

# Notice of meeting and agenda



## Midlothian Council

**Venue:** Council Chambers - PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A SPECIAL MEETING OF MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL,

**Date:** Tuesday, 28 March 2017

**Time:** 13:00

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**Further Information:**

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## **1 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

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Including apologies received from Members.

Members are reminded that this is a special meeting of Midlothian Council.

## **2 Order of Business**

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Including notice of new business submitted as urgent for consideration at the end of the meeting.

## **3 Declarations of Interest**

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Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.

## **4 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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No minutes will be presented to this meeting for approval or consideration of recommendations.

## **5 Public Reports**

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## **6 Private Reports**

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No private items for consideration at this meeting.

## **Community Council Boundary Change**

### **Report by Kenneth Lawrie, Chief Executive**

#### **1 Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to outline the proposed changes to the boundary between Gorebridge and District and Moorfoot Community Councils and seek formal approval for the change to be made.

#### **2 Background**

- 2.1** Gorebridge and District and Moorfoot Community Council contacted Midlothian Councils Communities Team to amend the boundary between their respective Community Councils.
- 2.2** The proposed change would allow the new housing estate at Harvieston and the planned new estate at Redheugh to become part of the Gorebridge Community Council area rather than be part of the Moorfoot area, as is the current situation.
- 2.3** Moorfoot Community Council represents a very rural area whereas Gorebridge and District Community Council is a more urban area. The new housing developments will access facilities in the Gorebridge area and both Community Councils feel that these new developments would be better aligned with Gorebridge and District Community Council rather than Moorfoot Community Council.
- 2.4** A joint meeting was held on 3 May 2016 with representatives from both Community Councils and Midlothian Council's Communities Team and Planning Department. Mutual agreement was reached on the proposed new boundaries.
- 2.5** Both Community Councils unanimously agreed to follow the process to amend the boundary as set out in section 8, Amendment to the Boundaries and Composition of Community Councils, in Midlothian Councils' approved Scheme for Community Councils.
- 2.6** A joint letter from both Community Councils was submitted to Midlothian Council to notify them that Gorebridge and District Community Council and Moorfoot Community Council were in agreement about the proposed changes.
- 2.7** The proposed changes were publicised and a 90 day public consultation was held. No objections were made to the proposed changes.
- 2.8** A final public vote was held by both Gorebridge and District and Moorfoot Community Councils and the proposed changes were unanimously agreed.

### 3 Report Implications

#### 3.1 Resource

There are no direct resource implications arising from this report.

#### 3.2 Risk

There is no associated risk with regard to this report.

#### 3.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation

Themes addressed in this report:

- ☐ Community safety
- ☐ Adult health, care and housing
- ☐ Getting it right for every Midlothian child
- ☐ Improving opportunities in Midlothian
- ☐ Sustainable growth
- ☐ Business transformation and Best Value
- ☒ None of the above

#### 3.4 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

This report does not address any of the key priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan.

#### 3.5 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

This report will not have an impact on performance and outcomes.

#### 3.6 Adopting a Preventative Approach

Adopting a preventative approach does not apply with regard to this report.

#### 3.7 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

Gorebridge and District and Moorfoot Community Councils have requested this proposed change to take place due to new housing developments in the Midlothian South Ward. The Community Councils and their wider respective communities have been fully involved in the process. A 90 day public consultation was held in both communities and a final public vote was held at respective community council meetings. Both votes resulted in unanimous agreements for the proposed changes to be made.

#### 3.8 Ensuring Equalities

There are no equality issues arising directly from this report. Accordingly, an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) is not required in this instance.

#### 3.9 Supporting Sustainable Development

There are no sustainability issues with regard to this report.

#### 3.10 IT Issues

None



#### **4 Summary**

Gorebridge and District and Moorfoot Community Councils are both in unanimous agreement in respect of the proposed changes to their shared community council boundaries.

Due process to implement a proposed boundary change has been adhered to as set out in section 8, Amendment to the Boundaries and Composition of Community Councils, in Midlothian Councils' approved Scheme for Community Councils.

#### **5 Recommendations**

Council approve the proposed changes to the Gorebridge and District and Moorfoot Community Council boundaries.

#### **Date**

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#### **Appendences:**

##### **1: Map of existing boundaries**

[2016-05-04 Gorebridge&Moorfoot CCs existing \[lo-res\].pdf](#)

##### **2: Map 1 of proposed boundary change**

[2016-06-30 Gorebridge&Moorfoot CCs proposed \(lo-res\).pdf](#)

##### **3: Map 2 of proposed boundary change**

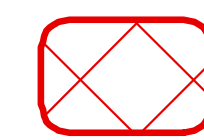
[2016-06-30 Gorebridge&Moorfoot CCs proposed AP \(lo-res\).pdf](#)

##### **4: Joint letter from Gorebridge and Moorfoot Community Councils**

[Boundary Change joint acceptance to Midlothian \(1\) \(2\).doc](#)







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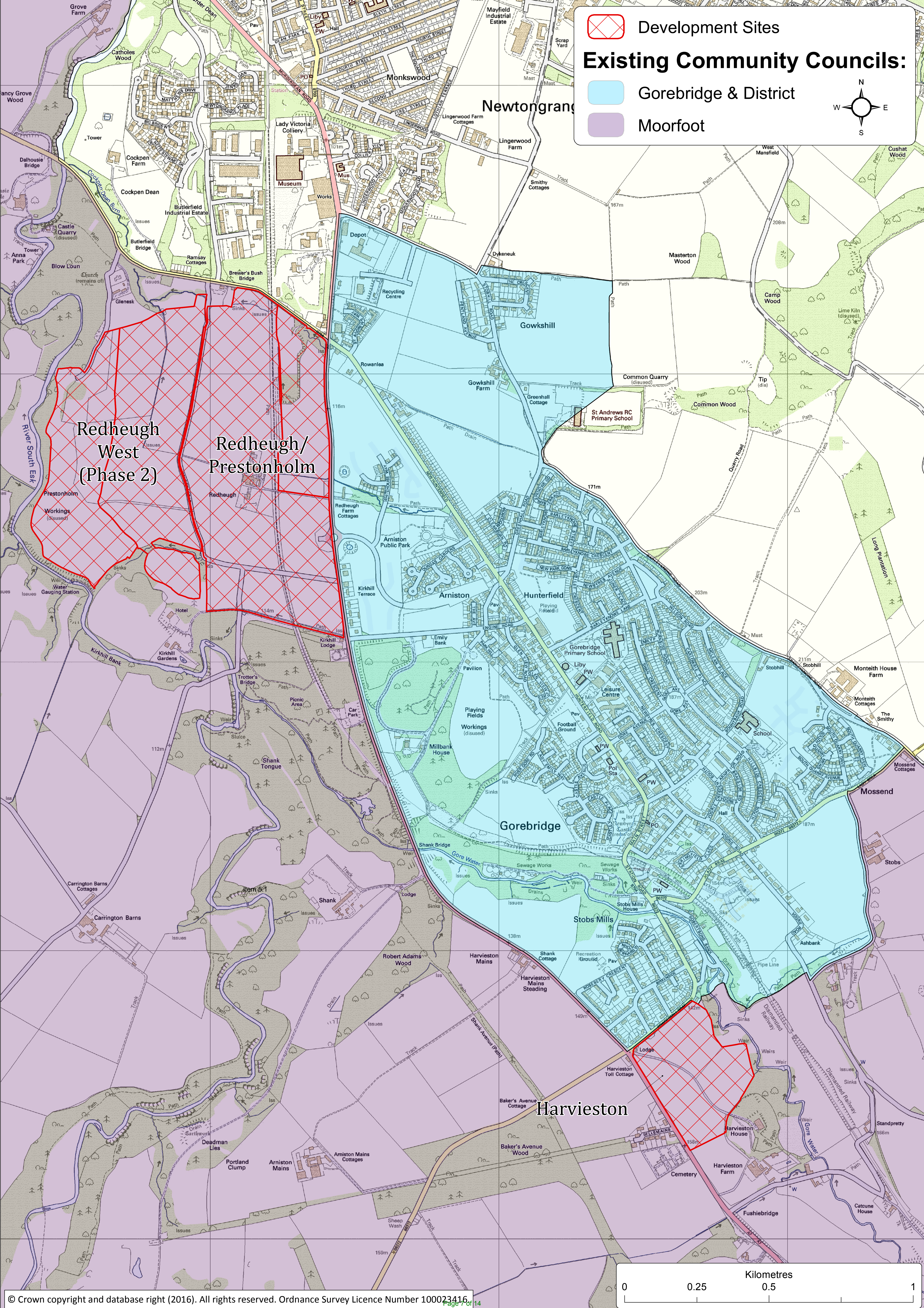
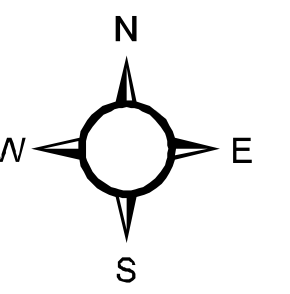
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Gorebridge & District



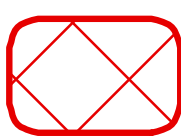
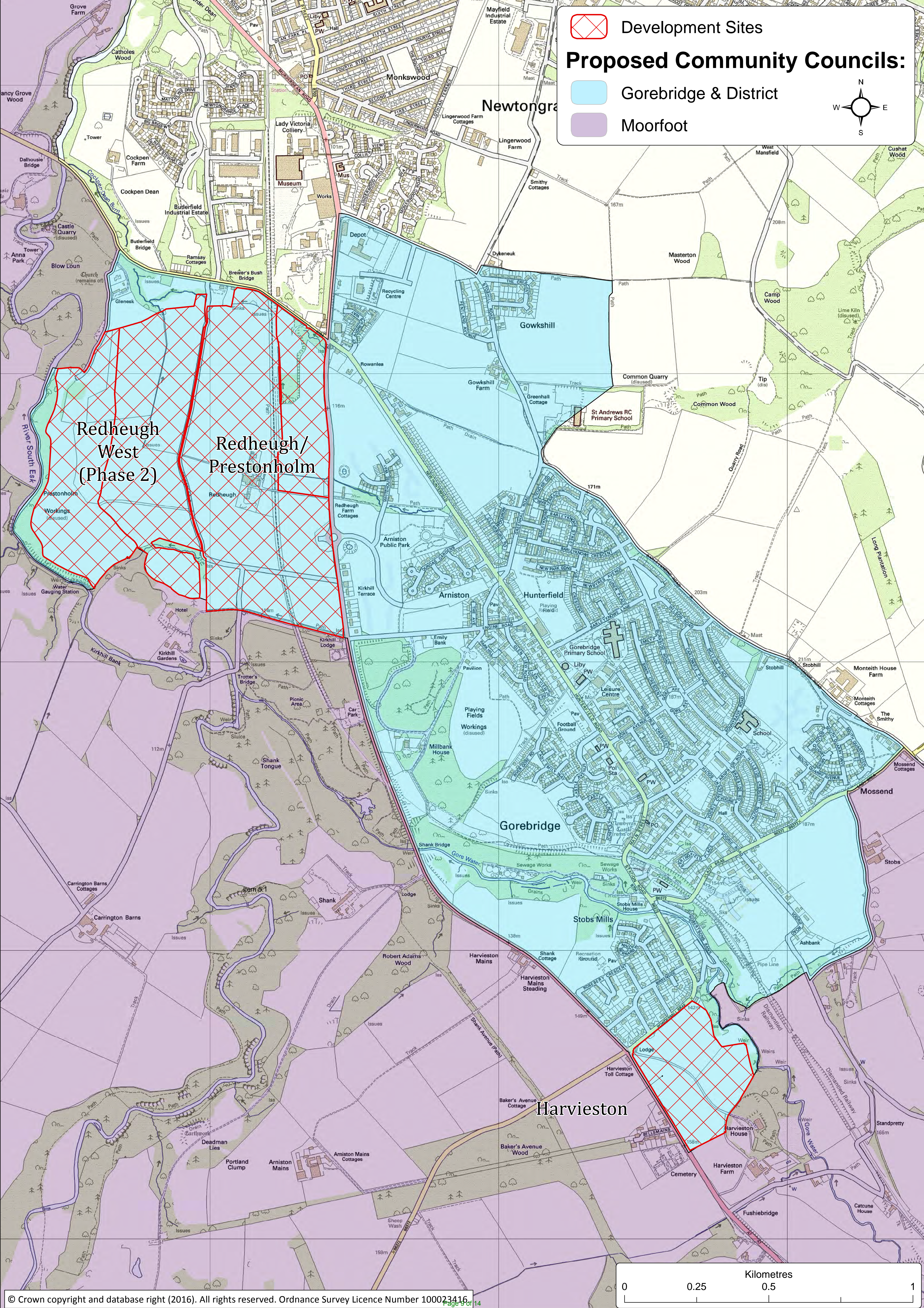
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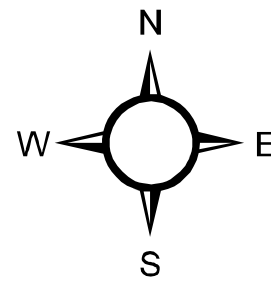
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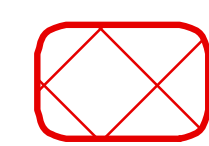
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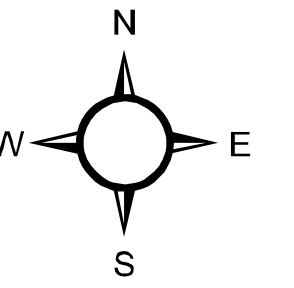
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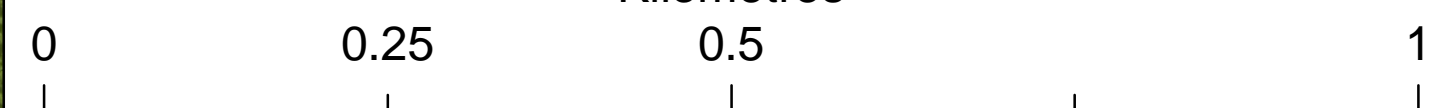
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Item 5.1

Harvieston

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*Representing the Midlothian Villages of Borthwick, Carrington, Middleton & Temple  
together with the surrounding landward area up to the Moorfoot Hills*

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18th October 2016

Dear Gillian,

**Ref: proposed boundary changes /Moorfoot Community Council and  
Gorebridge Community Council**

Notice is hereby given to Midlothian Council that Moorfoot Community Council and Gorebridge Community Council agree that they have no objection to boundary changes which would allow the new estate at Harvieston and the planned new estate at Redheugh to become part of the Gorebridge Community Council area rather than be part of the Moorfoot area, as is the current situation.

This joint decision was taken after consultation with Midlothian Planning Department and detailed reference to the relevant maps. After further discussion each Community Council duly voted unanimously to support these boundary changes.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Buxton  
Secretary  
Moorfoot Community Council  
Eddie Robertson  
Secretary  
Gorebridge Community Council

