

Proposed Ramsey (Boundary Extension) Order 2023

Overview

Ramsey Town Commissioners have made an application to the Department of Infrastructure for an Order under Section 6 of the Local Government Act 1985 seeking an adjustment of the boundaries between the districts of Ramsey, Lezayre and Garff (Maughold Ward) so as to remove various areas from Lezayre and Garff and to include within Ramsey's boundary.

As part of the process for considering the application, legislation requires that a public inquiry be held. This will give stakeholders and interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposals.

After the inquiry, the Department will consider the Chairperson's report which may or may not recommend that an Order be made to adjust the boundaries between the town of Ramsey and the districts of Lezayre/ Garff(Maughold Ward). The Department must then consider the Chairperson's report. Should the Department determine that an Order is made that Order would be subject to the approval of Tynwald.

Why comments are sought

In 2004, Tynwald considered a report from the Council of Ministers titled 'Local Government Boundary Extensions: Guidelines on Procedure' which stipulates that "Public Notices shall be placed in the local press inviting submissions from interested members of the public".

Please be advised that any submissions made in response to the public notices will be forwarded to the inquiry Chairperson, once appointed, after which an inquiry date will then be set.

Set out within this same report are the criteria for the consideration of local government boundary extensions. When making the application, Ramsey Town Commissioners provided detail in relation to each of these criteria which is available to download from this site. You should look to focus your response in relation to these criteria or simply advise of any other factors which you feel are relevant and should be considered when determining the application. **The closing date for responses is Wednesday 9 August 2023.**

Criteria for the Consideration of Local Government Boundary Extensions

- (1) that the promoters' area and the area/s sought are really one community;
- (2) that there is community of interest in all or most public services, social agencies (for example schools, doctors' surgery/ies, recreation areas and community halls) and communal requirements of the future;
- (3) that the area sought is an overspill or outgrowth of the promoters' area;
- (4) that, wherever possible, clear physical boundaries are followed;
- (5) that there is insufficient acreage left for the development of the promoters' area within its borders and injury is suffered thereby
- (6) that the balance of advantage lies in the acceptance of the scheme, though it may generally be admitted that the area sought may be valuable in various ways to the local authority by whom they are now governed;

The following shall not be considered by the Inquiry under s.6 of the Local Government Act 1985:

- the financial impact on an authority either beneficially or negatively through the rateable income of a boundary application.

RESPONSE FORM –

PROPOSED RAMSEY (BOUNDARY EXTENSION) ORDER 2023

[if submitting this response form by post or email then please return to:
Local Government Team, Department of Infrastructure, Sea Terminal, Douglas, IM1 2RF or
email: LocalGovernment@gov.im]

What is your name?

What is your email address?

When you enter your email address you will automatically receive an acknowledgement email when you submit your response.

Email address (required):

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?

If yes, what is your organisation?

How we will use this information

Please note that **all** details and comments received (including any of your personal data that you supply to us) will be passed to the Chairperson of the public inquiry to assist with the determination of inquiry matters.

May we publish your response?

More information

- Publish in full – your first name and surname, organisation name, along with full answers **will** be published (your email will **not** be published)
- Publish anonymously – only your responses **will** be published (your name, organisation and email will **not** be published).
- Do not publish – **nothing will** be published publically (your response will only be part of a larger summary response document)

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Yes, you can publish my response in full
- Yes, you may publish my response anonymously
- No, please do not publish my response

QUESTIONS

(please ensure to complete the section above before answering the below)

1. Do you reside in the local authority area of either Ramsey or Lezayre or Garff (Maughold Ward)?

- Yes
- No

2. Do you live within any of the proposed extension areas?

- Yes, I live within the North proposed extension area
- Yes, I live within the West proposed extension area
- Yes, I live within the Glen Auldyn proposed extension area
- Yes, I live within the South proposed extension area
- No, I don't live within any of the proposed extension areas

3. What are your views on the proposal?

Please select only one item

- I object to the proposal
- I am supportive of the proposal
- I neither object nor support the proposal

4. Do you wish to attend the inquiry (once a date has been set in coming months)?

(This is to assist in making sure we plan effectively for the public inquiry. In due course, the Department will issue another public notice setting out details of the public inquiry. If you wish to appear you will need to confirm this with the Department within any specified timeframes).

- Yes
- No

5. Will you be intending to further expand on these comments at the public inquiry (at the Chairperson's discretion) or are you content to rely on the written submissions made here?

- Yes, I intend to further expand on these comments at the public inquiry
- No, I am content to rely on the written submissions I made here

6. Please provide any comments you might wish to make

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