

Edgbarrow Cottage
Sandhurst Road
Crowthorne
RG45 7PP

4th May 2022

Dear Sirs,

Community Governance Review Bracknell Forest Parish and Town Councils

Edgbarrow Cottage, Sandhurst Road, Crowthorne RG45 7PP

Background and Location

Edgbarrow Cottage is the oldest surviving property in Crowthorne. It is located at the southern edge of Crowthorne off the Sandhurst Road adjacent to Wildmoor Heath and a short walk from Crowthorne village and Parish Council Offices.

Its closest neighbouring properties are in Crowthorne, whereas the nearest houses and facilities in Sandhurst are much further away. The Sandhurst Parish Council Office is some mile and a half away by road. Despite this geographical separation the property is currently located just outside the Crowthorne Parish Boundary in Sandhurst.

We propose that the opportunity is taken to move Crowthorne Parish Boundary south by a small distance in this area to include Edgbarrow Cottage.

Reasons for the Proposed Change

1) It provides the opportunity to correct the existing anomaly that the oldest property in Crowthorne is currently located just outside its boundary within the Parish of Sandhurst.

2) Council Tax for Edgbarrow Cottage includes a charge for Crowthorne Parish Council. However, we are currently on the Sandhurst Parish Council electorate. This means there is no direct connection between Parish Council Tax charges and our elected representatives.

3) We are very active in the Crowthorne community (school, church, choir and CVAG) as users of local facilities through which we are known to Parish Councillors. However, because of the geographical separation, there is no equivalent connection with Sandhurst Parish Council

4) Edgbarrow Cottage has a Crowthorne address and an RG45 postcode. which roughly aligns with Crowthorne Parish boundary. Conversely, Sandhurst has a GU postcode. This provides the opportunity to align postcode and Parish boundary.

5) The space between Crowthorne and Sandhurst is a Strategic Green Gap of woodland and protected heathland. Moving the Crowthorne Parish Ward boundary slightly south to include Edgbarrow Cottage would therefore not impact other householders.

Yours Sincerely,

John & Janet Lindsay