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Subject: Postal Addresses in Poulner

As the manager of New Forest District Council's Land and Property Gazetteer Database, I need your help to resolve an issue with Royal Mail.

Although Poulner, North Poulner and Poulner Common are recognised place names, Royal Mail have never included them in postal addresses, using only the more generic "Ringwood" town name.

For example, the property held in our Gazetteer, Electoral Register and Council Tax databases as 1 THE MOUNT, POULNER, RINGWOOD, BH24 1XX can be found on the Royal Mail's own database as 1 THE MOUNT, RINGWOOD, BH24 1XX. (Note that "Ringwood" appears in both versions but "Poulner" appears only in ours).

I have been urging Royal Mail to recognise Poulner, North Poulner and Poulner Common as components of the addresses of properties and they have agreed, but they need to have "letters of support" from the Town Council, the Chamber of Commerce and the local Member of Parliament.

I attach 3 maps of the area (I have split it into 3 so they can be viewed at a suitable scale) showing where we in Address Management believe the boundaries to be between Ringwood, Poulner, etc. This is based on long-standing property addresses held in our Electoral Register and Council Tax systems. These are therefore the addresses used by the residents of this mostly residential area.

I also enclose an Excel spreadsheet containing the addresses (as held in our Gazetteer) of all properties within the areas concerned.

This might not seem to you to make much of a difference but in the interests of establishing a National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG) we are trying to ensure that our database matches as far as possible with the Royal Mail's (in fact, ours is better!)

Would you therefore please consider the attached maps and let me know – by letter or email – that you support the inclusion of Poulner, North Poulner or Poulner Common as appropriate in the postal addresses.

If you need any further information or explanation, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Thanks Terry

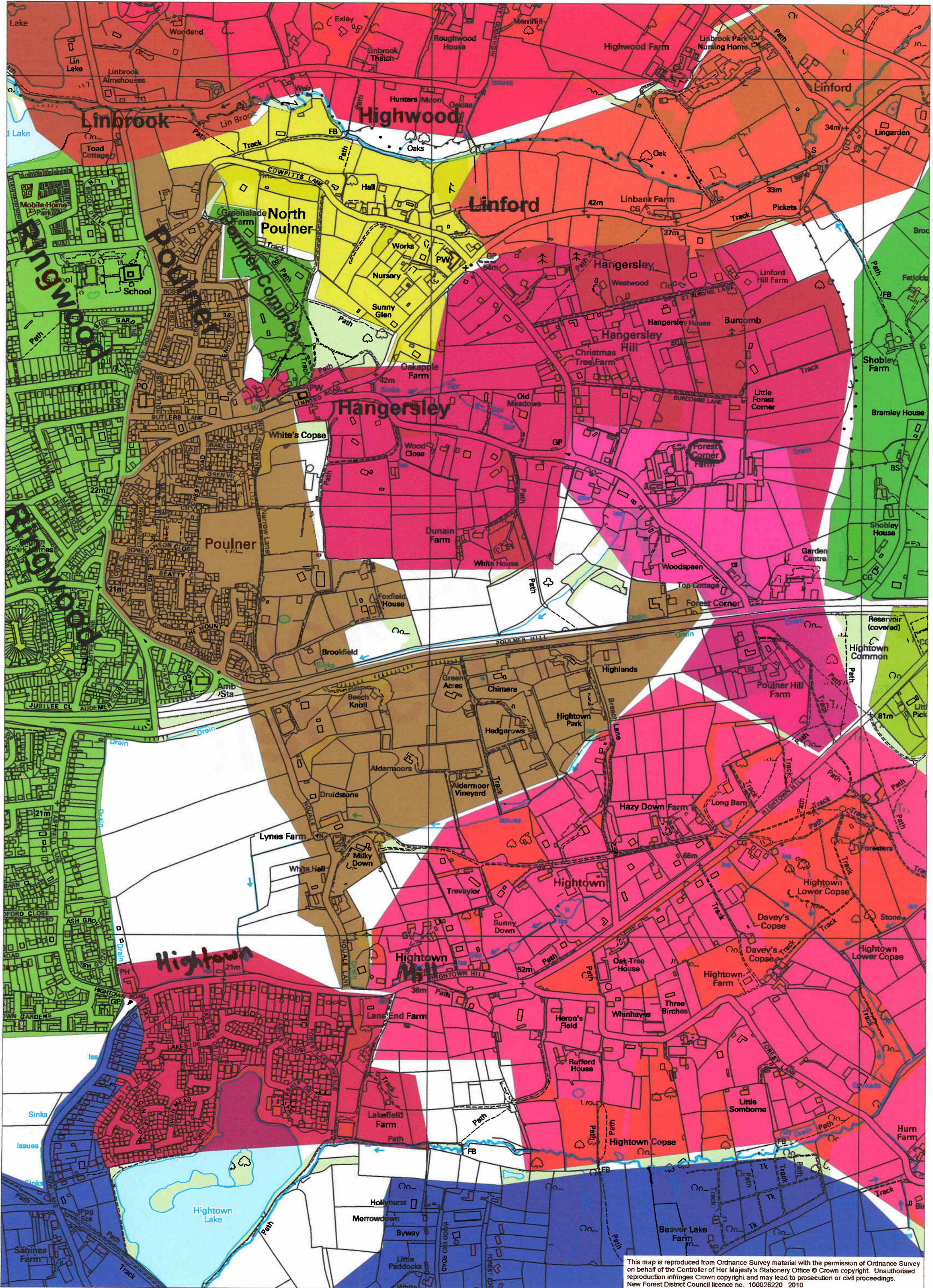
If it helps, I have just printed a map of the whole area on A3 paper, which I will send to you in the post. On A3, the street names are readable and you get the whole of Poulner and its surrounding areas on one page.

Whilst the Town Council is looking at this, I wonder if they may also have a view on the apparent anomaly on the borders of Poulner Common and Hangersley. I've also sent you a paper map showing 3 properties near to Linford Road. Two properties – "Pleasaunce" and "Laurel Cottage" are addressed into Linford Road, Hangersley, BH24 3JN whilst the third – "Fernside" is addressed into Cowpitts Lane, Poulner Common, BH24 3LB. As you'll see from the paper map, this "cuts off" Pleasaunce and Laurel Cottage from the rest of Hangersley. If anyone has local knowledge, I'd be grateful for clarification about where Fernside takes its access from. If it is indeed from Cowpitts Lane then no change will be needed. . If the Town Council can't help, it's no problem - I am just taking the liberty of checking with someone who may know the area. (This will make sense when you receive the paper map!)

Regards

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