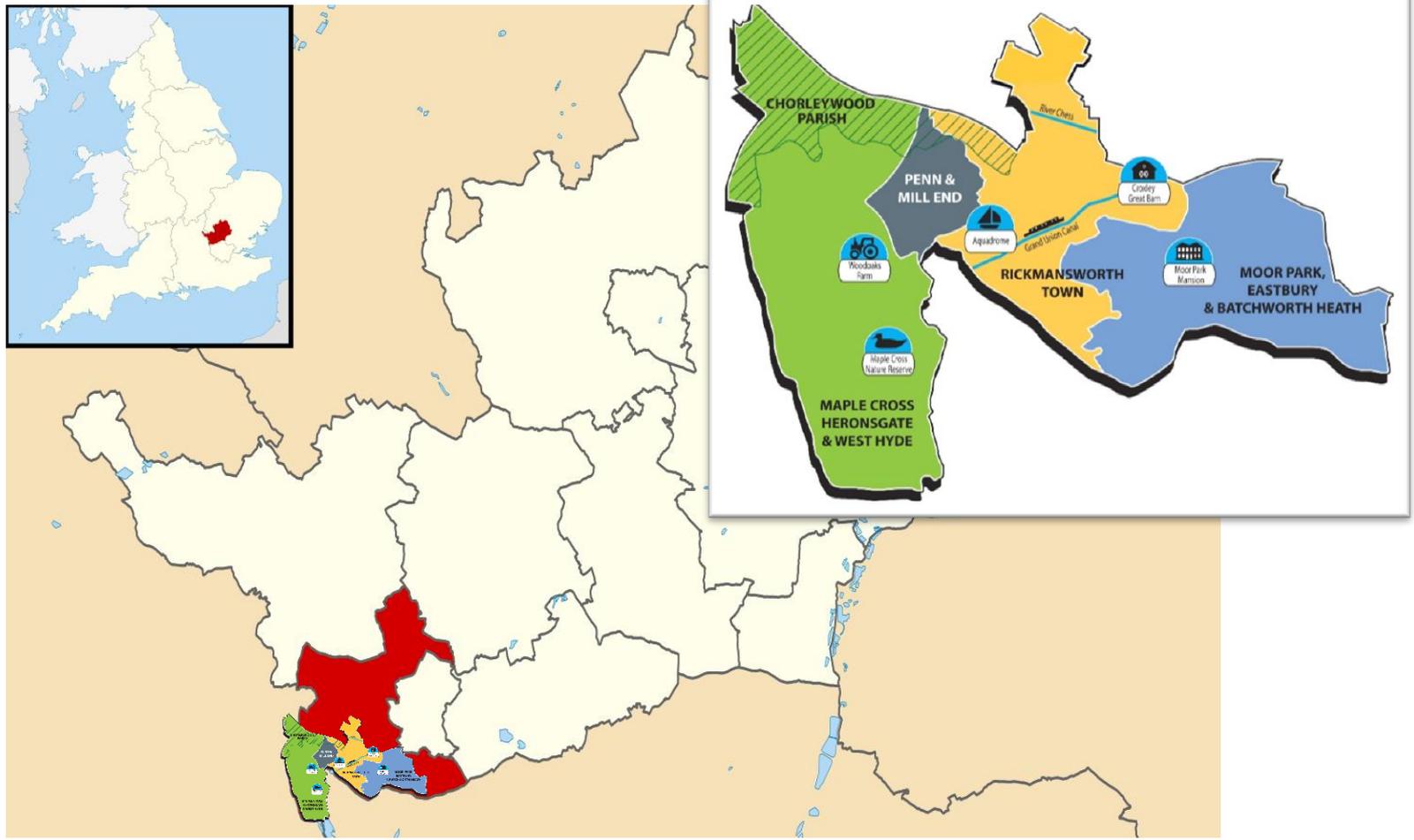


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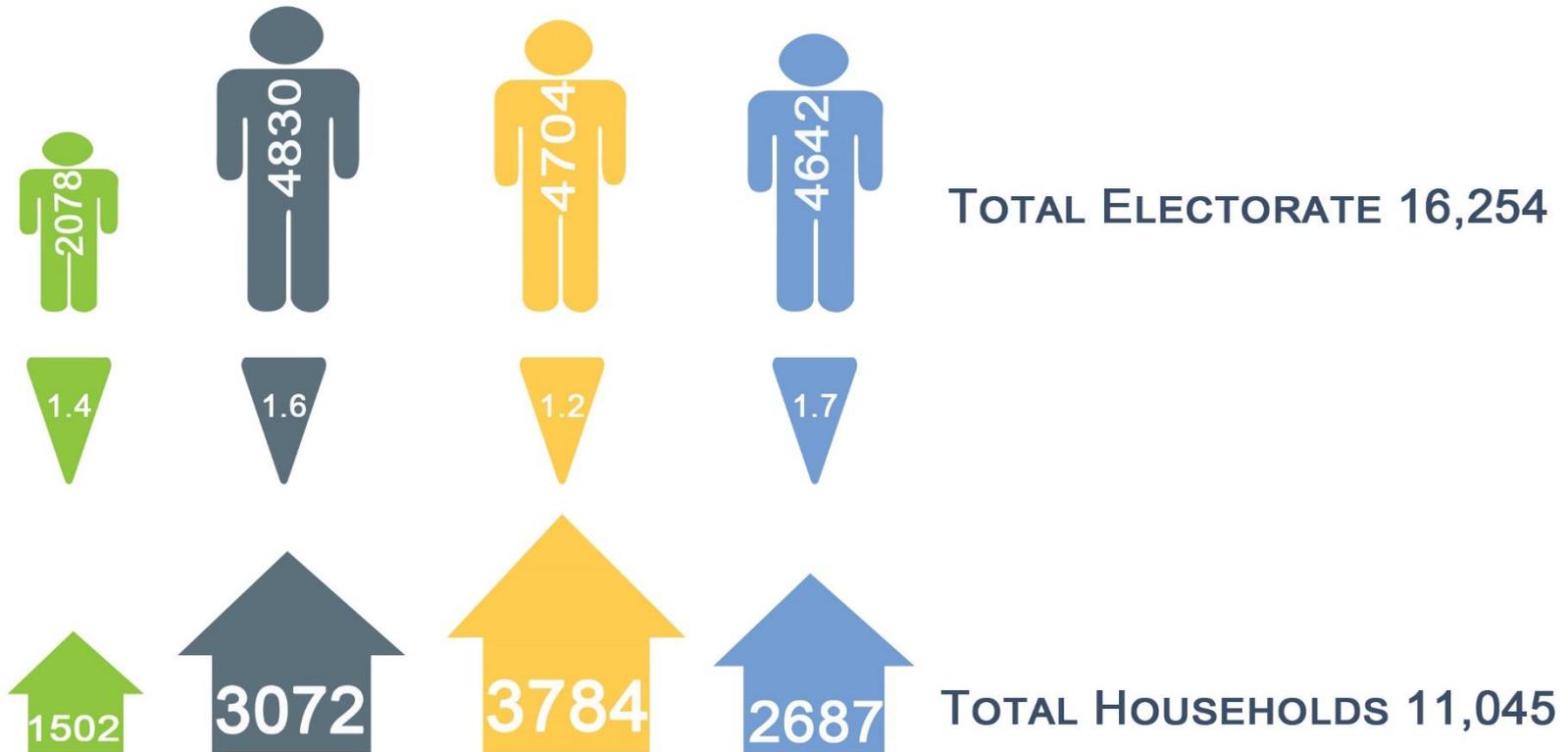
New Councils' Networking Session
20th October 2016

Miles Hosking, Campaign Chair
Nina Hosking, Campaign Vice Chair

Three Rivers District



The 4 Unparished Wards



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Context

- Only unparished area in Three Rivers District
- Last local Parish Council was set up in 1980's
- Slightly fractious relationship between TRDC and existing Parish Councils
- Attempt to set up Neighbourhood Forum was turned down in 2013

Campaign Objectives

- Create a local council covering the 4 unparished wards
- Local council to be called Community Council
- Campaign would be positive - no negative messages
- Campaign independent of any political party
- Ideally petition would be presented by 31 Mar 2015

Timeline



Getting the message out



VOTE 4wards!
TOGETHER WE CAN
HAVE A VOICE
FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ONLY 4 UNPARISHED
WARDS IN THREE RIVERS



A proposal by: **4wards**
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PLEASE VOTE YES IN THE BALLOT

Dear Resident

UPCOMING BALLOT ON PROPOSAL TO FORM A COMMUNITY COUNCIL - 27TH JUNE TO 15TH JULY
You may be aware that over the past 18 months there has been a campaign for the establishment of a Community (or Parish) Council for the only unparished areas of Three Rivers District. The campaign group includes local residents and is also supported by the various Residents' Associations in the area and Three Rivers Chamber of Trade & Commerce.

Following the presentation of a petition in October last year, Three Rivers District Council have decided to ballot all residents in the affected areas to gauge the level of support for the creation of a Community Council. The ballot will be conducted by post and papers will be posted on the 27th June. We are writing to ask you to vote YES in the ballot.

The areas without a Community Council

Three Rivers District currently has five parish councils covering approximately 75% of residents. The following areas have no such council to represent them:

- Moor Park & Eastbury
- Penn & Mill End
- Rickmansworth Town & part of Chorleywood North
- Maple Cross, Heronsgate, West Hyde & part of Chorleywood South

The proposed Council would represent these areas through democratically elected local community councillors.

What would be the benefits of having a Community Council?

- Give us a voice through a democratically elected and accountable body.
- Be an obvious point of contact and consultation for the District and County Councils and other authorities.
- Use its funds to make a direct positive difference to our communities, and other:
 - Supporting local voluntary and community groups, through grants and helping to promote their work and achievements
 - Helping to fund community events
 - Supporting crime prevention and road safety initiatives
- Develop a Neighbourhood Plan which means that our communities can have a say in what's

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Ballot Results

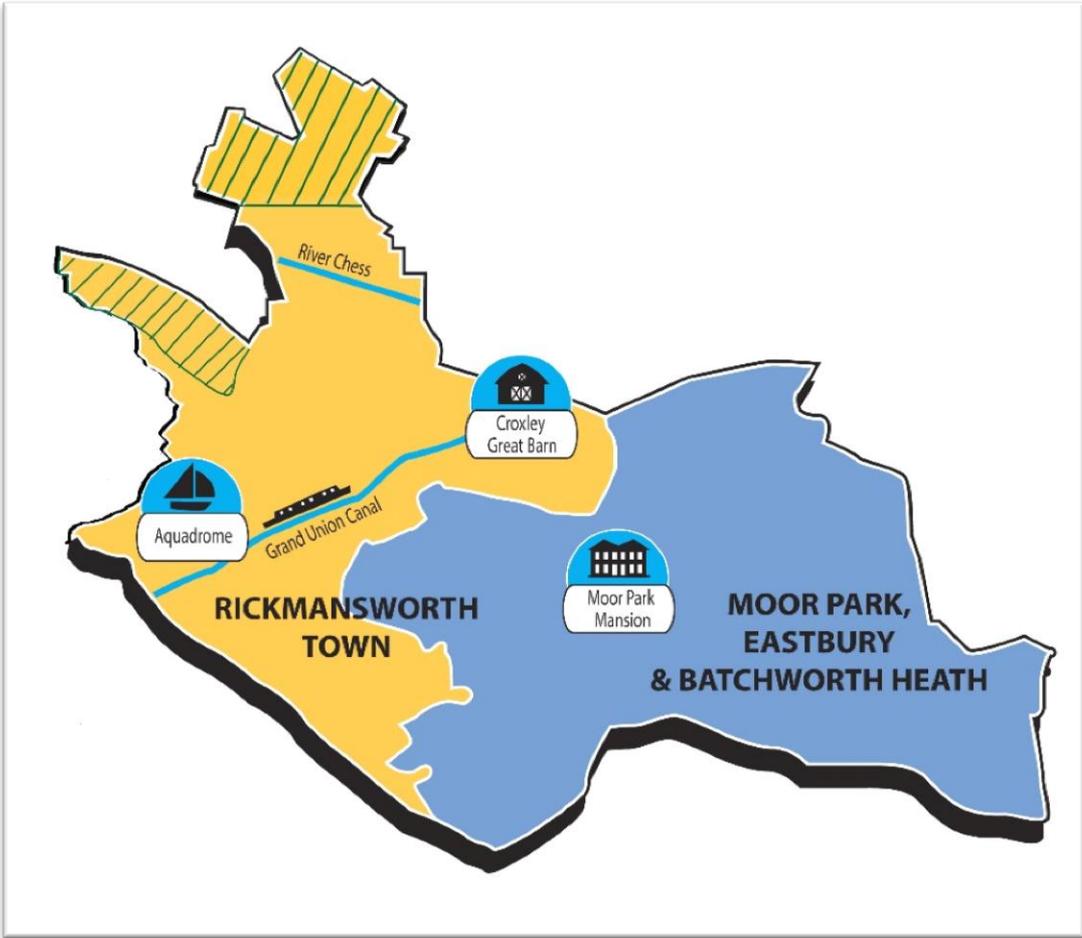
Results of the Ballot to Create a Community Council

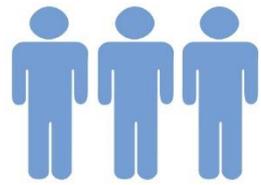
	Electorate	Voted	% Turnout	For	% of Votes For	Against	% of Vote Against
Chorleywood South & Maple Cross	2078	510	24.54%	190	37.25%	320	62.75%
Moor Park & Eastbury	4642	1409	30.35%	923	65.51%	486	34.49%
Penn & Mill End	4830	1268	26.25%	637	50.24%	631	49.76%
Rickmansworth Town	4704	1383	29.40%	762	55.10%	621	44.90%
Totals	16254	4607	28.3%	2512	54.53%	2058	44.67%

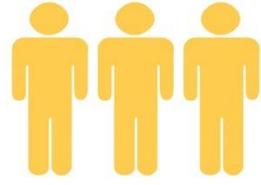
CGR - Key Dates

- **Jun/Jul 2016:** Residents balloted
- **20 Jul 2016:** Results indicated 3 wards in favour, 1 against
- **28 Jul 2016:** CGR Working Party voted against creation of Community Council
- **16 Aug 2016:** Reg Services Committee voted for a 2 ward Parish Council
- **12 Sep 2016:** Full Council meeting ratified proposal to create 2 ward Parish Council
- **4 Oct 2016:** Re-Organisation Order created

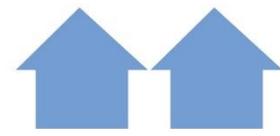
Outcome of CGR



 4642

 4704

TOTAL ELECTORATE 9346

 2687

 3784

TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS 6471

Three Rivers District

2wards

A BRIGHTER FUTURE TOGETHER

Rickmansworth, Eastbury & Moor Park

- We took as a compliment that those against the creation of a community council likened our marketing strategy to Saatchi & Saatchi – *“Nothing is impossible”*

Top Tips for a Successful Campaign

- Keep pushing the message out – people do change their minds
- Pick a reliable leaflet/letter distribution company
- Clear all communication with the District Council
- Start door to door canvassing early
- Be resilient – you will encounter people who think you are the devil incarnate!
- It will take longer than you expect!

First they ignore you, then they laugh at you,
then they fight you, then you win.

Mahatma Gandhi

Questions?