Community Governance Review
Little Stanion

Information Leaflet – Petitioner’s Proposals
Initial Consultation
(November 2016)
Introduction

In September 2016 Corby Borough Council received a petition signed by over 270 electors resident in Little Stanion requesting that the Council conduct an exercise known as a Community Governance Review. This is a legal process which the Council can voluntarily undertake or is triggered by receipt of a valid petition.

Current Situation

At present the village of Stanion and Little Station are contained within Stanion Parish (see plan enclosed – RED boundary).

Stanion Parish Council has 9 elected parish councillors. Elections to the parish council are held every 4 years; the next elections will be held in May 2019.

Stanion Parish Council undertakes some administrative and representative responsibilities on behalf of its parishioners. The Parish Council also sets a Parish Precept which is included within household’s Council Tax Bills. The income from this precept goes to the Parish Council.

The Petition

The petitioners were requesting that a defined area (see plan enclosed – BLACK boundary) be designated as an independent parish, effectively dividing the current Stanion Parish and including other defined areas.

As a consequence of the valid petition, the Council is now commencing a Review to gauge the support for the petitioner’s proposal and consider whether there is administrative merit in the proposal. Corby Borough Council is ultimately responsible for making a decision on this matter.
Corby Borough Council does not currently have a formal view on the proposal. The Council is keen to hear what the views of registered electors are within Stanion Parish, particularly those living in Little Stanion.

Other interested parties will be consulted by the Council throughout the process e.g. Stanion Parish Council, Northamptonshire County Council, local MP, LSVA, neighbouring parish councils etc.

The Review process may take up to 12 months to complete. This communication is the first that you will receive on this matter.

We are required initially to consult on the submission made by the petitioners. The Council is keen to hear the views of registered electors to the following questions:-

- Do you believe that the area known as Little Stanion should have its own parish council?

- If you believe that there should be an independent Little Stanion parish why do you support this proposal?

- If you believe that there should be an independent Little Stanion parish do you agree with the boundary proposed by the petitioners? Yes or No, why?

PLEASE NOTE –

The area coloured **BLUE** on the enclosed petitioner’s plan is part of Kettering Borough and falls outside the jurisdiction of this Review process. This **BLUE** shaded area will be excluded from any future proposal.

The area coloured **YELLOW** on the petitioner’s plan is part of Weldon Parish. Weldon Parish Council will be consulted on this matter and their views taken into account by Corby Borough Council.
Also included within the petitioner’s proposal is an area around South Wood and Stanion Lane Plantation currently unparished and part of Corby.

**What happens after this stage of consultation?**

Corby Council will consider the responses to this consultation on the petitioner’s proposals. A report will be prepared with the Council’s own Draft Proposals. These Draft Proposals may reflect the proposal submitted by the petitioners, be a variation of that proposal, a different proposal or recommend no change. Once agreed by the Council these Draft Proposals will be subject to a period of public consultation. The responses to this second round of consultation will be considered prior to Final Proposals being published.

The law requires that the whole Review process has to be completed within a 12 month period, in this case by September 2017.

Corby Borough Council is keen to hear the views of local registered electors regarding the proposal of Little Stanion having its own independent parish council. The Council needs to know what local registered electors think in order to gauge the level of support or opposition to the proposal. Corby Borough Council has no predetermined view on this matter. Your view will help shape future Council policy on this issue.

The more people who participate in the consultation exercise the more validity can be given to the Review outcome, whatever that may be.
How do you respond to this consultation?

You will need to be a registered elector for your comments to be considered. You can submit your comments by letter or email; you will need to provide your full name and address. Anonymous submissions will not be considered as part of this consultation.

Please note that registered electors who are 16 or 17 years old can submit their views as part of the consultation exercise and these will be taken into account.

Please submit your comments to:-

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The Cube
George Street
Corby
Northamptonshire
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Or to – paul.goult@corby.gov.uk

If you require further information regarding the Review process please go to the Council’s website www.corby.gov.uk and search for “Little Stanion Community Governance Review” (located on the Election & Electoral Registration page).

Deadline for receipt of comments at this initial stage is Friday 13th January 2017.