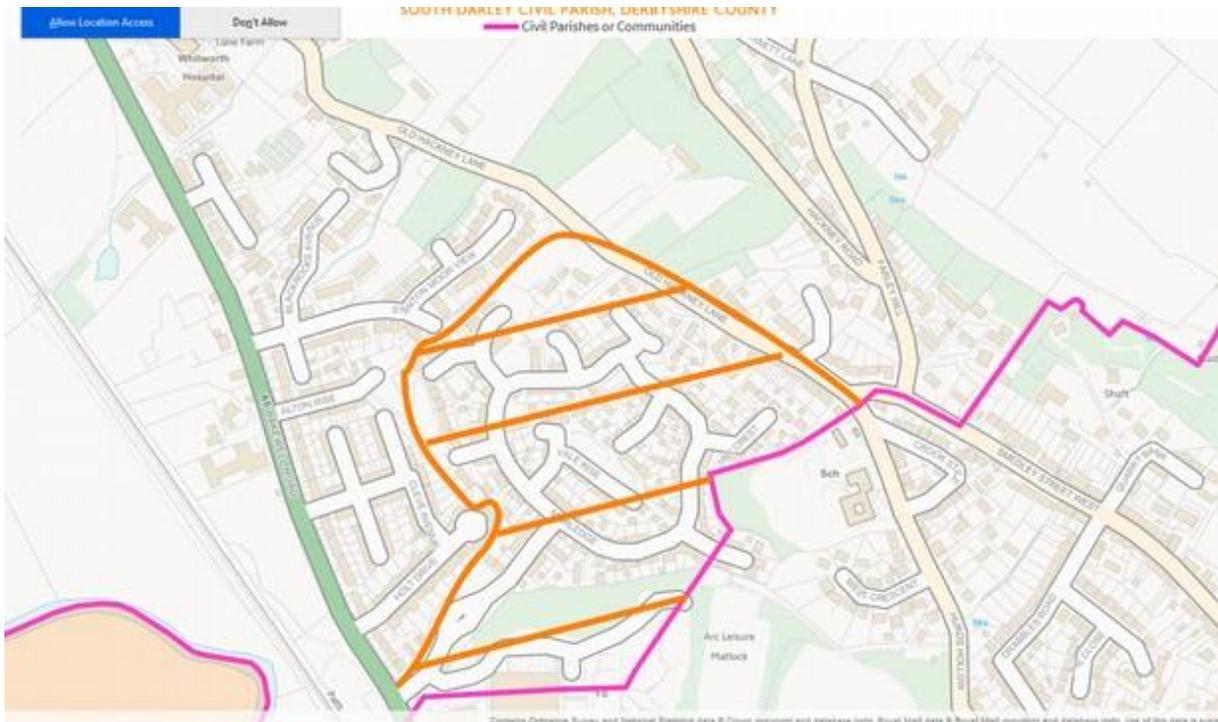


Figure 1: Morledge development to be transferred from Darley Dale South to Matlock All Saints / Matlock West

Figure 1 shows the proposed area to be transferred from Darley Dale South to Matlock West that will result in the transfer of approximately 440 electors.

Cawdor Quarry area of Oker and Snitterton to be transferred to Matlock All Saints / Matlock West

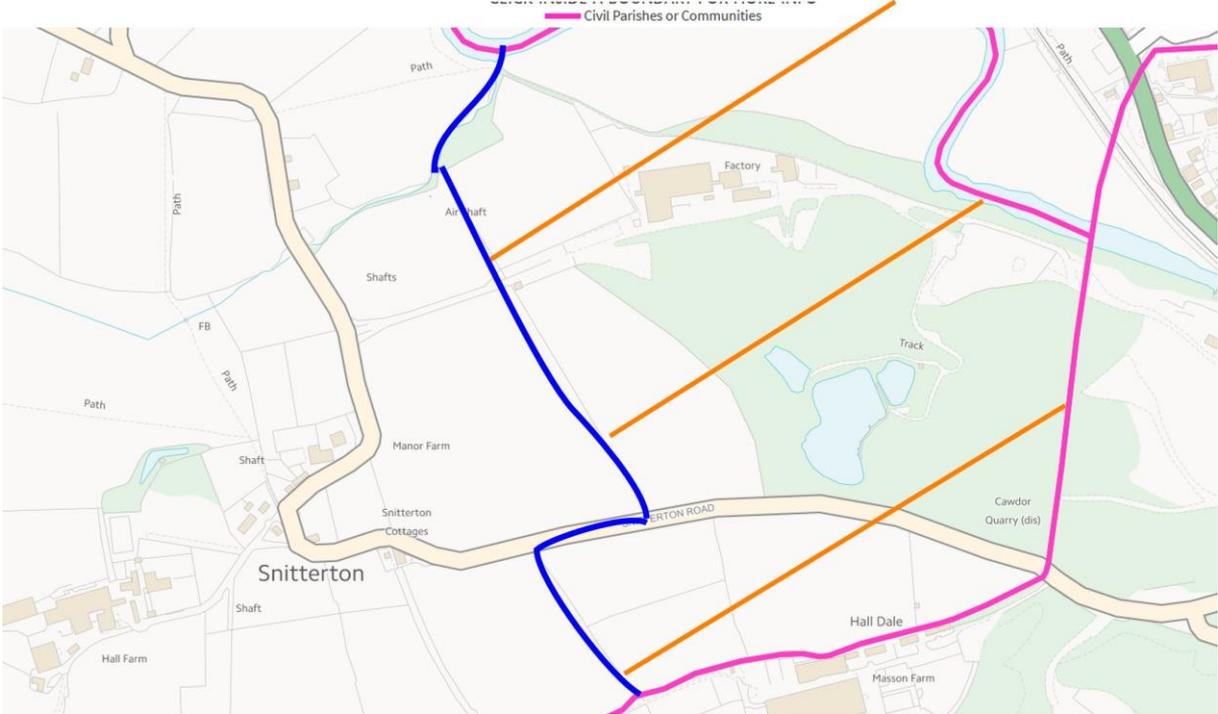


Figure 2: Cawdor Quarry area of Oker and Snitterton to be transferred to Matlock All Saints / Matlock West

Figure 2 shows the Cawdor Quarry area proposed to be transferred from Oker and Snitterton to Matlock West. This transfer would allow all of the approximately 482 homes scheduled for development in this area to be part of Matlock and would form the basis of a new civil parish ward.