

## PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR CHANGES TO THE LITTLE CANFIELD/TAKELEY BOUNDARY

NAME AND ADDRESS	RESPONSE RECEIVED	COMMENTS/PROPOSALS RECEIVED	VOTING FOR	ACTUAL PARISH
Little Canfield Parish Council	28/9/10	<p><i>Letter from Little Canfield Parish Clerk</i></p> <p>“Thank you for your e-mail of the 12<sup>th</sup> August regarding the above possible changes, which I forwarded to my Councillors.</p> <p>At last night’s Parish Council meeting Councillors discussed this and the following was agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillors do not wish any boundary changes to take place</li> <li>• Residents who originally lived on the site of Priors Green have had the new development built around them and wish to remain in Little Canfield</li> <li>• New residents have also indicated that they wish to remain in Little Canfield</li> <li>• Little Canfield has a defined boundary and new residents have mellowed in with the current boundary</li> <li>• It is still the general consensus of Little Canfield residents on Priors Green that they remain with Little Canfield. Feelings are quite strong and there is talk of petitions etc – should any change be proposed</li> <li>• Little Canfield has been a Parish Council in its own right since before the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and whilst would not mind working alongside another Parish Council, they would prefer to keep their own independence</li> </ul> <p>The Council feels that the only reason there could be for a possible change, is that to extend Little Canfield’s boundary to include residents who have a Little Canfield postal address, who are currently in Takeley Parish. This was pointed out by the Parish Council when this was done.</p>	<b>NO CHANGE</b>	
Takeley Parish Council	21/9/10	<p><i>Letter from Takeley Parish Clerk</i></p> <p>Takeley Parish Council discussed the review and agreed the following observations and comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neither Uttlesford DC nor Little Canfield Parish Council has any ambition to change the current parish boundaries.</li> <li>• TPC noted that from inception Priors Green was intended to be integrated into the existing communities.</li> <li>• Unless a large number of people come forward to suggest otherwise, TPC believes it is too early in the life of Priors Green to make any judgement regarding boundary changes. The Priors Green community should be allowed time to evolve.</li> <li>• TPC is satisfied with the current number of councillors (11). There has not been significant increase in demand for membership, and members are concerned that a larger membership might result in unfilled vacancies and a less effective council. At the next local elections residents of Priors Green should be actively encouraged to join Takeley Parish Council.</li> <li>• TPC and LCPC have previously discussed the possibility of merging the 2 parishes. It was concluded that there was no desire to join the parishes.</li> <li>• Councillors noted that Royal Mail has created confusion for the residents of Priors Green by insisting all residents have a Little Canfield post code because their mail is sorted in Dunmow. In fact two thirds of Priors Green residents will live in the parish of Takeley. This issue should be pursued. UDC should continue to make representations to the Post Office in order to influence a change in policy.”</li> </ul>	<b>NO CHANGE TO CLLRS NUMBERS</b>  <b>NO CHANGE TO BOUNDARIES AT PRESENT</b>  <b>REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE MADE TO POST OFFICE REGARDING ADDRESSING ISSUES AT LITTLE CANFIELD</b>	

Mr and Mrs Lighten 35 Clarendon Road Little Canfield	28/8/10 Email	<p>"I am absolutely not happy at all about the letter I have received about changing my address to Takeley. I specifically brought our house on this side because I wanted to be in Little Canfield Dunmow. My children go to school in Dunmow, I work in Dunmow and we support Dunmow village, I hardly go to Bishop's Stortford and I definitely don't want my address to change in any way. I would be most upset.</p> <p>Also it would bring the value of my house down, I can not express how much I don't want to be Takeley. Please tell me that you can't do this.</p> <p>My address is Little Canfield, Dunmow and that is how I want it to stay, you can't do this when that is the address it was when I brought our house 2 years ago this October. We love Dunmow thats why we moved here. I'm finding this quite upsetting."</p>	<b>Little Canfield</b>	<b>Little Canfield</b>
Mrs Lighten 35 Clarendon Road Little Canfield	6/9/10 Email	<p>"Thank you for your reply and sorry for the misunderstanding.</p> <p>My life is Little Canfield and I have nothing to do with Takeley, and I would like to keep the parish as Little Canfield.</p> <p>I would rather all was Little Canfield but if <u>not keep it</u> as it is."</p>	<b>Little Canfield</b>	<b>Little Canfield</b>
Eileen Sherwood 12 Clarendon Road Little Canfield	1/9/10 Email	<p>"I moved to The Thatchams, Priors Green, just over two years ago and, since then, DUNMOW has always been my priority.</p> <p>I love the village and really feel as though I am 'in the country' when I visit.</p> <p>I also join the local rambles, attend the local shows and my dentist and doctor are also in DUNMOW. I also pay my council tax in DUNMOW.</p> <p>I am also part of the Little Canfield Allotments Association, along with many of my neighbours, and would like to retain the village feel we have established within LITTLE CANFIELD.</p> <p>All my immediate neighbours relish life here and all support LITTLE CANFIELD, DUNMOW and, therefore, wish our area to <b>remain</b> part of LITTLE CANFIELD, DUNMOW.</p> <p>I really do not see the point in causing upheaval for the residents of The Thatchams, especially as we have amalgamated so well with LITTLE CANFIELD and the village life here. The local church is also used by the residents here.</p> <p>I am now retired and have made a great effort to be part of LITTLE CANFIELD, DUNMOW and do not have the time or energy to re-establish connections.</p> <p>My daughter and two grandsons live here, also. They go to school in Dunmow and my daughter works in Dunmow. They feel they are part of LITTLE CANFIELD, DUNMOW, also and wish to remain part of this village, too.</p> <p>When one moves, it takes time to 'fit in' and I, and my family, have made an immense effort to do so. LITTLE CANFIELD, is OUR village and wish it to remain so, please!"</p>	<b>Little Canfield</b>	<b>Little Canfield</b>
Paul Vidler 18 Clarendon Road Little Canfield	2/9/10 Email	<p>"Thank you for your letter of Aug 2010 outlining the District Council's desire to review the historic boundary between Takeley and Little Canfield.</p> <p>I would like to express my desire from the outset for my property to remain in the parish boundary of Little Canfield for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 I purchased my property from the developer (Countryside Properties) in Aug 2008 specifically because of the rural nature of its disposition. The developer asked for my reasons for buying one of their properties and they actually published my response in one of their website advertising features.</li> <li>2 In the 2 years since I moved here I have enjoyed the countryside around Little Canfield and extensively walked the footpaths and gained an insight into the history of Little Canfield and its surroundings.</li> <li>3 As a founder member of the Little Canfield Allotment Association, I have been involved in this local project to re-instate the former allotment site in Little Canfield. Such is the amount of interest in this project that local newspapers and BBC Essex radio have featured</li> </ol>	<b>Little Canfield</b>	<b>Little Canfield</b>

		<p>articles and reports on this village project within the last few weeks. The project is on-going and wider interest is gathering momentum as we seek to get the whole allotment site ready for later in 2011.</p> <p><a href="http://news.bbc.co.uk/local/essex/hi/people_and_places/nature/newsid_8908000/8908518.stm">http://news.bbc.co.uk/local/essex/hi/people_and_places/nature/newsid_8908000/8908518.stm</a></p> <p>4 I have made contact with many of the local residents in the old and new communities of Little Canfield and look forward to continuing to offer my assistance and support to this community as it expands over the coming years. My wife and I have made many good friends in the village of Little Canfield and with parishioners of All Saints, Little Canfield and support their activities. I have personally met two of the Parish Councillors – Ken Wooding and ‘Stretch’ Fulcher and consulted with them in connection with the allotment project mentioned above.</p> <p>5 My wife and I both visit Great Dunmow on a regular basis where our doctor’s surgery is based – as there is no surgery or pharmacy in Little Canfield. Our nearest sub-post office and village shop is in Takeley.</p> <p>6 The name Priors Green does not appear on any map for this area, and quite frankly only seems to be used by the developer/s and the District Council. It is not a name or place recognised by even the current residents of Little Canfield or Takeley? If you would like me to provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.”</p>		
David Perry 6 Dryvers Close Little Canfield	8/9/10 Email	<p>“I would wish to make representations regarding the boundary at Priors Green. Priors Green has been built as a self contained community with its own hall, its own parks and eventually its own shops. It is already developing its own community spirit and a number of groups have grown up crossing the divide between the various parts of the development. This has increased since the opening of the community centre where a number of groups have sprung up. Moreover there are 2 funds established by Countryside for the benefit of Priors Green namely the Section 106 monies and the fund for maintenance of the common parts. Against this background it is illogical for this community to be split between two parishes whereby the village hall is in Takeley and the Play park in Little Canfield. These facilities are there for all parts of the development and, accordingly each part of the development should be involved by way of representation on the parish council charged with the ownership of these resources. There are other longer term issues which also mean that the whole of Priors Green should be in one parish. For instance future development. It is inequitable that those on the Little Canfield side of the Development should not have Parish Council representation on the question of further development of Priors Green since the area in question falls within Takeley or vice versa. Accordingly, I am strongly of the view that there is a need to redraw parish boundaries.</p> <p>There are 3 options in this regard, for Priors Green to be part of Little Canfield, for it to be part of Takeley or for it to be a new parish. So far as the Takeley option is concerned, there is no enthusiasm for this within the development. Takeley is a large and rather sprawling village and the residents of Priors Green do not identify with it. The Little Canfield option has some support within Priors Green itself but this is not a popular option within Little Canfield. Little Canfield is a small village and there is strong feeling among the villagers and the Parish Council that if the whole of Priors Green were within the parish of Little Canfield, the village of Little Canfield would be swamped and the Parish become dominated by the interests of Priors Green. I have considerable sympathy with this viewpoint.</p> <p>The final option is for the creation of a new parish and I believe that this is the best option as it would mean that the whole of Priors Green could determine matters relating to the development without either being swamped by Takeley or swamping Little Canfield.</p>	New Parish	Little Canfield

		Certainly the development will be big enough to justify having its own Parish Council. I would suggest that the Parish should include the extent of the area granted outline planning permission, including the island sites and stretch as far as the Lion and Lamb in the east (since Countryside have made it clear that they would wish to seek to develop this area as part of Priors Green in the future) and south as far as the Flitch Way. Changing the name of Priors Green to a name more in keeping with the surrounding village such as Canfield Green (as occurred with Flitch Green) may also be appropriate.”		
Michiel Schouten Haddesley Road Little Canfield	9/9/10 Email	“I live on Haddesley Road in Little Canfield. I am happy to live in Little Canfield and not in Takeley. For any future evaluation of my property I would rather be in Little Canfield than in Takeley. As Takeley often gets associated with noise from Stansted Airport. I was told by the salesman of my house that properties in Priors Green in the parish of Takeley were advertised as being in Little Canfield to attract more buyers, but that is just hearsay. My vote then, will be to leave the boundary as it is now. Or maybe create a new parish for Priors Green, but please do not include us in Takeley.”	<b>Little Canfield or new parish</b>	<b>Little Canfield</b>
David and Jacqueline McAdams 55 Clarendon Road Little Canfield	13/9/10 Email	“Thank you for your recent letter concerning the parish boundaries of Priors Green. Our property currently falls within the Little Canfield boundary and we are happy with this arrangement. However if changes are to be considered our view are: a Priors Green in total should be included into the Little Canfield parish. We feel that we would be able to dovetail into this parish while still being able to build on a community identity during the further development of Priors Green. Our concern with moving into Takeley is that we would be engulfed by the parish and lose any chance of building a Priors Green community feeling. b A separate parish of Priors Green would be more favourable than a move into Takeley but removes the option of integration into the wider area. I hope the above will be of assistance.”	<b>Little Canfield or new parish</b>	<b>Little Canfield</b>
Mr and Mrs Leon 6 Newman Road Little Canfield	16/9/10 Email	“Thank you for your letter dated August 2010. We are new residents to Little Canfield we moved here in July this year to 6 Newman Road, Little Canfield, Essex CM6 1GR. We would like to see the boundary re-drawn and this development of Priors Green to come under the parish and village of Little Canfield as our address states. Speaking to our neighbours they also think it should be changed to Little Canfield parish. We consider this development to be in Little Canfield. On entering Little Canfield from Dunmow there are white road signs saying ‘Little Canfield’ and from the entering from the opposite direction of Bishop’s Stortford there are white road signs saying ‘Takeley’ but nothing in between to say where Takeley finishes and Little Canfield begins. Anyway we are happy to help with anything in the future.”	<b>Little Canfield</b>	<b>Little Canfield</b>
Janis Keith 4 Burgattes Road Little Canfield	19/9/10	“Thank you for your August letter regarding possible parish boundary changes. I am currently in Little Canfield parish, but feel I have equal involvement in Takeley. In addition Priors Green seems to have its own geographic identity. There are certain anomalies; for example, when ordering a taxi to the airport, it is £5 cheaper from Priors Green than Little Canfield. (The postcode and road seems to be irrelevant). There are a couple of points I would like clarified. Firstly, would a parish boundary mean a change in address? Currently, Takeley is Bishop’s Stortford, Herts., and Little Canfield is Dunmow, Essex. Also, when I purchased the property, I was made aware by my solicitor that my property is located ‘ <i>within the historical boundary of a tithe district or parish which continues to have a potential chancel repair liability...</i> ’. I just wonder how this would be affected if the parish became Takeley.”	?	<b>Little Canfield</b>

Urszula and Lukasz Grabowski 31 Mortymer Close Little Canfield	20/9/10 Email	"We have moved to Priors Green last year. Our flat is situated within Little Canfield site. We would like to stay in the Little Canfield parish."	<b>Little Canfield</b>	<b>Little Canfield</b>
Sally Brady 1 Warwick Road Little Canfield	29/9/10	<p>"I am writing to urge that the existing boundaries at Little Canfield and Takeley be kept as they are - with subsequent new building on Priors Green being designated as Takeley, as per the existing boundaries.</p> <p>I understand that the review will take into account 'community ties and loyalties' and therefore am writing on behalf of the newly formed Little Canfield Allotments Association (LCAA) and the Little Canfield Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, as well as being an owner/occupier on Priors Green.</p> <p>The LCAA was formed in May this year after it became apparent in February that Little Canfield Parish Council would soon be in a position to allow the restoration of overgrown allotments (adjacent to the existing village hall) to take place.</p> <p>As Chairperson of the LCAA, I cannot think of a better example of newly formed 'community ties and loyalties'. We currently have 31 members, affiliated to the National Society of Allotments and Leisure Gardens. Of the 31 members, 20 are new residents of the Little Canfield part of Priors Green and 6 are existing residents of Little Canfield (one of whom has been waiting 30 years for the opportunity to have an allotment!), 3 are from Takeley (as Takeley Parish has no land available) and 2 from Dunmow. All of us are very excited to be working together for a common goal, that crosses intergenerational boundaries (our youngest member is 14 and we also have several retired members). It has been a pleasure to bring together existing and new residents for this project - the Parish Council being particularly encouraging in recognising this as an endeavour that would help to alleviate any perceived geographical issues surrounding the Priors Green development and the existing parish. I have attended several Parish Council meetings, with enthusiastic support from the Chairperson, Ken Wooding and the other councillors and District Councillor Jackie Cheetham, who also recognises this as an ideal opportunity to forge and foster strong community links within the parish.</p> <p>We have worked hard to hold meetings, start clearing the land (with support from the British Trust of Community Volunteers) and raise funds for the project (the plot will be about 2 acres, unused since the 1970s, so there is a lot to do). The BAA Community Fund has already donated money to the LCAA for tree surgery as they recognise this as a worthwhile project. I am currently applying for Lottery funding and grants from the Essex Environment Trust, amongst others. Local schools will also ultimately be involved in the project, as we plan to include a wildlife area, sensory gardens and community building.</p> <p>As you can appreciate, it would be very difficult for us to change the name of our organisation, because of our affiliation with the NSALG and because we have set up a bank account in the association's name (required for fund raising).</p> <p>Secondly, I am also the Neighbourhood Watch coordinator (in liaison with Lindsay Bailey, Uttlesford NW and John Turner, LCPC councillor who is coordinator for the existing LC residents but was unable, for personal reasons, to take on the new houses) for the Little Canfield part of Priors Green - some 300 properties. We currently have 12 members (although all Priors Green Little Canfield residents receive the Uttlesford newsletter which I deliver), all of whom have also asked that I write this on their behalf - all wanting to remain as 'Little Canfield'. This is an example of the existing boundaries already being used effectively.</p> <p>The roads concerned are - Warwick Road, Clarendon Road, Rumbles Way, Honey Road,</p>	<b>Little Canfield</b>	<b>Little Canfield</b>

		<p>Stokes Road, Dryvers Close, Wyndrell Close, Burgattes Road, Haddersley Road and Mortymer Close. We feel that the Takeley boundary should be at the juncture of Honey Road and Bennet Canfield (already conveniently delineated by roundabout), so that the new primary school is in Takeley (as it should be), as well as the new community centre (which is also predominantly run by Takeley Parish) but the new pre-school nursery on Honey Road remains as Little Canfield. The subsequent building at the back of Jacks Lane should remain designated as Takeley. This would mean that existing Little Canfield Priors Green residents remain so, providing additional funds for the Parish, as well as being a manageable number of properties for the parish. New residents would also then be aware that they are in the parish of Takeley, before they move in.</p> <p>Finally, as a private resident of Priors Green, Little Canfield (one of the first to move in during July 2007), I would be very upset if the boundaries were changed - particularly because of my community involvement outlined above, but also because I chose to live here in Little Canfield, not Takeley.</p> <p>I can provide names and addresses of all members of the LCAA and the NHW scheme if necessary as they have requested that I write to you on their behalf, as well as their own private petitions - please let me know if this would be helpful.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing the outcome - hopefully, one that will retain the logical existing boundaries, respect the wishes of the majority and allow the good work currently being undertaken to create real community cohesion between new and existing residents of Little Canfield, to continue.”</p>		
Sue Gowlett 2 Warwick Road Little Canfield	30/9/10	<p>“I live on the Priors Green estate within Little Canfield. I am on the Little Canfield Village Hall Committee and am treasurer of All Saints Church, Little Canfield.</p> <p>I believe that the new housing is helping and enhancing the old community of Little Canfield and strongly favour remaining part of the village of Little Canfield. A number of residents from the Little Canfield area of Priors Green have already started work to revive the allotments by the Village Hall in Little Canfield. I understand the Parish Council also includes members living on the Priors Green estate in Little Canfield which indicates that integration has taken place more successfully than in some other local villages.</p> <p>Although some people are confused because they live in Takeley but have a Little Canfield postal address, the division between the two parishes is clear at the moment; but if there are to be changes, I suggest that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 the land between Jacks Lane and the by-pass follows the same West/East division as that South of Jacks Lane so that the next tranche of building North of Jacks Lane would fall in Little Canfield.</li> <li>2 If the West/East boundary between Takeley is changed then the sensible place for the new boundary would be Broadfield Road where there is a woodland area that could serve as a natural break between the two villages.”</li> </ol>	<b>Little Canfield</b>	<b>Little Canfield</b>
Mrs Joli Cole 5 Rumbles Way Little Canfield	30/9/10	<p>“I live in a Countryside property on the Priors Green development in Little Canfield. We have been here 3 years – being one of the first to move in. Having a Little Canfield address over a Takeley address does matter to us. If we had wanted to live on Takeley we would have bought in Takeley. I do not think it is fair to change our address as we have had it, as I say, for three years now! I am proud to say we live in Little Canfield – it definitely has a nicer ring to it than Takeley – in my opinion. I look forward to receiving more details about the proposed changes in the future.”</p>	<b>Little Canfield</b>	<b>Little Canfield</b>

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Mr P, Mrs C, Mr J and Mr E Byford Whiteclouds, Thornton Road, Little Canfield	30/9/10	<p>“We would strongly ask you to leave Little Canfield Boundaries unchanged.</p> <p>We have lived in Little Canfield for over 27 years now. We have seen many changes to our Parish especially with the Priors Green Development within Little Canfield Boundaries. However, with this New Housing our Boundaries are still unchanged and clearly defined by natural ditches and hedge-rows, as they have been for the last 70 years since Little Canfield Parish was born. We feel as a family that the amount of dwellings and persons now within our Parish compliment our resources perfectly. It has been an inspiration to see our new residents participating in our Church, Village Hall and supporting our Local Pub. We have well over 20 new housing members joining and taking a leading role in running our new allotment project within Little Canfield. We have had a new member join our Parish Council from the new housing development and numerous others showing their support when called upon when issues have arisen within the Parish.</p> <p>We now also have a thriving Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Little Canfield Parish with two coordinators from the new housing showing a real commitment to the Parishes' security.</p> <p>With so much good feeling and community work achieved in such a short space of time it would be a real backward step in our view to change or dissolve Little Canfield Parish.</p> <p>Little Canfield Parish works alongside with Great Canfield and Takeley Parishes' as a matter of course and do come together when called upon for the greater good of the Residence. Any Boundary changes in our view would be destructive, unhelpful and unwanted by all the Three Parishes and their Residents.</p> <p>Please Leave Little Canfield Boundaries as they are.”</p>		