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Date: 23 August 2024

Dear Sir / Madam

Drakelow Community Governance Review 2023

I write to notify you that, on 22 August 2024, South Derbyshire District Council made an Order following a Community Governance Review about parish arrangements in the Drakelow area. The Council agreed to conduct the Review in November 2023, further to Section 79 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, following the receipt of a petition signed by 271 local electors.

The Order brings the following changes into effect on the dates indicated (see comments in italics):

1(a)	<p>the existing Parish Meeting for the parished area of Drakelow is abolished on 31 March 2025 and replaced with a Parish Council.</p> <p><i>The Order ensures that the Parish Meetings assets are transferred to the Parish Council and that the Parish Council is responsible for arranging the Parish Meeting.</i></p>
1(b)	<p>a Parish Council for the parished area of Drakelow is constituted with effect from 1 April 2025.</p> <p><i>The Order creates the Parish Council on the slightly earlier date on 1 March 2024 to allow for the proper preparation of the election in May 2025.</i></p>
2	<p>the new Council for the parished area of Drakelow is styled as a parish council and constituted as “Drakelow Parish Council”.</p>
3	<p>the area and boundaries of Drakelow Parish Council remain the same as those on which the current Drakelow Parish Meeting is based.</p>
4	<p>Drakelow Parish Council has nine Parish Councillors when it is created in 2025 and that this rises to eleven when the number of local electors reaches 905.</p>



5	there will be no Parish Wards in Drakelow Parish Council's area.
6	<p>in accordance with the statutory Guidance on Community Governance Reviews, Drakelow Parish Council is established with effect from 1 April 2025 and local elections are held in May 2025.</p> <p><i>The Order creates the Parish Council on the slightly earlier date on 1 March 2024 to allow for the proper preparation of the election in May 2025.</i></p>

The Review's original Terms of Reference document, a report about the consultation results, the Draft and Final Recommendations and the Council's reasons for decisions are available on the Council's website using the following link:

<https://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/about-us/have-your-say/drakelow-community-governance-review>

A copy of the Order and a map which shows the area and boundaries of the new Drakelow Parish Council from 1 April 2025 is available using the following link

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If you have any questions about the Community Governance Review, please contact the District Council using the dedicated e mail address,

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Yours faithfully



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