

Smannell Parish and the 2017 Test Valley Ward Boundary Review

Smannell Parish is part of the Alamein Ward of Test Valley Borough Council. Traditionally it was a rural parish of some 113 households in the hamlets of East Anton, Finkley, Little London, Smannell, Upper Enham and Woodhouse with a Church of England School, a pub, a church, playing fields, a little light industry in converted farm buildings and with the majority of the land agricultural and woodland.

The ward boundary review could take account of the split in the parish between the rural area and the new Augusta Park housing estate. As shown on the map Augusta Park covers about 15% of the area of the Smannell Parish and is bordered by Andover Town on the south and west sides. The estate has its own sense of identity and will have over 2,750 dwellings, a community centre, schools, a convenience store, a place of worship, children's play areas, a pub and playing fields. Only seven of the dwellings previously in Smannell are in the development area. The attached map shows Augusta Park in the parish.

A smaller part of Augusta Park is within the parish of Enham Alamein. The boundary between the two parishes runs through the development with no split or definition between the two parts and slicing through several properties.

There is a designated Local Gap between Augusta Park and the rural areas of Smannell and Enham Alamein parishes as shown in the attached map.

It may be seen that Augusta Park forms an identifiable estate within the urban Andover area but will have the same urban needs, costs, advantages, problems and identity. This is reflected by:

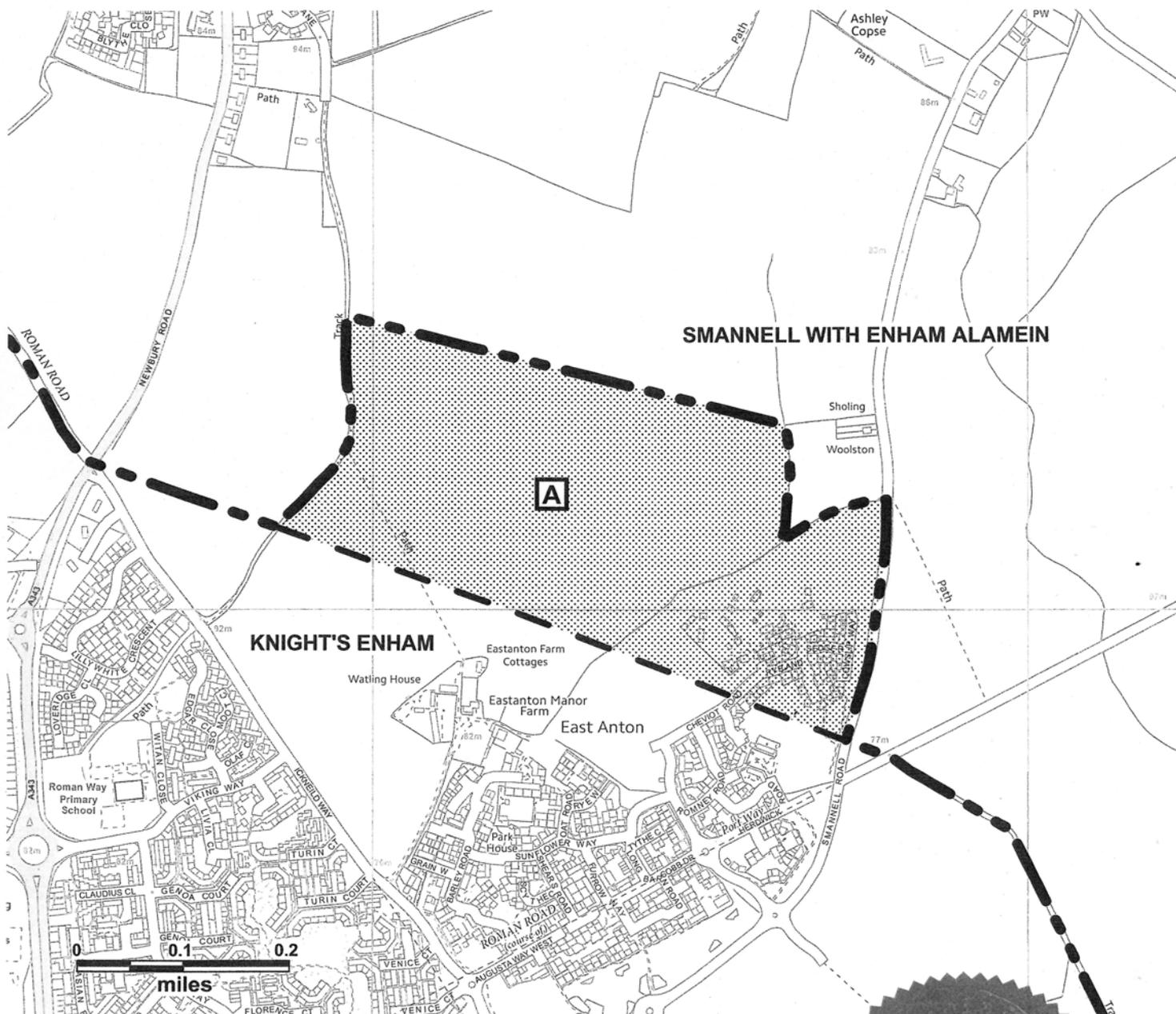
- Test Valley Council web site refers to the area as "East Anton (Augusta Park) Andover", similarly the developer's sales web sites refer to "Augusta Park, Andover";
- the church parish boundary was legally changed in 2014 to make all Augusta Park part of the Andover church parish of Knights Enham. Previously part of the estate was in the Smannell with Enham Alamein church parish, map attached;
- new bus routes from Andover have been put in place to service Augusta Park;

The identifiable character of the estate is shown by the Augusta Park Community Association which organises various activities and manages its Community Centre for the estate's residents. The Centre holds leisure activities, has meeting rooms and a pre-school. Smannell Parish Council use the Association to help identify the estate's needs. The 'Augustians' is a working group also set up in the estate.

The parish's rural villages of 112 households (there have been a few new builds) will become 4% of the households within the current parish boundary. Population wise, Smannell Parish and Alamein Ward are increasingly dominated by the urban areas. The large rural areas of the parish feel a joint sense of togetherness and have the concern that in future their voice will not be easily heard. Augusta Park also has a clear sense of identity within the Andover urban area and it should not be lost.

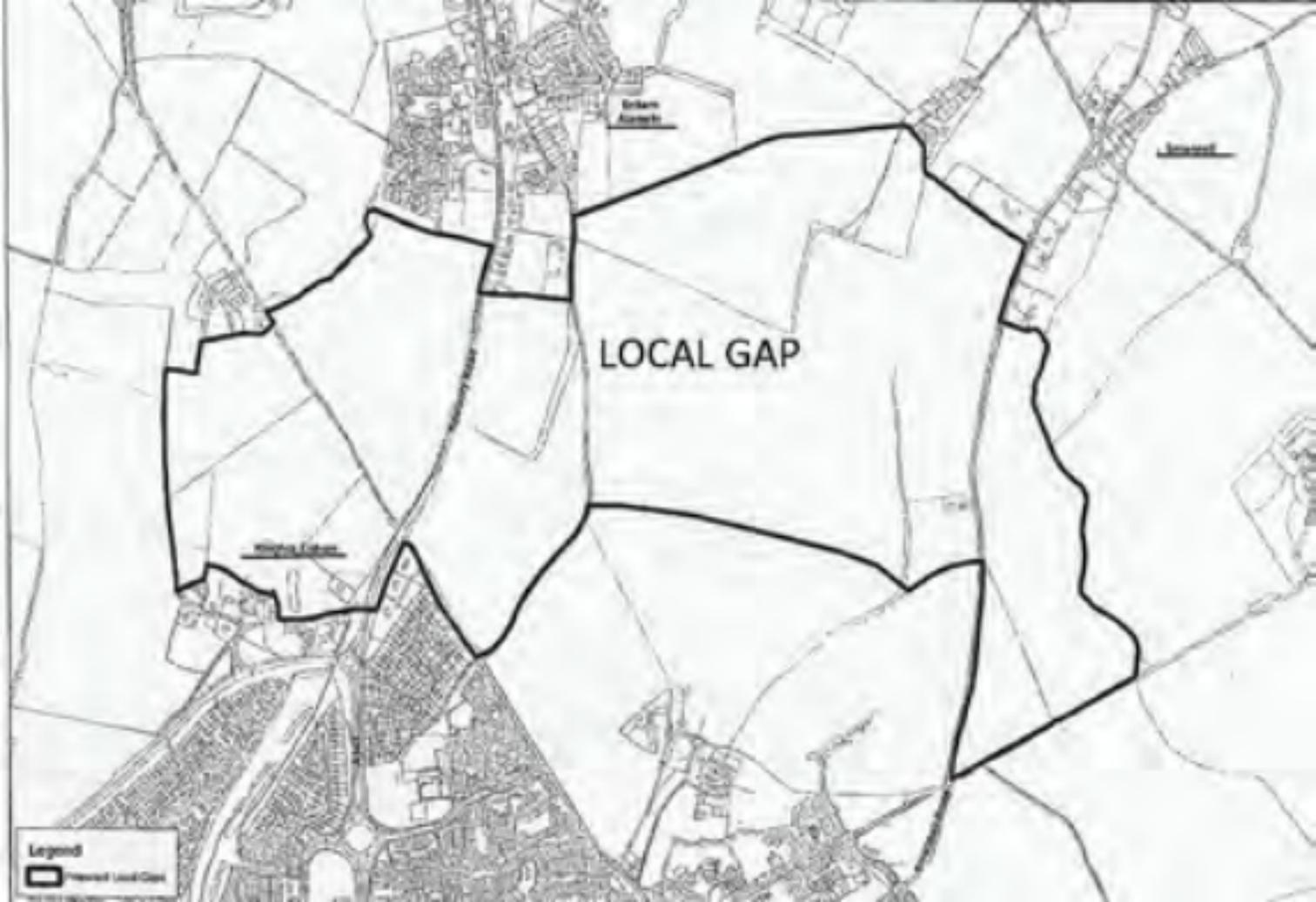
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Map Showing
the Alteration of the Areas
of the Parishes of
KNIGHT'S ENHAM.
and
SMANNELL WITH ENHAM ALAMEIN



A - Part of the parish of Smannell with Enham Alamein

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LOCAL GAP

Broken Arrow

Tulsa

Muskogee

Legend
Present Local-Gap

SMANNELL PARISH



AUGUSTA
PARK

Legend

Parish boundary

Test Valley
Borough Council 