

Bracknell Forest Council

Community Governance Review 2022

Stage 2 - Draft Recommendations for Consultation

1. The Community Governance Review

- 1.1 A community governance review (CGR) is a review of the whole or part of the Council's area to consider one or more of the following:
 - a. The creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes
 - b. The naming of parishes and the style of new parishes
 - c. The electoral arrangements for parishes including: the ordinary year of election, council size, the warding (if any) of parishes and the number of councillors to be elected
 - d. The grouping of parishes under a common parish council or the de-grouping of parishes where relevant
- 1.2 The CGR must consider the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion and the size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish.
- 1.3 The Council is required to ensure that community governance arrangements within all areas under review also meet the following criteria:
 - a. That the arrangements are reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area
 - b. That the arrangements are 'effective and convenient'
- 1.4 If the Council is satisfied that the recommendations from a CGR ensure that community governance within the area(s) under review will reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area and is effective and convenient, the Council will make a Community Governance Order.

2. Impact of the 2019 Local Government Boundary Commission's (LGBCE) review of Bracknell Forest

- 2.1 The LGBCE's review resulted in several changes to the electoral arrangements for Bracknell Forest Council. These included a reduction in the number of councillors elected to the Council from 42 to 41 and the creation, merging and renaming of several borough wards.
- 2.2 Changes were made to the parish electoral arrangements as a direct consequence of the revised warding arrangements for the Council. This was undertaken by the Commission in accordance with Schedule 2 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (the 2009 Act), which provides that if a parish is to be divided between different borough wards it must also be divided into parish wards, so that each parish ward lies wholly within a single borough ward. The Commission does not have the power to recommend changes to the external boundaries of parishes/town councils as part of an electoral review therefore no further changes to council arrangements were made.

3. Undertaking the CGR

- 3.1 On 24 November 2021 the Council decided to commence a full community governance review of the Bracknell Forest Borough area to ensure that town and parish councils within the Bracknell Forest area are well aligned with the new arrangements as a result of the LGBCE review, and to make any changes taking account of the review criteria. A review of the whole of the borough also responds to suggestions made by some parish councils for a review due to population changes and large property developments.
- 3.2 Council delegated authority to officers in consultation with the cross-party Boundary Review Group to undertake the review and make recommendations to Council for any changes to the town/parish arrangements in time for any changes to take effect from the borough/parish elections in May 2023.
- 3.3 In undertaking this review the Council has been guided by part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the relevant parts of the Local Government Act 1972, Guidance on Community Governance Reviews issued in accordance with section 100(4) of the Local Government and Public Health Involvement in Health Act 2007 by the Department of Communities and Local Government and the Boundary Commission for England in March 2010, and the following regulations which guide, in particular, consequential matters arising from the review:
- Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008 (SI2008/625);
 - Local Government Finance (New Parishes) Regulations 2008 (SI2008/626).
- 3.4 The CGR Terms of Reference were agreed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Boundary Review Group and were published on the Council's website on 28 February 2022. This document sets out the scope of the review, the timetable and the process to be followed.
- 3.5 The first stage of public consultation commenced on 28 February 2022 and ran for 10 weeks until Sunday 8 May 2022. Submissions could be made through the council's consultation portal, by email to a dedicated email address, by post and by delivery to the council office, libraries, and parish/town council offices. A full communications plan accompanied the launch of the consultation.
- 3.6 15 responses to the consultation were received which can be viewed in full here: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/elections-and-voting/community-governance-review> on the Council website as well as submissions from the borough's town and parish councils and other stakeholders. The submissions were considered when the draft proposals set out within this report were formulated for consultation at Stage 2 of the process.

4. Background Information

- 4.1 There are currently four parish councils and two town councils in the Bracknell Forest area. The table below shows each parish/town council, the number of wards and the number of councillors for each. It also shows the current and projected number of electors for 2027, and the councillor/ elector ratio for each ward. The changes made by the LGBCE to Binfield, Bracknell Town, Sandhurst Town, Warfield and Winkfield as part of the 2019 review have been included.

Parish/Town Ward	Number of cllrs	Current Electorate	Current cllr/ elector ratio	2027 Electorate	2027 cllr/ elector ratio
Binfield Parish Council – 11 councillors					
Binfield North	4	2,679	670	3,056	764
Binfield South	7	4,763	680	5,010	716
Bracknell Town Council – 27 councillors					
Birch Hill and North Lake	2	3,280	1,640	3,640	1,820
Bullbrook	3	4,176	1,392	5,054	1,685
Crown Wood	2	2,901	1,451	3,196	1,598
Garth	2	3,666	1,833	4,037	2,019
Great Hollands North	2	3,301	1,651	3,534	1,767
Great Hollands South	2	2,984	1,492	3,378	1,689
Hanworth	2	3,722	1,861	4,105	2,053
Harmans Water	2	3,150	1,575	3,490	1,745
Jennett's Park	2	3,459	1,730	3,804	1,902
Old Bracknell	2	2,396	1,198	2,591	1,296
Priestwood	2	3,037	1,519	3,105	1,553
Town Centre and The Parks	2	3,999	1,333	5,412	1,804
Wildridings	2	2,809	1,405	3,019	1,510
Crowthorne Parish Council – 10 councillors					
Crowthorne	8	4,595	574	5,771	721
Crowthorne South	2	907	454	1,016	508
Sandhurst Town Council – 24 councillors					
Central Sandhurst	6	3,972	662	4,329	722
College Town	6	3,366	561	3,781	630
Little Sandhurst	5	3,400	680	3,738	748
Owlsmoor	7	4,049	578	4,535	648
Warfield Parish Council – 13 councillors					
Garth North	1	140	140	126	126
Quelm	1	1,563	782	1,709	855
St Michaels	2	1,672	836	4,680	2,340
Warfield East	1	322	322	353	353
Warfield Park	6	697	697	889	889
Whitegrove	2	4,435	739	4,724	787
Winkfield Parish Council – 18 councillors					
Ascot Priory	1	447	447	443	443

Forest Park	5	2,829	566	3,221	644
Martins Heron & The Warren	2	1,389	695	1,524	762
North Ascot	5	3,877	775	4,205	841
Winkfield & Cranbourne	5	2,915	583	3,184	637

5. Draft Recommendations

- 5.1 This section details the draft recommendations for each parish area. Each submission received was discussed and consideration was given to evidence provided that indicated that a change should be made to external boundaries, internal warding arrangements, councillor numbers and/or parish and ward names.
- 5.2 The Boundary Review Group took account of the relevant legislation and guidance in formulating proposals for consultation.

Councillor numbers

- 5.3 The legal minimum number of parish councillors is five. There is no maximum number nor any other legislative guidance for the ideal number of parish councillors. The working group considered the number of councillors on each parish/town council on its own merits, having regard to its population, geography, the pattern of communities and submissions for change. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, the broad pattern of existing council sizes was taken into account, as it appeared to have stood the test of time and to have provided for effective and convenient local government. The working group noted that this approach might result in a disparity between the councillor/elector ratio across different parishes within the borough and were satisfied that this was reasonable as each area would be considered on its own merits. The pattern of election, co-option and vacancies was taken into account when considering requests to increase councillor numbers.

Parish/ward names

- 5.4 The review is required to make recommendations whether the name of the parish and/or any wards should be changed. Each parish area was considered on its own merits, taking account of any submissions received. In the absence of evidence to the contrary parish and ward names were taken to be well understood and no changes proposed.

Binfield Parish Council

- 5.5 Three submissions were received and considered. These were received from Binfield Parish Council and members of the public. No changes were sought to councillor numbers or parish/ward names.
- 5.6 Binfield Parish Council proposed no change to either the external boundaries of the parish or the internal warding arrangements put in place by the LGBCE as they felt that the arrangements best served residents in the area.
- 5.7 One member of the public questioned the need for both councils. It was presumed this referred to both the parish council and principal area council. No information or evidence was provided for changes to the arrangements. Another member of the public suggested that residents living within Wykery Copse find it bizarre that their area comes under Binfield Parish whilst the rest of Jennett's Park is part of Bracknell Town. The respondent suggests that this could be rectified by moving the boundary

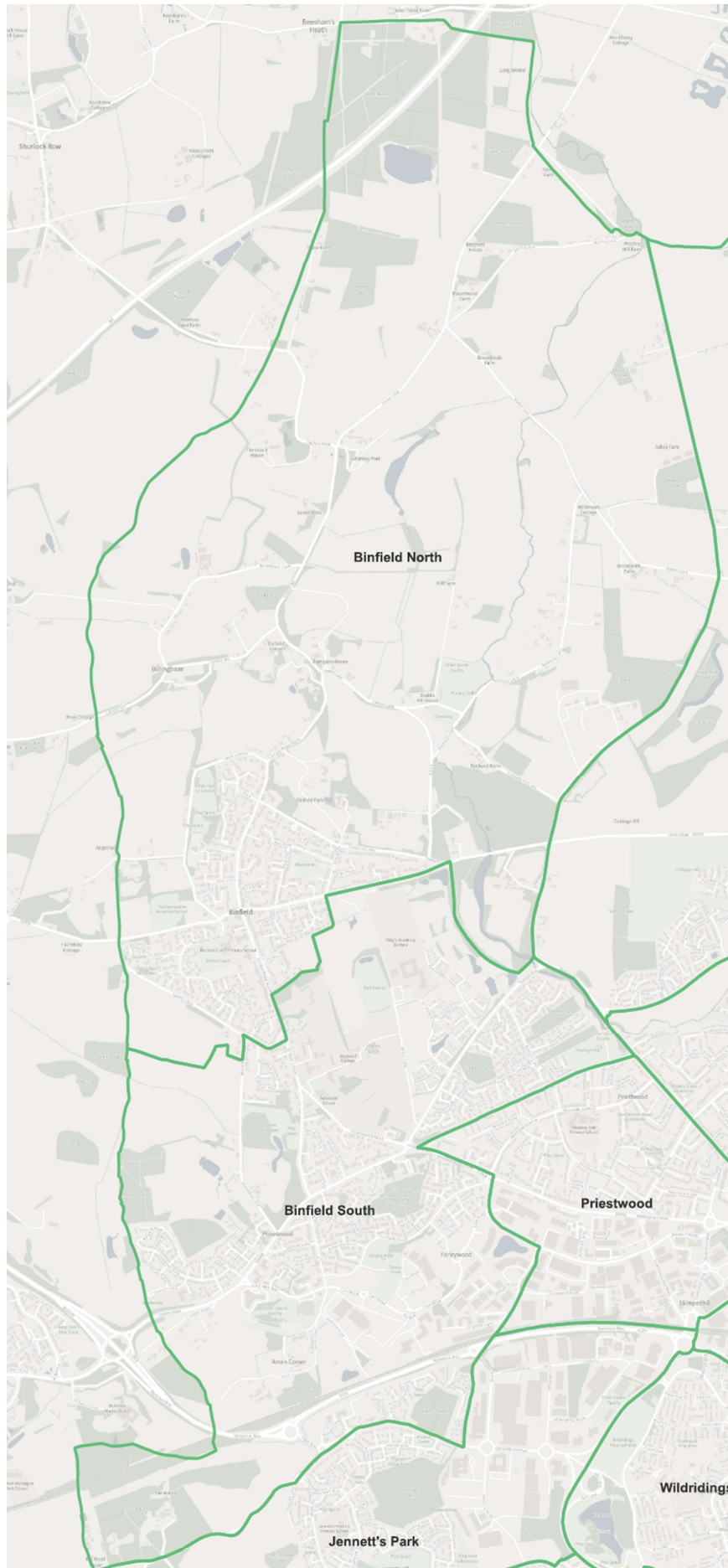
up to the London Waterloo to Reading railway line rather than dividing through the A329.

- 5.8 The working group considered Binfield Parish's proposal alongside the Bracknell Town Council proposal to move Wykery Copse into the Bracknell Town Council area.
- 5.9 The working group considered whether there was adequate evidence to suggest that Wykery Copse and Jennett's Park should be in the same parish area and if so, whether this should be within Binfield Parish or Bracknell Town. No specific evidence was provided to suggest that residents in Jennett's Park looked towards Binfield Parish Council for their community identity or facilities. This option was therefore rejected. The evidence to move Wykery Copse into Bracknell Town was not considered strong enough to make any changes to the Binfield Parish scheme put in place by the LGBCE, which relied on evidence that residents of Wykery Copse felt more closely aligned with Binfield Parish than Bracknell Town Council.

The working group discussed the names of the parish and of the two new parish wards provided by the LGBCE: Binfield North and Binfield South. The new ward names were considered to be appropriate and in the absence of any submissions or evidence to the contrary no changes are proposed.

- 5.10 **No changes are proposed for Binfield Parish Council to either its external boundaries, internal warding arrangements, councillor numbers or parish and ward names. The scheme put in place by the LGBCE is unamended.**

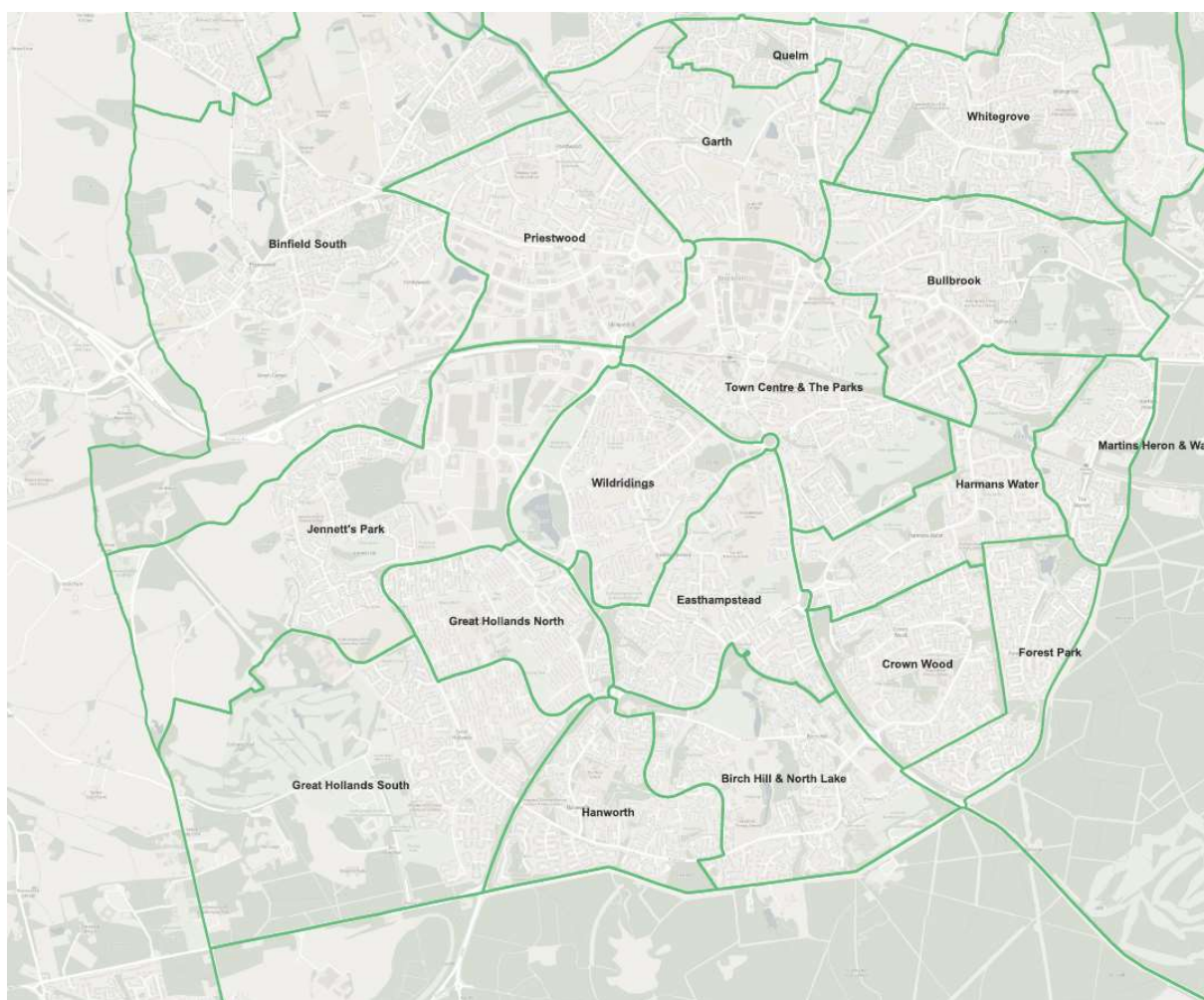
Parish ward	Councillor number	Councillor/ elector ratio
Binfield North	4	764
Binfield South	7	716



Bracknell Town Council

- 5.11 Six submissions were received and considered. These were received from Bracknell Town Council and members of the public. Few submissions were received seeking any significant amendments to the Bracknell Town Council area with most respondents concerned with issues around local amenities and not matters within the scope of the review. There were suggestions to subsume the entirety of Bracknell Town Council into the borough council and/or align warding arrangements as they felt these would be more recognisable to residents if they were the same.
- 5.12 There was a suggestion to amend the boundary between Harmans Water and Bullbrook along the railway line absorbing those properties north of that point into Bullbrook. This would create a very large Bullbrook Town ward and would not align with the LGBCE's borough warding arrangements and was therefore not supported.
- 5.13 Bracknell Town Council submitted suggestions for smaller amendments to warding arrangements as well as some slightly more significant warding/town boundary changes. Bracknell Town Council also requested the inclusion of Jocks Lane Recreation Ground in Priestwood Town ward, currently situated in Binfield Parish and the Easthampstead Park School playing field moved from Jennett's Park Town Ward into Great Hollands. Neither area contains any electors but would require permission from the LGBCE as they impact borough boundaries. Jocks Lane Recreation Ground sits the other side of the current parliamentary boundary and would require the creation of an 'inviable polling district' which is a polling district where no or very few electors reside.
- 5.14 The remainder of the Bracknell Town Council submission was supported with the exception of the request to move Wykery Cope into Bracknell Town as discussed in paragraph 5.6. This is the closest option to the status quo and there was no persuasive evidence to suggest any significant changes should be made.
- 5.15 Bracknell Town Council requested an increase to the number of councillors in the Town Centre & The Parks Ward from two to three with one councillor in the Bullbrook ward being transferred to Town Centre and The Park to retain an overall council size of 27. During the working group's deliberations, it was determined that the better solution equalising the councillor/elector ratio would be to retain three members in the Bullbrook Ward while increasing Town Centre and The Parks by one councillor. This results in an overall councillor membership of Bracknell Town Council of 28.
- 5.16 No representations were made to change the name of the Town Council or any of the wards therefore no proposal was made.
- 5.17 **The proposal is:**
- a) **to move Garth North from the Warfield Parish area into the Bracknell Town Council Garth Town Ward impacting approximately 70 dwellings (up to 150 electors). The one councillor allocated to that ward would remain on Warfield Parish Council and not be transferred to Bracknell Town Council.**
 - b) **to redraw the town ward boundary between Wildridings and Easthampstead/Old Bracknell along Rectory Lane**
 - c) **the addition of one councillor in the Town Centre and Parks town ward increasing from two councillors to three and increasing the overall membership of Bracknell Town Council to 28.**

Town ward	Councillor number	Councillor/ elector ratio
Birch Hill & North Lake	2	1,820
Bullbrook	3	1,685
Crown Wood	2	1,598
Easthampstead	2	2,019
Garth	2	1,767
Great Hollands North	2	1,689
Great Hollands South	2	2,053
Hanworth	2	1,745
Harmans Water	2	1,902
Jennett's Park	2	1,296
Priestwood	2	1,553
Town Centre & The Parks	3	1,804
Wildridings	2	1,510



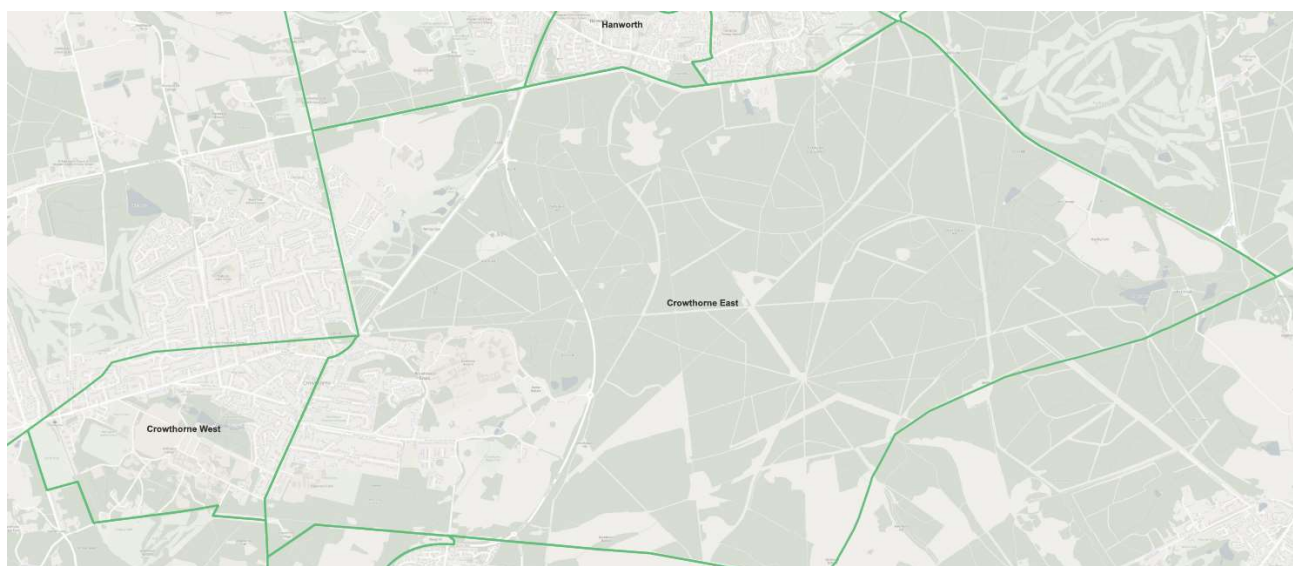
Crowthorne Parish Council

- 5.18 Four submissions were submitted and considered. These were received from Crowthorne Parish Council, Crowthorne Village Action Group, the Labour Party and a member of the public, who asked for their property, Edgbarrow Cottage, to be included in the Crowthorne Parish area as they looked towards Crowthorne for their community identity.
- 5.19 Crowthorne Parish Council submitted a detailed response to the consultation stating their preferred preference for a ten-councillor single ward covering the entirety of the

parish area. They were keen to incorporate the 'Cricket Ground/ Derby Field' currently in the Sandhurst Town Council area into Crowthorne as it was felt that any future development in that area would look towards Crowthorne Village for their community identity. This suggestion was also submitted by the Crowthorne Village Action Group (CVAG) and the Bracknell Labour Party who also suggested that some properties south of Derby Field should be included around Foresters Way. The Labour Party also submitted a three-ward proposal.

- 5.20 There was no support for the Crowthorne Parish Council submission for a single ward. The working group considered a large single ward to be administratively undesirable and noted that the cost of a by-election would be unnecessarily high. The Labour Party's three-ward proposal was also considered. The preferred option was to create two parish wards: Crowthorne East and Crowthorne West represented by five councillors each with a reasonably similar councillor/elector ratio in each. The proposal to move Derby Field from Sandhurst Town Council to Crowthorne was considered well evidenced and logical and would also give effect to the submission regarding Edgbarrow Cottage. This was previously identified as an area change requiring permission from the LGBCE as it would also necessitate a change in the borough boundary and implementation is subject to that approval.
- 5.21 Along with the changes to the southern boundary of Crowthorne Parish proposed around Derby Field and Edgbarrow Cottage, the working group determined that the current boundary separating Crowthorne Parish and Sandhurst Town councils was no longer easily identifiable and followed no obvious point of division. The working group proposes that a new boundary is established following a defined track. Similarly, the eastern boundary between Crowthorne Parish and Winkfield Parish is not currently well defined and the working group proposes that this is now moved to follow the A322 Bracknell Road. The area contained within is primarily the Crown Estate with no electors being impacted.
- 5.22 No representations were made to change the overall councillor number. The working group considered the councillor/elector ratio and decided that it was acceptable. No proposal for change to the numbers is proposed.
- 5.23 **The proposal is:**
- a) **to create two parish wards represented by five councillors each:**
 - **the existing Crowthorne South ward to be enlarged to encompass all properties west of Sandhurst Road/Crowthorne High Street and renamed Crowthorne West**
 - **the rest of Crowthorne Parish to be contained within a newly designated Crowthorne East ward**
 - b) **To move the Cricket Ground/Derby Field into Crowthorne Parish Council from Sandhurst Town Council**
 - c) **To move the external boundary to the south and east to incorporate Edgbarrow Cottage into Crowthorne Parish and to make minor external boundary changes where they interact with Sandhurst Town Council and Winkfield Parish Council to better define the separation between the parish areas**

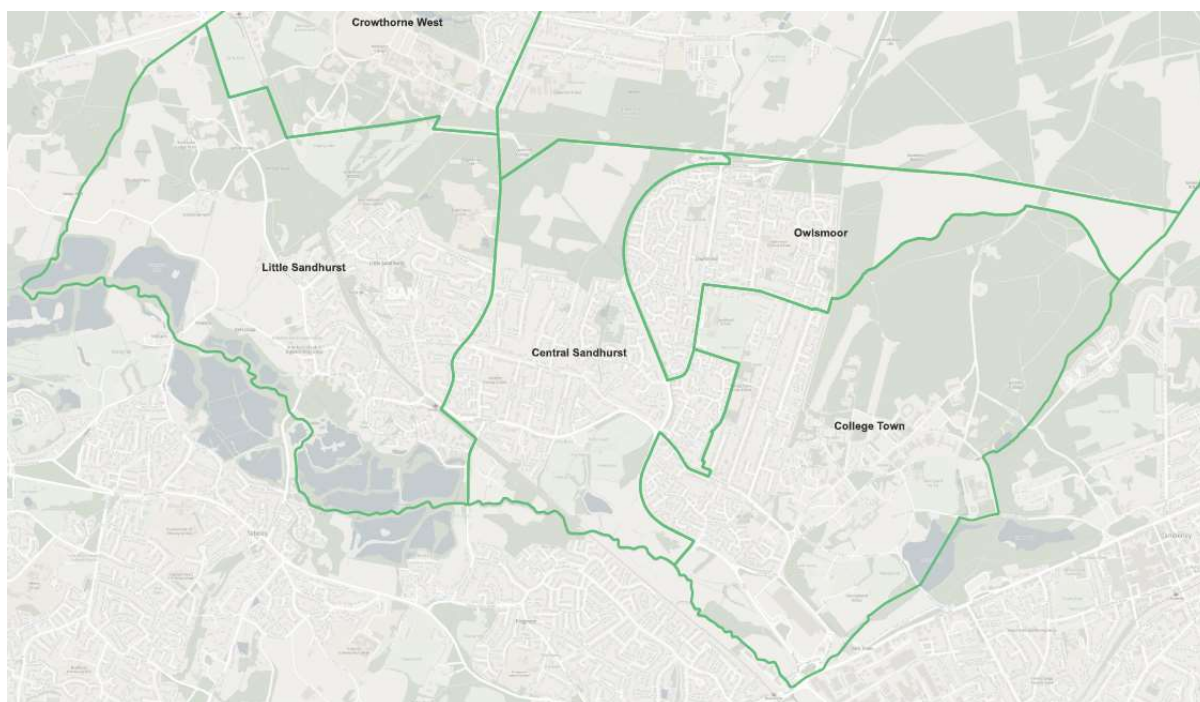
Parish ward	Councillor number	Councillor/ elector ratio
Crowthorne East	5	705
Crowthorne West	5	652



Sandhurst Town Council

- 5.24 Two submissions were received and considered, from Sandhurst Town Council and a member of the public.
- 5.25 The Town Council's request for all town wards be represented by six councillors was discussed and supported. This would require a redistribution of one councillor from the Owlsmoor Town ward to the Little Sandhurst ward which the LGBCE allocated seven and five councillors respectively. This change further equalises the councillor/elector ratio. No change is proposed for the overall number of councillors which remains at 24.
- 5.26 The submission from the member of the public proposed the merger of Owlsmoor and College Town wards which would have the effect of creating a ward with approximately 8000 electors represented by 12 councillors. This proposal was considered to be administratively unmanageable and was not supported.
- 5.27 There were no requests to consider name changes for the Town Council or its wards therefore no change is proposed.
- 5.28 **The proposal is:**
- a) **to amend the northern boundary to give effect to the changes proposed for Crowthorne Parish Council outlined above**
 - b) **that each of the four town wards are represented by six councillors**

Town ward	Councillor number	Councillor/ elector ratio
Central Sandhurst	6	722
College Town	6	630
Little Sandhurst	6	623
Owlsmoor	6	756

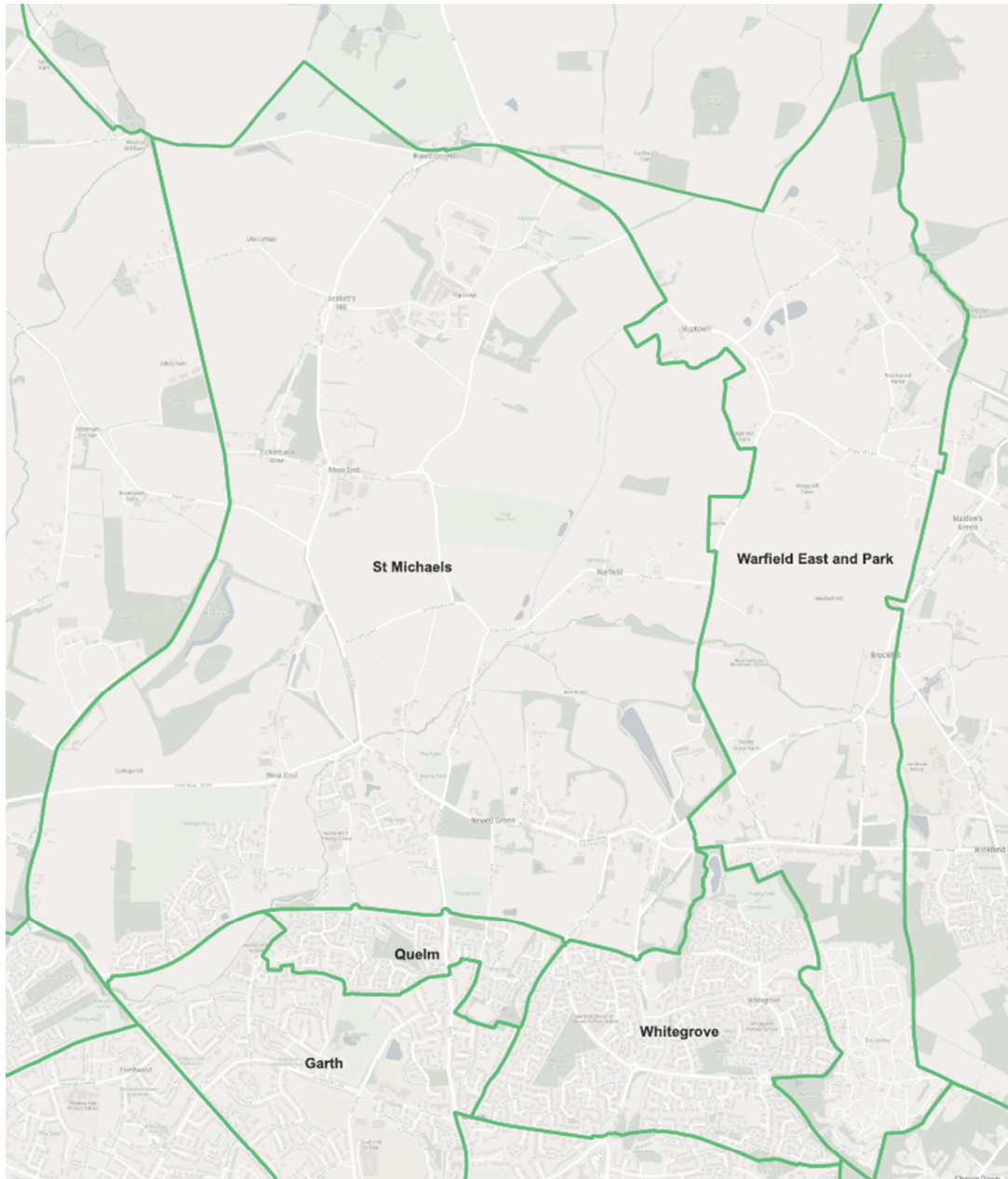


Warfield Parish Council

- 5.29 Three submissions were received and considered. These were received from Warfield Parish Council and a member of the public. In addition, the working group considered the proposal within the Winkfield Parish Council submission relating to the boundary with Warfield and the proposal within both the Bracknell Town and Warfield Parish Council submissions to move Garth North from Warfield into Bracknell Town.
- 5.30 Both Warfield Parish Council and Winkfield Parish Council submitted a response regarding the boundary between the parishes, which the working group considered together. Warfield Parish Council submitted a request to change the boundary between Warfield and Winkfield to take in one property from Winkfield Parish (The Nook, Cocks Lane) while moving another (Brockhill Cottages) into Winkfield Parish to better reflect the areas each of those properties identify with. The Warfield Parish submission also proposed the merging of the Warfield East Parish ward with the Warfield Park parish ward. Winkfield Parish Council proposed a more significant change, incorporating the whole of Warfield East into Winkfield Parish to align the parishes with the borough boundary more closely.
- 5.31 A second member of the public provided a range of detailed and extensive information to support the transfer of the Hayley Green community of Warfield Parish to Winkfield Parish Council. This was similar to the Winkfield Parish Council proposal, where the entirety of the Warfield East ward of Warfield Parish Council was merged with the Winkfield and Cranbourne ward of Winkfield Parish Council.
- 5.32 The working group weighed up the proposals. Warfield Parish Council's proposal was the preferred option as the residents in the area already have an affiliation with the parish council, access their facilities and look to the parish for community identity. The merging of Warfield East with Warfield Park would also resolve the issue of two single councillor parish wards that had been established by the LGBCE as part of their final recommendations for Warfield Parish Council. Officers advised that the creation of this new parish ward would cross two borough wards and the working group considered it within this context.

- 5.33 Both Winkfield and Warfield Parish Councils requested an amendment to the boundary around Warfield Park so that all dwellings in that area are included in the same parish. This was also identified by Bracknell Forest Council's boundary review working group during the LGBCE review.
- 5.34 Warfield Parish Council also requested the inclusion of some properties in Priory Lane currently in Bracknell Town Council area. The working group considered that it would be difficult currently to make this change as the properties currently sit on the Bracknell side of the parliamentary constituency boundary. Making these changes would necessitate the creation of an inviable polling district to administer elections in that area. It was recognised that this could change following the ongoing parliamentary review and that this issue could be revisited later if requested. The proposal was not supported at this stage.
- 5.35 Warfield Parish Council requested a reorganisation of councillors between wards and an overall increase in councillor numbers from 13 to 15 to accommodate future property growth. This request was considered taking account of the councillor/elector ratio and the activity proposed by the Parish to increase democratic engagement to ensure that there are sufficient candidates at elections to maintain any increase in councillor numbers. Sufficient evidence was provided to the working group to support.
- 5.36 A submission from a third member of the public asked to be included in Winkfield rather than Warfield Parish Council. They did not identify their address therefore this could not be progressed.
- 5.37 **The proposal is:**
- a) **to change the boundary between Warfield and Winkfield to move The Nook, Cocks Lane into Warfield Parish Council and Brockhill Cottages, into Winkfield Parish**
 - b) **to incorporate the Warfield East Parish ward into the Warfield Park parish ward**
 - c) **to move Garth North into the Garth Town Ward of Bracknell Town Council impacting approximately 70 dwellings (up to 150 electors). The one councillor allocated to that ward to remain on Warfield Parish Council and not be transferred to Bracknell Town Council.**
 - d) **to increase the overall councillor number by two to 15 to be allocated between wards as follows:**

Parish ward	Councillor number	Councillor/ elector ratio
Quelm	2	854
St Michaels	5	936
Warfield East	2	621
Whitegrove	6	787



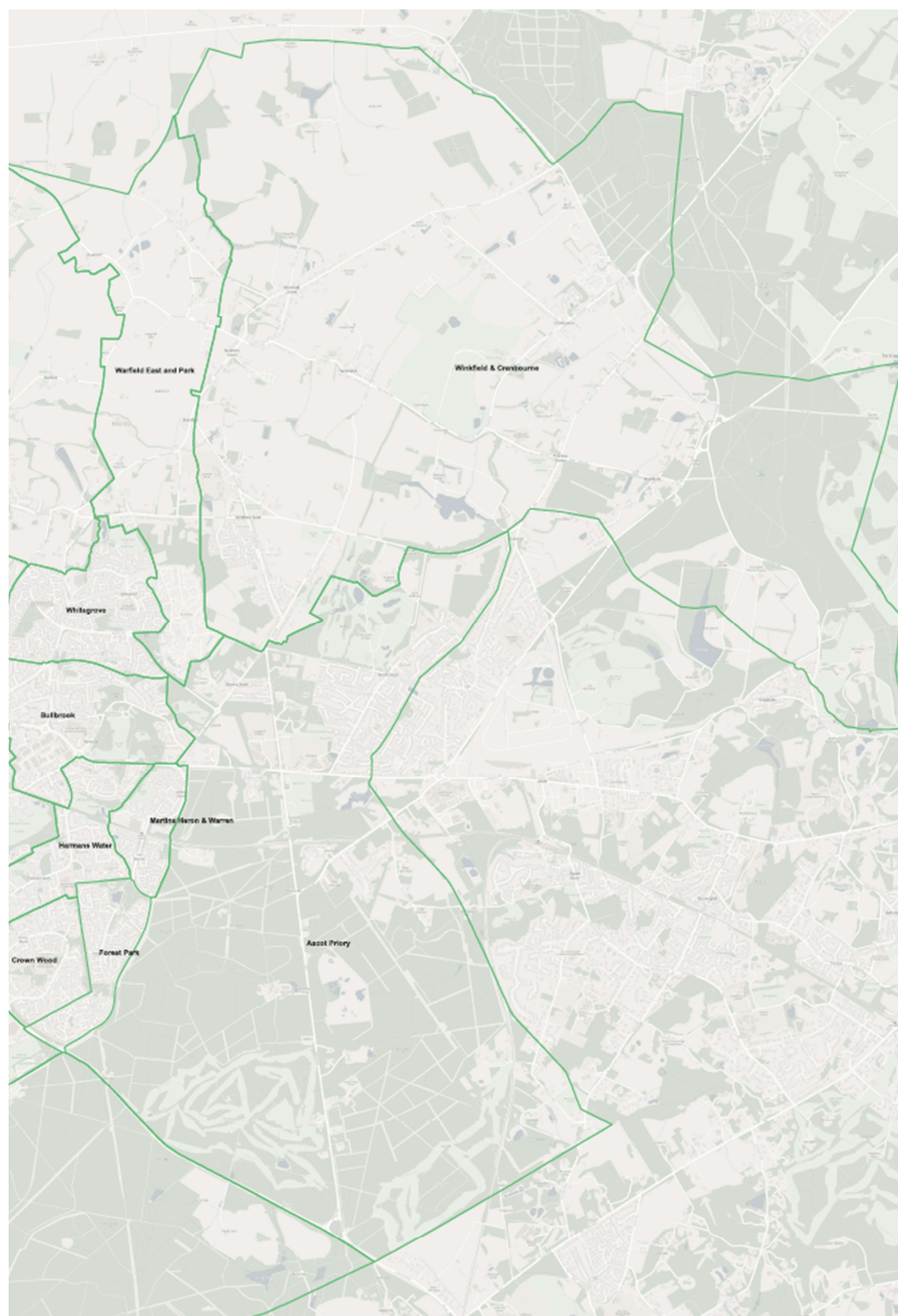
Winkfield Parish Council

- 5.38 Three submissions were received and considered. These were from Winkfield Parish Council and two members of the public. The Warfield Parish Council submission was also considered in tandem with the Winkfield response where there were multiple proposals for the same area.
- 5.39 One member of the public's submission endorsed the work of Winkfield Parish Council and suggested that no changes should be made to the existing arrangements.
- 5.40 A second public submission shared the view that Forest Park sat well with Martins Heron and Warren and was pleased that the areas would be re-joined moving forward. This comment was thought to relate to the changes brought about by the LGBCE's review and the creation of the new Swinley Forest Borough ward.

- 5.41 Winkfield Parish Council provided an extensive submission covering changes to the internal warding arrangements of the parish, the external boundaries and a redistribution of councillors across a revised scheme of parish warding.
- 5.42 Winkfield Parish Council proposed enlarging the parish area by absorbing the Warfield East parish ward of Warfield Parish Council to greater align the area with the revised borough warding arrangements. This would affect approximately 190 properties (approximately 360 residents). This was considered alongside the Warfield proposal detailed above. The Warfield Parish Council proposal was preferred and therefore the Winkfield Parish Council proposal was not supported.
- 5.43 The working group considered Winkfield Parish Council's request to merge the North Ascot ward and the Ascot Priory ward. This was supported as it represents a good solution to avoiding having a single councillor ward which was put in place by the LGBCE to prevent a parish ward being split across two boundary wards. The working group previously agreed the principle that one councillor wards offered operational challenges for both residents and councillors. The solution to merge would enable six councillors to govern the enlarged ward. Officers advised that this parish ward would cross two borough wards and the working group considered it within this context.
- 5.44 The Parish Council also requested the renaming of the enlarged parish ward Ascot Priory in line with the proposal to merge the two parish wards to better reflect the communities contained within.
- 5.45 The working group agreed to support the change to the southern boundary with Crowthorne Parish Council as the existing division is no longer well-defined and the A322 is a clear an impermeable barrier between the two parish areas.
- 5.46 The proposal was supported to leave the overall number of councillors unchanged and to redistribute councillor numbers across wards to achieve better councillor/elector ratios. The working group concluded that having two councillors in Martins Heron and Warren (ratio of 762) and six councillors in Ascot Priory (ratio of 756) would achieve a better ratio balance for residents within Winkfield Parish.
- 5.47 The working group discussed the proposal to change the name of the parish ward from Ascot Priory to Swinley Forest. It was acknowledged that the Ascot Priory name had been in use locally for some time and although was not a name used by Bracknell Forest Council it was familiar to the local community, was clearly identified and would have greater resonance with local residents than Swinley Forest. The working group did not support the proposal made by Winkfield Parish Council and therefore the working group agreed to no change to the name Ascot Priory.
- 5.48 **The proposal is:**
- a) to merge the North Ascot ward with the Ascot Priory ward to be represented by six councillors**
 - b) to make minor changes to the southern boundary with Crowthorne Parish Council to better define the separation between the parish areas along the A322 Bracknell Road.**

To reallocate councillors across the revised wards in the following pattern:

Parish ward	Councillor number	Councillor/ elector ratio
Ascot Priory	6	756
Forest Park	5	644
Martins Heron and Warren	2	762
Winkfield and Cranbourne	5	708



6. Consequential matters

- 6.1 The following proposals require changes to the borough ward boundaries and will require the approval of the LGBCE:
- External boundary changes to Crowthorne Parish Council/ Sandhurst Parish Council/ Winkfield Parish Council areas as these align with the impacted borough wards: Crowthorne, Swinley Forest, College Town, Sandhurst, Owlsmoor and College Town.
 - External boundary changes to Warfield Parish Council/ Winkfield Parish Council to bring the entirety of Warfield Park into the Warfield Parish Council area. Impacting the Winkfield and Warfield East borough ward.
- 6.2 The LGBCE's approval will also be required for amendments to any changes to parish arrangements put in place as part of the Commission's 2019 review.
- 6.3 No transfer of assets would be required if the proposals within this report are implemented.

7. Review timetable

- 7.1 The publication of these proposals marks the beginning of the Stage 2 consultation of the Community Governance Review. The consultation runs for 10 weeks between 4 July – 11 September 2022. Following the close of the consultation the Boundary Review Working Group will consider all submissions received and prepare final recommendations. Approval will be sought from the LGBCE for any proposed changes to the Council's borough wards and/or to any changes to amendments made to the parish arrangements by the LGBCE as a result of the 2019 review.
- 7.2 The final recommendations will be published by 11 December which concludes the review. On 11 January 2023 Bracknell Forest Council will be asked to make a Reorganisation Order to bring into effect any changes, which will take effect from 1 April 2023 for administrative and financial purposes. The borough and parish council elections in May 2023 will be run on the changed boundaries.

8. Contacting us

- 8.1 Representations can be made between 4 July and 11 September 2022.

You can do this in several ways:

- Online: using the council's consultation portal https://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/public/dem/community_governance_review_stage_two_consultation
- By email: electoral.reviews@bracknell-forest.gov.uk
- In person by visiting a Bracknell Forest Library or parish/town council office and submitting your response in the ballot box.
- By post to: Community Governance Review Bracknell Forest Council Time Square, Market Street Bracknell RG12 1JD

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