

## **Bracknell Forest Community Governance Review Stage 2 - Supplementary Proposals for Consultation**

### **1. Alternative Proposals**

- 1.1 On 4 July 2022 Bracknell Forest Council issued draft recommendations following the first stage public consultation of the Bracknell Community Governance Review. The second stage consultation is currently open and will conclude on Sunday 11 September 2022.
- 1.2 In the draft recommendations, two parish wards, one in the Warfield Parish Council area (Warfield East and Park) and one in the Winkfield Parish Area (Ascot Priory) cross a borough boundary. Having considered this further the Working Group (WG) have decided to consult on an alternative option for each area that would avoid this happening, whilst meeting the original objective of avoiding small single councillor wards.
- 1.3 The options detailed in this document do not replace those already published and the WG is keen to hear views from residents, community groups and other stakeholders on the proposals outlined in the previously published draft recommendations and the additional proposals outlined below.
- 1.4 Submissions that provide evidence around community identity, effective and convenient local government and any other pertinent information are welcomed by the WG to help aid their deliberations and will support whichever proposal goes forward to the LGBCE (Local Boundary Commission for England) for their consideration. For more background information see section 4 below.

## 2. Warfield Parish Council

- 2.1 The option outlined below would see the Warfield Park parish ward merge with elements of the Whitegrove parish ward. Fig:1
- 2.2 Warfield Parish Council would retain the same number of councillors outlined in the draft recommendations but reallocated across the two revised wards. Fig: 2
- 2.3 Warfield East parish ward would merge with the Winkfield and Cranbourne Parish ward of Winkfield Parish Council. Shown in section 3. - Winkfield Parish Council Fig. 5.

**Fig: 1 – Map of alternative proposal – Warfield Parish – Warfield East and Park and Whitegrove**



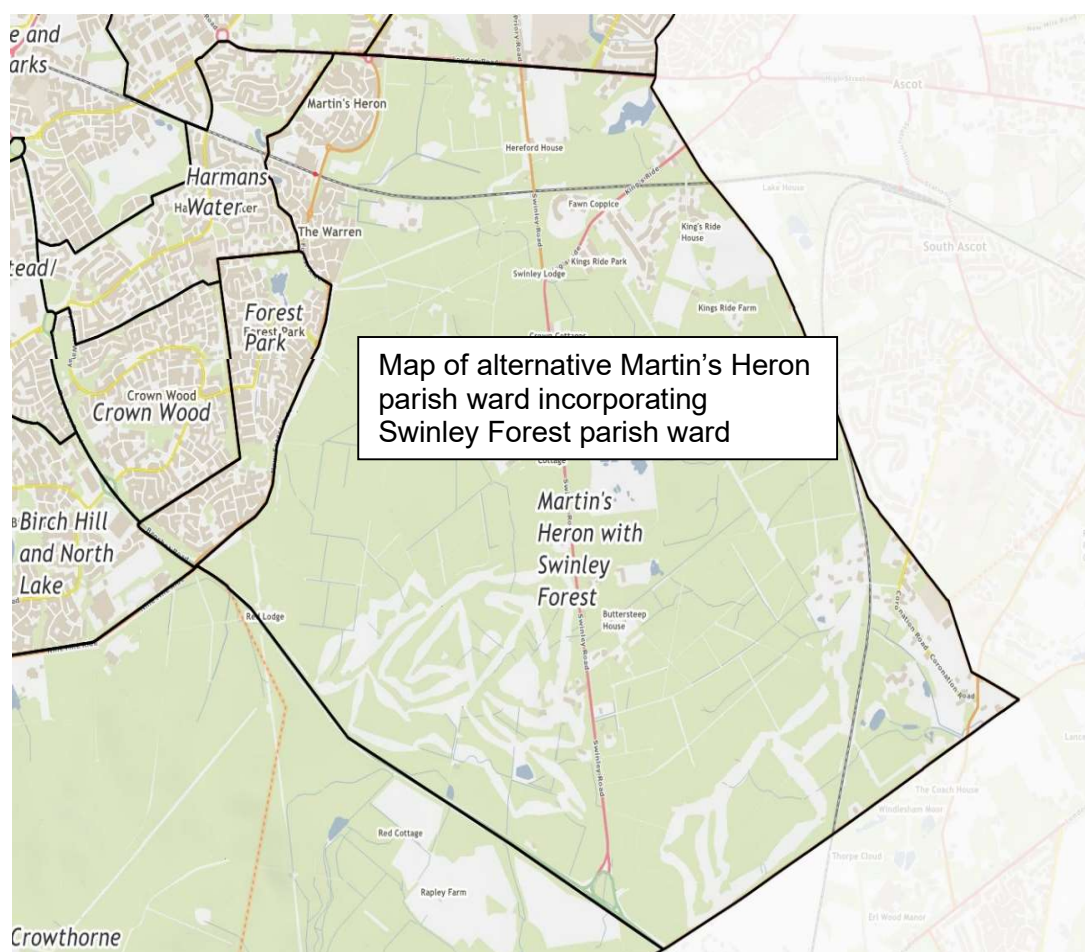
**Fig 2: - Councillor/ Elector summary for alternative proposal – Warfield Parish**

Parish Ward	Draft recommendations		Alternative proposal	
	Cllrs	Cllr/ Elec Ratio	Cllrs	Cllr/ Elec Ratio
Quelm	2	854	2	854
St Michaels	5	936	5	936
Warfield East and Park	2	621	3	642
Whitegrove	6	787	5	760

### 3. Winkfield Parish

- 3.1 The option outlined below would see the Swinley Forest area merged with Martin's Heron and The Warren. Fig.5
- 3.2 In order to equalise the councillor elector ratio, an additional councillor would be added to Martins Heron, The Warren and Swinley Forest ward taking the overall membership of Winkfield Parish to 19. Fig. 6

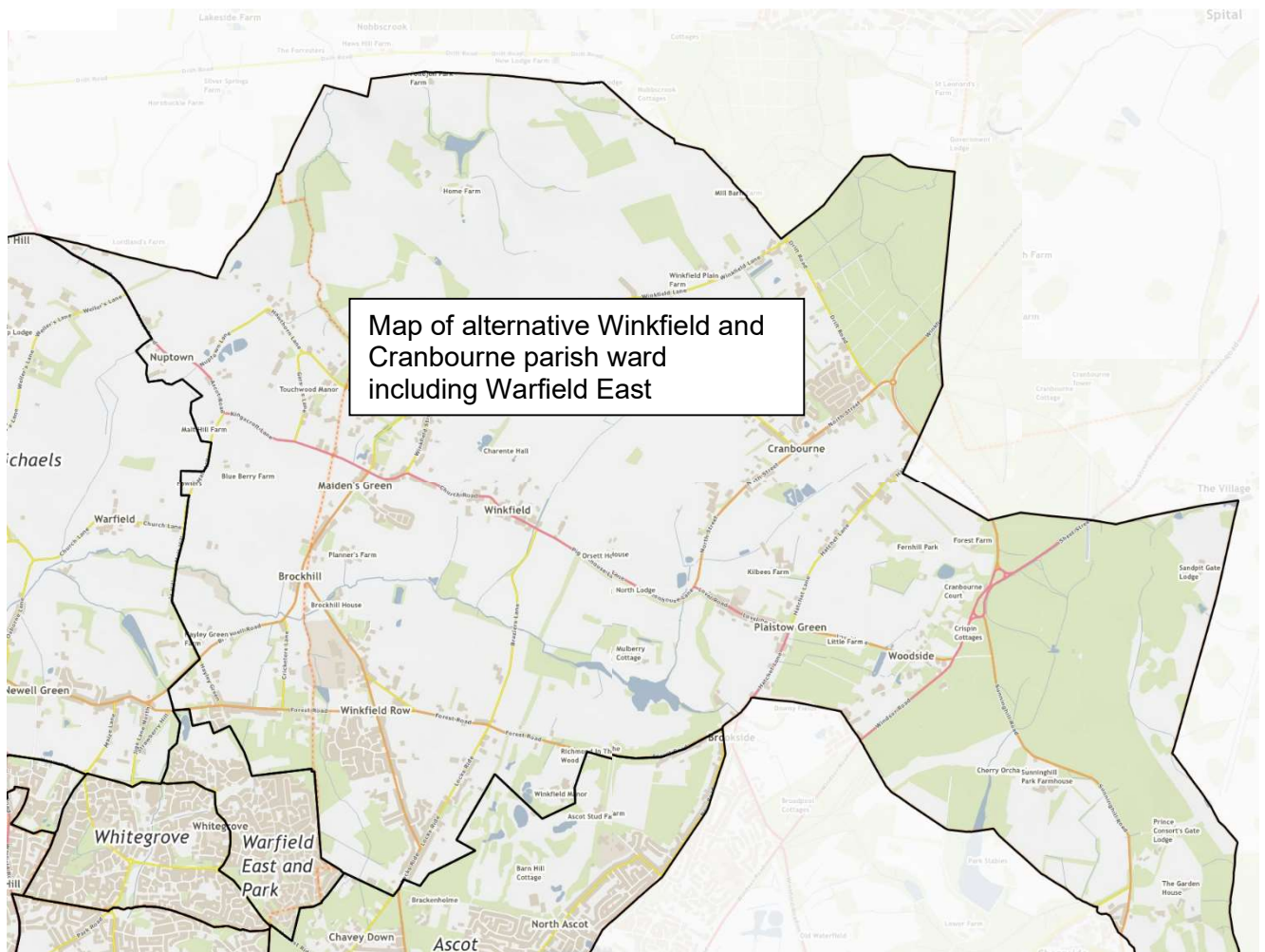
**Fig. 3: Map of alternative proposal – Winkfield Parish**



**Fig 4: Councillor/ Elector summary for alternative proposal – Winkfield Parish**

Parish Ward	Draft recommendations		Alternative proposal	
	Cllrs	Cllr/ Elec Ratio	Cllrs	Cllr/ Elec Ratio
Ascot Priory	6	756	6	683
Martins Heron and Warren (with Swinley Forest)	2	762	3	653

**Fig 5: Map of alternative proposal – Winkfield Parish – Winkfield and Cranbourne**



**Fig. 6: Councillor/ Elector summary for alternative Winkfield and Cranbourne parish ward**

Parish Ward	Draft recommendations		Alternative proposal	
	Cllrs	Cllr/ Elec Ratio	Cllrs	Cllr/ Elec Ratio
Winkfield and Cranbourne	5	708	5	787

**Fig. 7: Overall Councillor/ Elector summary for alternative Winkfield Parish proposals**

Parish Ward	Draft recommendations		Alternative proposal	
	Cllrs	Cllr/ Elec Ratio	Cllrs	Cllr/ Elec Ratio
Ascot Priory	6	756	6	683
Forest Park	5	644	5	644
Martins Heron and Warren (with Swinley Forest)	2	762	3	653
Winkfield and Cranbourne	5	708	5	787

#### **4. Background information**

- 4.1 In the review's terms of reference, it was referenced that all recommendations for parish/ town councils with 'protected characteristics' would need 'consent' from the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBCE) in order to be adopted. 'Protected characteristics' apply to any parish/ town council ward or area that was established by the LGBCE as part of their 2020 review of Bracknell Forest Council.
- 4.2 'Consent' from the LGBCE is required within the first five years from the date the change order is made in Parliament. The Bracknell Forest Council Change Order was laid before Parliament in June 2021. This means Bracknell Forest Council must ask for consent for any changes impacting parish/ town areas with 'protected characteristics' as part of this review.
- 4.3 The LGBCE, when undertaking reviews, are not permitted to split a parish/ town ward across borough boundaries. Local authorities, whose responsibility it is to conduct community governance reviews, are not restricted by this same requirement. However, due to the requirements set out above in 4.2, Bracknell Forest Council must receive consent from the LGBCE to implement any changes stemming from this review.