

~~The Bungalow~~  
Whinney Lane  
Euxton  
Chorley  
PR7 6DS

28<sup>th</sup> March 2011

Democratic Services  
(Community Governance Review)  
Chorley Council  
Town Hall  
Market Street  
Chorley PR7 1DP

Dear Sir

Re: Community Governance Review for Buckshaw

We have been following the progress of the above review and now wish to submit our comments relating to creating Buckshaw's own Parish (or similar).

Having lived in Euxton for over 30 years, we have witnessed many areas of development within the village, the largest one obviously being Buckshaw Village. As the largest proportion of Buckshaw would appear to fall within Euxton Parish's boundary, we feel that the village character of Euxton is being significantly altered by Buckshaw's inclusion, and its continued development.

Buckshaw Village has a very active Residents Association, which, combined with the existing, and proposed, amenities (Community Centre, Primary School, Nursery/Swim centre, Retirement Home, Doctors Surgery, Train Station, shops and supermarket) warrants it being a parish in its own right as all age ranges are catered for. The railway line (Chorley - Leyland) is an obvious boundary.

We have always considered ourselves to be Euxton Residents, and were somewhat dismayed when we were included in the Astley/Buckshaw electoral ward, and the North East ward of the Parish Council. If Buckshaw were to have its own parish, we would hope that Euxton would simply have two parish wards, North and South, and we would return to Euxton North electoral ward. Also, we strongly feel that consideration

should be given to transferring a proportion of Euxton Parish (and Whittle Parish) cash reserves to the new Buckshaw Village Parish (or similar) as, from an Euxton's perspective, we cannot see that they have in the past had any tangible benefits from their precept payments to Euxton Parish.