



About Pride in Place Portsmouth

Pride in Place is a new 10-year programme that helps communities make their neighbourhoods better places to live.

The Government has chosen two areas in Portsmouth to take part:

- Landport (referred to in the government documentation as Fratton West)
- Paulsgrove (referred to in the government documentation as Paulsgrove East)

Each area will receive up to £20 million over the next ten years. This funding will support local people to make real, long-lasting improvements to their community.

Purpose of the programme

The programme aims to:

- build stronger communities – helping people feel connected, supported and proud of where they live
- create thriving places – improving local spaces, facilities and the look and feel of the neighbourhood
- give local people more say – making sure residents help decide what matters most and how money is spent

How decisions will be made

Each area will have a neighbourhood board. This board will be made up mostly of local residents and people who work in the area, along with the local MP and Portsmouth City Council.

The board will:

- listen to the community
- look at local needs
- choose the main priorities
- agree how funding is used
- create a 10 year plan for the area

The board must be community led so that local voices guide every decision.

Independent chair

Each Board will be led by an independent chair that has recently been appointed. The chair is someone who:

- knows the area well
- is trusted locally
- can bring people together
- listens to all views
- wants to make the neighbourhood better

The chair will help set up the board, run meetings and make sure decisions are fair and open. Chairs will be volunteers, but some support may be available if needed.

Why this matters

Pride in Place give people living in Landport and Paulsgrove a chance to shape their future.

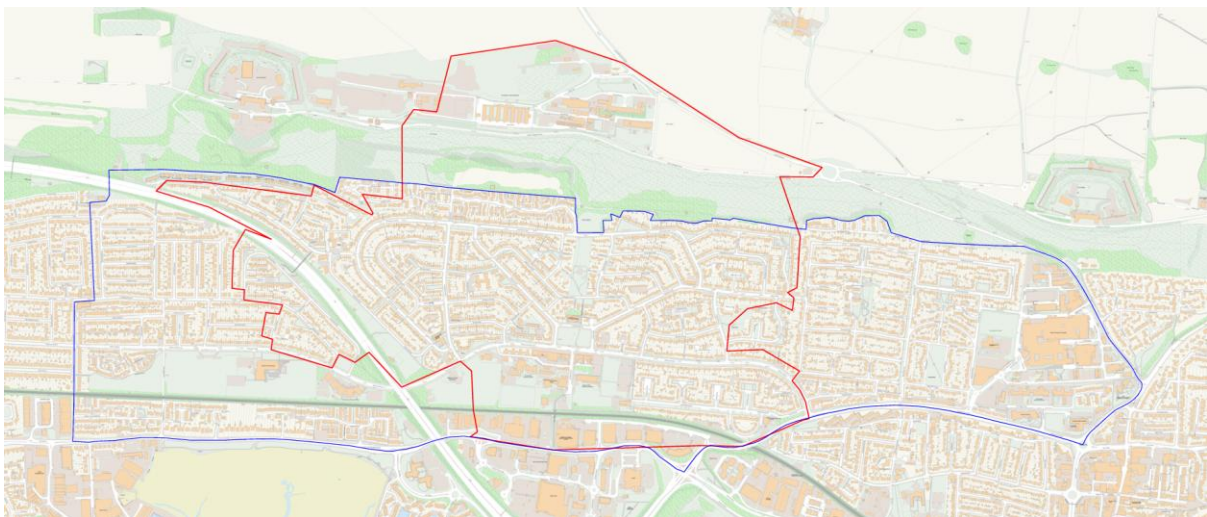
It gives local communities:

- money to make improvements
- time to plan properly
- a real say in decisions
- support to turn ideas into action

This is a long-term investment in local people and local places.

Paulsgrove Area Boundary

Paulsgrove has asked for a boundary change to the east and another to incorporate Castle View school. The map shows the original MSOA boundaries in red and the revised boundaries that have been requested are in blue:



Project so far

- The Chair and the Neighbourhood Board is appointed.
- We have begun consultations with Paulsgrove Carnival where there was good engagement from the community.
- We have a Governance Officer and are recruiting a Community Connector to lead the community engagement and bring together research and insight from other sources to avoid duplication and enable as many people as possible to contribute and have a voice.

Key Milestones: July–December 2026

July 2026

- **17 July – Governance Deadline**
 - ❖ Confirm Neighbourhood Board membership.
 - ❖ Submit proposed boundary changes to MHCLG.
 - ❖ Ensure governance arrangements are in place (Chair, terms of reference, declarations of interest, code of conduct).

July–September 2026

- **Community Engagement Phase**
 - ❖ Gather resident and stakeholder views.
 - ❖ Test priorities and investment ideas.
 - ❖ Engage local businesses, schools, community groups and residents.
 - ❖ Develop evidence base for the Pride in Place Plan. [[Pride in P...s - GOV.UK](#)]

August–October 2026

- **Plan Development**
 - ❖ Agree long-term vision and outcomes.
 - ❖ Identify priority projects and investment themes.
 - ❖ Develop delivery, governance and monitoring arrangements.
 - ❖ Prepare capital and revenue investment proposals. [[Pride in P...s - GOV.UK](#)]

Autumn 2026 (September–October)

- **MHCLG Review**
 - ❖ MHCLG reviews Board membership and any boundary amendments.
 - ❖ Confirmation received on whether proposals are acceptable. [[Pride in P...s - GOV.UK](#)]

October–November 2026

- **Finalisation of Pride in Place Plan**

- ❖ Incorporate engagement findings.
- ❖ Board approval of final Plan.
- ❖ Local authority review and sign-off.
- ❖ Final readiness checks prior to submission. [[Pride in Place Programme prospectus and guidance](#)]

30 November 2026

- **Major Programme Deadline**

- ❖ Submit Pride in Place Plan to MHCLG for assessment and approval. [[Pride in Place Programme prospectus and guidance](#)]

December 2026

- **Delivery Readiness**

- ❖ Begin preparations for implementation of approved projects.
- ❖ Establish project management, procurement and monitoring arrangements.
- ❖ Develop pipeline of quick-win and longer-term projects.