



Please tell us what you think works well or what you like about the existing parish/town arrangements and why.

We believe the existing boundary between Bracknell and Crowthorne parishes along Nine Mile Ride serves as an appropriate divide, in keeping with its nature as a conduit through the Strategic Gap between both communities.

Are there any changes you would like made to parish/town arrangements?

The Crowthorne Village Action Group (CVAG) is resolved that the boundary of Crowthorne parish should be amended to include all of Derby Field. Derby Field, by Wellington College, has been identified as a potential development site under the Bracknell Forest Draft Local Plan, and exists currently under Sandhurst parish. We believe the case for amending the boundary is outlined as follows:

1) Community connection

Derby Field's community connection is far stronger to Crowthorne than it is Sandhurst. This is evident by its proximity to several critical amenities. For example, Derby Field is adjacent to Crowthorne station. From the top-centre of Derby Field to Crowthorne station, the walk distance is approximately 2 minutes. By contrast, starting at the same location, to walk to Sandhurst station would take approximately 36 minutes.

Another example is its proximity to nearby shops. To walk from the top-centre of Derby Field to the shops along Dukes Ride would take approximately 3 minutes. On the other hand, to walk the distance to the parade of shops in Little Sandhurst along the High Street would take around 33 minutes. In fact, it would be quicker to walk to the shops on Crowthorne High Street! Residents in Derby Field will inevitably look to Crowthorne for supporting infrastructure such as employment, shopping, or recreational activities.

Ultimately, what this demonstrates is any development on Derby Field will impact the community of Crowthorne, not Sandhurst. It is therefore right that it should be included under Crowthorne parish.

2) Natural boundary

We believe an amendment of the Crowthorne parish boundary to include Derby Field would bring the border much closer to what we believe to be a natural dividing line between the two communities of Crowthorne and Sandhurst – Ambarrow Court. This 8.7-hectare Local Nature Reserve represents a far clearer and more logical dividing line than exists currently.

3) Continuity with existing policies

A change of the Crowthorne parish boundary to include Derby Field would align it with existing Bracknell Forest strategy. Specifically, we highlight section 7.76 of the Draft Local Plan, which states that should Derby Field be developed, “The site would form an extension to the settlement of Crowthorne.”

Furthermore, CVAG is resolved that a polling station should exist for the community on Buckler’s Park. To walk from Telford Avenue to the existing Crowthorne Parish Hall would take approximately 27 minutes, and it is important to emphasise that not all voters can drive and therefore this distance represents an obstacle to voting. We believe the Community Hub represents a potential site.

Lastly, we believe that the parish boundary should be amended to include Edgbarrow Cottage, Sandhurst Road, Crowthorne RG45 7PP. To walk from here to the shops on Crowthorne High Street would take just over 10 minutes, compared to over 20 to reach the shops in Sandhurst along Yorktown Road. With Edgbarrow Cottage just over the parish boundary, this slight amendment would only affect this house and bring the boundary to the more natural divide of Wildmoor Heath.

Do you have any further comments?

If you are proposing any parish/town boundary changes, insert a map or drawing.

Map showing Derby field.



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