



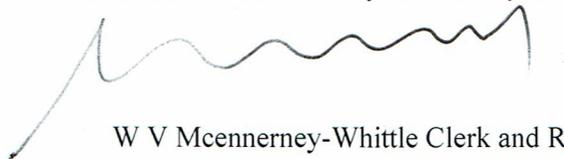
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23rd February 2026

NEXT MEETING

Members of the Council are summoned to the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** to be held on Monday the 2nd March 2026 at Cottam Community Centre Haydocks Lane commencing at 7.30pm



W V Mcennerney-Whittle Clerk and RFO

A G E N D A

1. To receive apologies
2. To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19th January 2026 (enclosed)
3. To receive Declarations of Interest
4. To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

Please note that the Council may not make any lawful decision during this session – any items raised by members of the public may be considered for a future agenda. Members of the public are defined as any person present other than parish council members or officials.

5. To approve the following payments:

19/01/2026	GGs LENGTHSMAN TEAM	136	1187.20
19/01/2026	SLCC SUBSCRIPTION	137	126.34
19/01/2026	SANDERSON AND SONS HEDGE CUTTING	138	172.80
20/01/2026	EON NEXT ELECTRIC	139	29.81
27/01/2026	FITZPATRICK LENGTHSMAN TEAM	140	567.00
27/01/2026	AT CROSS LENGTHSMAN TEAM	141	793.05
27/01/2026	A BARTLETT LENGTHSMAN TEAM	142	504.00
27/01/2026	A PARTRIDGE LENGTHSMAN TEAM	143	567.00
27/01/2026	GGs LENGTHSMAN TEAM	144	1279.95
31/01/2026	BANK CHARGES	145	9.45

6. To appoint Sandra Wiseman as the internal auditor for 2025/26 at a fee of £200.00 and approve the Terms of Reference and Suggested Testing Methodology the relative documents having already been circulated to members under separate cover.
7. To consider / approve the following documents which have been circulated to members under separate cover:
 - The Councils Risk Management Policy Statement 2026
 - The Councils Risk Management Register 2026

- The Councils Asset Register 2026
 - The Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit and Internal Control 2026
8. To consider and approve that the Lengthsman contract hourly rate of pay currently set at £18.55 per hour should be increased roughly in line with inflation (CPI) currently at 3% to a figure of £19.15 per hour
 9. To consider and approve that the Assistant Lengthsman contracts should be renewed for a further 12 months and that the hourly rates of pay, currently at £12.60 per hour and £15.55 per hour, should be increased roughly in line with inflation (CPI), currently at 3% to figures of £13.00 and £16.00 per hour.
 10. To consider and approve a revised (enclosed) Grant Awarding Policy which clarifies that CIL funding applications may be considered on a slightly different basis from Precept Grants
 11. To consider the enclosed quotations in respect of the 'in principle' agreement to pay for toilet refurbishment at the Cottam Community Centre (minute 78/25) – The Community Centre Chairman has confirmed verbally that they are happy to proceed with the quotation of £17965.82 which can now be allocated from CIL funds.
 12. To consider the enclosed correspondence from Preston City Council and decide whether this Council might wish to allocate CIL funds to replace the 'slide' which is scheduled to be removed. Maps and photos are enclosed. Please note that this site has only two pieces of equipment and that our Lengthsman team have indicated that the site is little used due to its location at the very extremity of the Parish Boundaries.
 13. To consider the proposed Article 4 Direction (documents enclosed) and decide what ,if any, response might be made by this Council.
 14. To consider the Local Government Reorganisation Consultation (see enclosed) – This is a public consultation however provision has been made for Town and Parish Councils to provide a response as an organisation if they so wish. Should this Council wish to do so it will be necessary for the Council to agree their recommendation for one of the proposals and respond to the consultation questions which are shown on the enclosed documentation which also provides links to the proposals themselves and the consultation questionnaire. Members are able to make personal responses irrespective as to whether this Council chooses to do so as a corporate entity.
 15. To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 30th March 2026



MINUTES of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on

Monday the 19th January 2026 at Cottam Community Centre Haydocks Lane commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Butler, Rayfield, Whitham, Lambert, Brown, Coward,
Jewell, McFarlane and Smith

There was one member of the public present.

01/26 To receive apologies

Cllrs Parker, O'Donnell and Harper

02/26 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st December 2025 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st December 2025 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct and accurate record

03/26 To receive Declarations of Interest

None

04/26 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion

The meeting was adjourned

City Councillor Ward mentioned the historic oak tree known locally as the Ancient Oak which was thought to be around six hundred years old. He felt that some tree work might be necessary and asked if any member knew those to whom it actually belonged. It was suggested that it was located on LCC land to whom he should make contact. He also mentioned the loss of trees locally due to development and felt that many were probably worthy of being protected by TPOs.

The meeting was reconvened

05/26 To approve the following payments:

04/12/2025	AT CROSS LENGTHSMAN TEAM	112	948.55
04/12/2025	A PARTRIDGE LENGTHSMAN TEAM	113	756.00
04/12/2025	A BARTLETT LENGTHSMAN TEAM	114	567.00
04/12/2025	GGs LENGTHSMAN TEAM	115	1261.40
04/12/2025	SANDERSONS GRASS CUTTING	116	768.00
04/12/2025	S FITZPATRICK LENGTHSMAN TEAM	117	611.10
04/12/2025	SAVOY TIMBER LENGTHSMAN MATERIALS	118	49.68
12/12/2025	A BARTLETT LENGTHSMAN TEAM	119	378.00
12/12/2025	A PARTRIDGE LENGTHSMAN TEAM	120	315.00
12/12/2025	S FITZPATRICK LENGTHSMAN TEAM	121	189.00
12/12/2025	A CROSS LENGTHSMAN TEAM	122	311.00
12/12/2025	GGs LENGTHSMAN TEAM	123	1298.50
12/12/2025	WC MCWHITTLE 3RD QTR SALARY	124	3077.20
12/12/2025	HMRC 3RD QTR	125	2553.78
12/12/2025	VISION ICT WEB HOSTING EMAILS & SUPPORT	126	671.22

23/12/2025	EON NEXT ELECTRICITY	127	18.73
29/12/2025	S FITZPATRICK LENGTHSMAN TEAM	128	189.00
29/12/2025	A BARTLETT LENGTHSMAN TEAM	129	252.00
29/12/2025	A PARTRIDGE LENGTHSMAN TEAM	130	189.00
29/12/2025	COTTAM COMM ASSOC ROOM HIRE	131	35.00
29/12/2025	A T CROSS LENGTHSMAN TEAM	132	186.60
29/12/2025	GGs LENGTHSMAN TEAM	133	1001.70
29/12/2025	BG FENCING LENGTHSMAN MATERIALS	134	17.50
31/12/2025	BANK CHARGES	135	8.40

It was resolved that the payments referred to above should be approved

06/26 To receive and approve the enclosed Financial Statement as at the 31st December 2025

It was resolved that the Financial statement referred to above should be approved

07/26 To consider whether it would be appropriate for this Council to form a small working group to investigate potential uses for the Council's CIL monies and if so, appoint a number of members to form part of that group.

It was resolved that a working group consisting of Cllrs Butler, Coward, Rayfield, Harper and Brown should be formed to investigate potential uses for the Council's CIL monies. Cllr Butler agreed to set up an initial meeting whilst the Clerk agreed to provide guidance on the use of CIL funds and a list of current projects that were still under investigation.

08/26 To consider the enclosed quotation for the erection of fencing on part of the south side of Jubilee Park so as to mask the unsightly fencing which is owned by local residents. The new fence will not be a replacement of the existing fence but a new fence on the land owned by Preston City Council thus creating a barrier between it and the residents existing fence thus improving the visual aspect and reducing incidents of anti-social behaviour. Various attempts have been made to mask the existing fence with planting however these have been unsuccessful.
Some members may recall that a couple of years ago a similar request was considered and agreed, however Preston City Council had concerns that this would create problems with a no man's land between the new fence and the existing. Further discussions with them have indicated that by erecting the new fence closer to the existing fence it may be acceptable to them and an approach has been made for formal agreement should this Council wish to commit CIL funds to undertake the works.
A budget request from CIL funds is requested so that progress can be made of £11725 plus a contingency of 10% for the cost of removing some of the fallen existing resident fence which is currently on Preston City Council land and will need to be removed before the new fence can be erected, as set out in the quotation received.

It was resolved that subject to the approval of Preston City Council the fence as proposed above should be erected and a budget of £11725.00 allocated from CIL monies

09/26 To exclude the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted below.

It was resolved that the public and press should be excluded from the meeting in respect of the following item of business

10/26 To consider the applications, which has been sent out under separate cover to fill the two casual vacancies which can now be filled by co-option

It was resolved that Dr A C Bielas-Barnes and Dr Udeme Jonah should both be co-opted as members of this Council

11/26 To note that the next meeting is scheduled for the 2nd March 2026.

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LEA & COTTAM PARISH COUNCIL GRANT AWARDING POLICY

Lea & Cottam Parish Council is committed to providing financial assistance and support to appropriate groups and organisations within the local community. This support is decided against criteria set by Lea & Cottam Parish Council and provided in the form of a grant. Grants will be awarded to organisations that can demonstrate that they are likely to bring benefit to the parish as a whole or a significant number or group of persons residing within the Parish. Lea & Cottam Parish Council are also committed to ensuring that any money is spent responsibly whilst ensuring value for money for local taxpayers.

AIMS OF THE GRANT AWARDS

Lea & Cottam Parish Council awards grants to community organisations that can demonstrate that financial support will benefit the Parish by:

- Providing the opportunity for residents to take part in projects and activities
- Enhancing the Quality of Life of the residents of the Parish
- Improving the surroundings and environment
- Promoting Lea & Cottam in a positive way

GENERAL GRANT CONDITIONS

Grant awards are funded directly from the Parish Precept and eligible groups must be a 'not for profit' making body and must be formally constituted.

The availability of funds to support appropriate activities is dependent on the Council's overall financial position and the amount of grant agreed may have to be restricted.

The grant can only be used for the purpose stated in the application and the Council reserves the right to reclaim any grant not used for the specified purpose.

Grants must be spent within 1 year of award. Any unspent monies left after this time must be returned.

Organisations are responsible for ensuring that they are in compliance with all legal and statutory requirements.

Acknowledgement of the financial support received from the Council is required on documentation and any promotional material.

GRANT PROCESS

To ensure a consistent approach is applied to all requests for grants, Lea & Cottam Parish Council will review applications using the following criteria: -

- The number of parishioners likely to benefit, or whether a specific category of residents would receive a specific benefit (eg. children, the elderly, etc.)
- The Parish Council will not fund events or activities which can be fully funded by the relevant participants, or which can or will be self supporting by means of donations, or grants from other organisations etc.
- Evidence of a well-managed group.
- Financial sustainability and viability of group and/or project
- Lea and Cottam Parish Council will not make general grants which cannot be specifically attributed to an identifiable project or activity.
- Lea and Cottam will not make grants which are solely for general revenue items

APPLYING FOR GRANTS

- All organisations will be required to complete in full an application form.
- Established organisations will be required to submit copies of their accounts.
- For newly formed organisations a concise business plan will be required.
- All applications must be sent to the Clerk of the Parish Council
- All applications will be considered by the Council at its next available meeting following receipt of the fully completed application form.

Lea and Cottam Parish Council in addition to its Precept income referred to above also hold from time-to-time Community Infrastructure Levy Funds (CIL) which result from housing development in its area and which can be used to support infrastructure or anything else that is needed to mitigate the impact of development.

Lea and Cottam will consider applications from outside organisations which comply with the statutory regulations relating to the use of these funds.

Lea and Cottam Parish Council may take into account the considerations as set out in the main body of this policy however since uses are restricted to approved expenditures any final decision will be made based on an individual assessment of the purpose, value and need which must meet CIL statutory requirements and should not necessarily be constrained by those general considerations which apply to Precept usage should the Council feel the expenditure is beneficial to the Parish area and meet those statutory requirements.

Attached for guidance are a list of appropriate (Appendix A) and inappropriate (Appendix B) infrastructure spending for Town and Parish Councils (these lists are not necessarily exhaustive) and will vary depending on whether Lea and Cottam Parish Council at the time hold the statutory General Power of Competence.

Appendix A: Examples of appropriate infrastructure spending for Town and Parish Councils:

The following infrastructure may be CIL funded where they address the demands that development places on an area. Elements of infrastructure spending may be both capital and revenue (e.g. design of a new building). Infrastructure that can be provided by a Town or Parish Council will vary depending on whether there is an agreed General Power of Competence.

The following list is not exhaustive.

- Highways, transport links, cycleways.
- Schools, nurseries and education facilities.
- Flood management, waste management, energy supply, such as renewable energy projects.
- Health and emergency service buildings or facilities.
- Sports halls, improvements to Town and Parish Halls or community buildings.
- Crematorium and graveyards.
- Public parks, woodlands, open space, allotments, community gardens, tree planting.
- Play areas, youth facilities.
- Signage, public notices, noticeboards, walking and cycling signposting.
- Benches, seating and street furniture.
- Provision of parking places for vehicles, motorbikes, cycles.
- Electric vehicle or cycle charging.
- Public transport – e.g. Bus stop, shelter, curb stones or funding services.
- Installation of defibrillators.
- Litter bins.
- Public Toilets.
- Projects to improve the public realm, public artwork.
- Planning, feasibility and professional reports, drawings or plans relating to the provision of new infrastructure.
- Affordable Housing.

Appendix B: Examples of inappropriate infrastructure spending by Town and Parish Councils - what CIL can't be used for:

CIL spending should not fund:

- Day to day running costs, or items that should be met through using the Councils precept.
- Projects that will only benefit individuals (5 or less) or a single household
- Projects that directly benefit, or can be perceived to benefit individual councillors
- Projects which relate solely to religious purposes
- Political activities
- Retrospective projects i.e. those that have already been done
- Firework displays, carnivals or Christmas lights
- Improvements to Council offices or other operational buildings
- Maintenance or improvements to existing facilities that do not address the demands placed on an area by development
- Grounds maintenance, verge mowing or hedge cutting
- Revenue or capital unrelated to the demands that development places on an area.

To: COTTAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Date: 15/01/2026

LADIES & DISABLED WASH ROOM REFURBS.

- BOTH ROOMS TO BE COMPLETELY

STRIPPED & WALLS & FLOORS PREP'D

FOR FLOOR TILING & WALL RE-PLASTERED.

- ALL MATERIALS & FITTINGS ON ENCLOSED

SHEET TO BE SUPPLIED & INSTALLED.

MATERIALS - £10,395-82

LABOUR. 7,570-00

Total: £17,965-82

Notes: _____

COTTAM COMMUNITY CENTRE,

HAYDOCK LANE, COTTAM, P R 4 ONY

REFURBISHMENT TO LADIES & DISABLED WASH ROOMS.

MATERIAL & FITTINGS LIST, TO BE SUPPLIED & INSTALLED BY SIV BATHROOMS.

- 2 CUBICLE W.C.'S INCLUDING HIDDEN CYSTERNS & FLUSH SYSTEMS.
- 1 VANITY UNIT WITH 2 INSET BASINS & NON-SLIP TAPS
- TILE WALLS (SPASH BACKS ONLY) ALL OTHER WALLS PREPARED & PLASTERED
- TILE BOTH FLOORS WITH INDUSTRIAL GRADE NON-SLIP TILES
- DISABLED TOILET & SUPPORT RAILS
- WALL HUNG WASH BASIN WITH LEVER ACTION BASIN TAP
- BABY CHANGING UNIT WALL HUNG/FOLD DOWN WHEN IN USE.
- 3 SOAP DISPENSERS
- 2 PEDAL BINS
- 3 TOILET ROLL DISPENSERS
- 3 TOILET ROLL HOLDERS
- 2 HAND DRIERS
- 2 RADIATOR COVERS
- ALL DEBRIS REMOVED FROM SITE

QUOTE

Kevin

Date
30 Dec 2025

Stuart Burton-
07540491627

Expiry
6 Jan 2026

Chris Tyrer- 07794398141
Email: Tytonltd@gmail.com

Quote Number
QU-0122

Reference
Cottam community centre

VAT Number
301814837

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	VAT	Amount GBP
To isolate and remove the current women 's WC room. Items to remove - WC, cubical, concealed cisterns and IPS panels x 2 X 2 basins and basin units All wall and floor tiles	1.00	0.00		0.00
To re-plaster and skim the whole room as required. To re-screed the floor as required.	1.00	0.00		0.00
To supply and install the following items- -ATLAS S/R BASIN 50 CM 2TAP HOLE X2 -Bristan basin taps x 2 (pair) -ATLAS BTW WC PAN x2 -ATLAS STANDARD SEAT x2 -ATLAS CONCEALED CISTERN x2 -FAST FIT WC CUBICLE,IPS PANELS/Framework,S/REC x2 VANITY UNIT MM-LIGHT GREY Vanity unit to fit wall to wall.	1.00	0.00		0.00
To re-tile the whole floor area with commercial contract tiles, adhesive and grout. To tile the wall area as per its current tiling with standard white tiles unless otherwise requested	1.00	0.00		0.00
To paint in white any required areas To touch up the radiator cover to its original state where possible. New radiator and cover can be quoted separate if required.	1.00	12,400.00	No VAT	12,400.00
To supply a skip for the duration of the works To relocate the hand dryer				

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	VAT	Amount GBP
To isolate and remove the current disabled WC room. Items to remove- WC and cistern Basin All wall and floor tiles	1.00	0.00		0.00
To re-plaster and skim the whole room as required. To re-screed the floor as required. To re tile the room to its current specification.	1.00	0.00		0.00
To supply and install a complete Doc m pack.	1.00	6,000.00		6,000.00
			Subtotal	18,400.00
			TOTAL NO VAT	0.00
			TOTAL GBP	18,400.00

Terms

Payments are to be made in stages within seven days of production of the invoice

COTTAM PONDS SLIDE

From: Tracey Kemplay <T.Kemplay@preston.gov.uk>

Sent: Fri, 13 Feb, 2026 at 14:54

To: Lea Cottam

Cc: Shirley Parkinson

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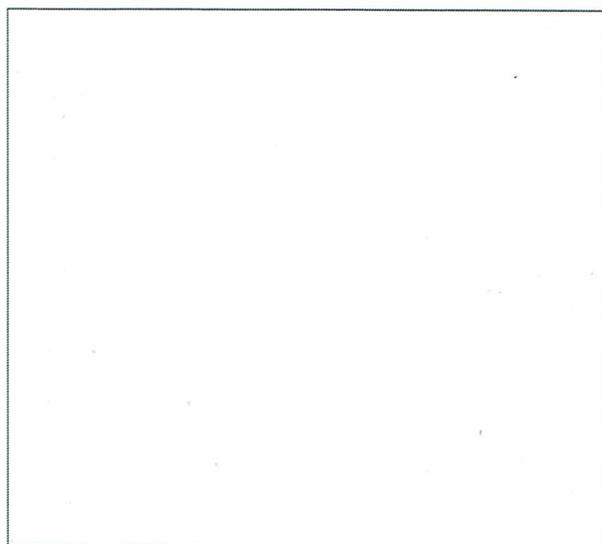
Good afternoon Bill,

You may recall us talking about the slide at Cottam ponds and how it has come to the end of its life and so we plan on removing it. You mentioned that if we could find a suitable alternative then the parish may be able to fund a replacement.

After some consultation with Shirley we have found an option from Yates playgrounds that is similar to the image below. The current slide is 1190mm high, which is not an option they offer so the replacement would be 1000mm. Going any larger would mean more work as the 'fall' area would also need adjusting, keeping it this size would minimise the on site work needed to instal the new piece. The cost of the slide is £2695 + VAT. We would also need to purchase materials to repair the surfacing under the slide and I have estimated these at £1375.96

My playground team have advised they could remove and reinstall the item and in addition do all the wet pour repairs, this could be done within a week. I am happy to provide these man hours as Shirley estimates instructing a contractor to undertake these works could cost upto an additional £5000.

I won't take any action till you give me the go ahead either way.

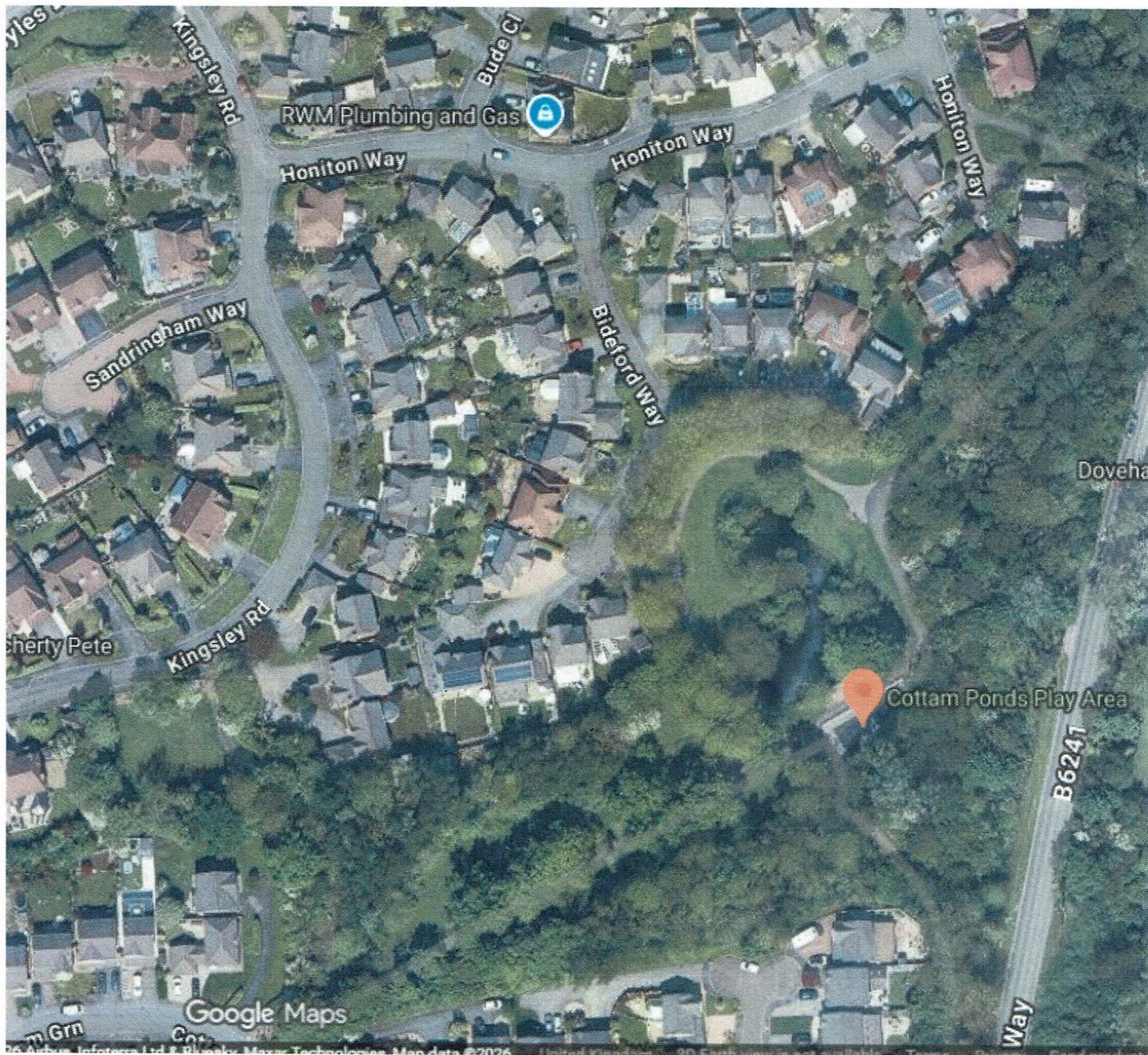


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Bideford Way

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Kingsley Rd

Cottam Ponds Play Area

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Consultation - Article 4 Direction on HMOs

From: Preston City Council Planning <planningpolicy@prestoncitycouncil.uk>

Sent: Thu, 5 Feb, 2026 at 15:47

To: clerk@leacottam-pc.gov.uk



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Article 4 Direction on HMOs in Preston Consultation - February to March 2026

A row of terrace houses

Stakeholders and members of the public are invited to share their views on a newly made Article 4 Direction, which will introduce a more restrictive approach to Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) within specific areas across the city.

The Article 4 Direction relating to HMOs, made on Thursday 29 January 2026, will introduce greater planning control over the creation of HMOs by removing permitted development rights to convert a dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) into a House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) (Use Class C4) within designated parts of Preston's urban area.

[Have Your Say on Article 4 Direction on HMOs in Preston](#)

A recent review undertaken by the Council identified more than 900 HMOs currently operating in Preston. Since the publication of the review, the Council has continued to monitor the growth of HMOs, identifying a further 60 across the city. This high concentration of HMOs in Preston's urban area has been shown to negatively impact residents' amenities and quality of life, including increased pressure on on-street parking, issues relating to street cleanliness, and instances of anti-social behaviour.

The newly made Article 4 Direction covers Preston's main urban area, defined as being north of the River Ribble, east of the A582 (Edith Rigby Way), south of the M55 motorway, and west of the M6 motorway. A map of the proposed area can be found on the Council's website, along with an interactive map for ease of reference.

Councillor Amber Afzal, Cabinet Member for Planning and Regulation, said:

"There is evidence that there are too many HMOs in the city, more than are necessary to meet local needs. This has an impact on residents' quality of life and reduces the supply of much-needed family accommodation.

"The Council is therefore consulting on introducing additional controls to limit the number of new HMOs through the planning process, and we encourage the public to have their say on our consultation to provide feedback on the proposed approach."

The Article 4 Direction consultation will take place online over the next six weeks, offering stakeholders and the public an opportunity to comment on the Made Article 4 Direction,

before the Council decides whether the Direction should be confirmed after reviewing the comments to the consultation.

The consultation will close on Thursday, 19 March 2026.

As a non-immediate Article 4 Direction, the Direction would not come into effect until Monday, 15 February 2027, should the direction be confirmed by the Council.

Notices have been displayed across the city and are on display at the following locations:

- **Fulwood Library**, 294 Garstang Road, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9RX
- **Ribbleton Library**, Ribbleton Hall Drive, Ribbleton, Preston, PR2 6EE
- **Savick Library**, 1-6 Birkdale Drive, Ashton on Ribble, Preston, PR2 1UL
- **Sharoe Green Library**, 8 Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 8ED
- **The Harris**, Market Square, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 2PP
- **Preston Town Hall**, Lancaster Road, Preston, PR1 2RL

[Read more and Have your say - Article 4 Direction on HMOs](#)

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FW: Local Government Reorganisation Consultation

~~From: clerk@leacottam-pc.gov.uk <clerk@leacottam-pc.gov.uk>~~

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From: "Lancashire County Council" <noreply@lancashire.gov.uk>

Sent: Friday, 6 February, 2026 10:34

~~clerk@leacottam-pc.gov.uk~~

Subject: Local Government Reorganisation Consultation

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Following our previous communication regarding the upcoming consultation for local government reorganisation, we can now inform you that the consultation is open.

You can access the survey by following this link <https://lancashirelgr.co.uk/say-1>

If your town and parish would like to provide a response as an organisation then there is opportunity for you to select this option when you fill in the form.

As you might want to prepare your responses in advance, we have provided further information and the questions asked for you below.

You can find more information about the proposals under consultation here <https://lancashirelgr.co.uk/proposals>

As well as filling in your personal details, or organisational details for a collective response, you will be asked the following questions for each of the proposals outlined in the link above.

The questions are as follows:

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal suggests councils that are based on sensible geographies and economic areas? (Drop down answers, strongly agree to strongly disagree)

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed councils will be able to deliver the outcomes they describe in the proposal? (Drop down answers, strongly agree to strongly disagree)

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed councils are the right size to be efficient, improve capacity and withstand financial shocks? (Drop down answers, strongly agree to strongly disagree)

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed councils will deliver high quality, sustainable public services? (Drop down answers, strongly agree to strongly disagree)

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal has been informed by local views and will meet local needs? (Drop down answers, strongly agree to strongly disagree)

To what extent do you agree or disagree that establishing the councils in this proposal will support devolution arrangements? (Drop down answers, strongly agree to strongly disagree)

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal enables stronger community engagement and gives the opportunity for neighbourhood empowerment? (Drop down answers, strongly agree to strongly disagree)

If you would like to, please use the free text box to explain the answers you have provided to questions 1-7 referring to the question numbers as part of your answer. You may also use the box to provide any other comments you have on the proposal. (Text box to add further comments)

We hope this supports you in making your organisations, and residents voices heard.

Best Wishes

Town and Parish Council Team

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