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# Special Meeting of West Berkshire District Council

## Tuesday, 31st October, 2017

# *Summons and Agenda*

West Berkshire COUNCIL

To: All Members of the Council

*You are requested to attend a special meeting of*

# West Berkshire Council

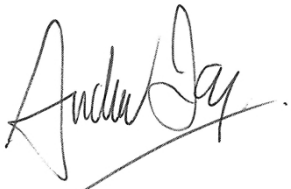
*to be held in the*

**Council Offices Market Street Newbury**

*on*

**Tuesday, 31st October, 2017**

at **7.00 pm**



Andy Day
Head of Strategic Support
West Berkshire District Council

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Date of despatch of Agenda: Monday, 23 October 2017

## AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

   To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

   To remind Members of the need to record the existence and nature of any personal, disclosable pecuniary or other registrable interests in items on the agenda, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

3. **MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**

The Monitoring Officer to advise of any changes to the membership of Committees since the previous Council meeting.

4. **BOUNDARY REVIEW - RESPONSE TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION'S DRAFT PROPOSALS (C3399)**

*Purpose: To set out the Council's response to the Local Government Boundary Commission's proposed changes to the District's warding patterns from the 2019/20 District Council Elections.* **(Pages 5 - 28)**

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# Boundary Review - Response to the LGBCs Draft Proposals - Summary Report

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| **Committee considering report:** | Council |
| **Date of Committee:** | 31 October 2017 |
| **Portfolio Member:** | Councillor Graham Jones |
| **Date Portfolio Member agreed report:** | 19 October 2017 |
| **Report Author:** | Andy Day |
| **Forward Plan Ref:** | C3399 |

## 1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To set out the Council's response to the Local Government Boundary Commission's proposed changes to the District's warding patterns from the 2019/20 District Council Elections.

## 2. Recommendation

2.1 Council is requested to approve the proposed changes to the following wards (set out below and in more detail in Appendix B ) as the Council's formal response to the Local Government Boundary Commission's review of the Council's warding patterns.

(i) Bucklebury and Aldermaston (Paragraphs 3.2 to 3.6)

(ii) Hungerford and Kintbury (Paragraph 3.7)

(iii) Basildon and Compton (Paragraph 3.8)

(iv) Wash Common, Newbury Central and Greenham (Paragraphs 3.9 to 3.21)

(v) Thatcham Central and Crookham (Paragraphs 3.22 to 3.25)

(vi) Purley and Tilehurst (Paragraphs 3.26 to 3.29)

(vii) Florence Gardens (Paragraph 3.30)

## 3. Implications

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 3.1 | **Financial:** | N/A |
| 3.2 | **Policy:** | N/A |
| 3.3 | **Personnel:** | N/A |
| 3.4 | **Legal:** | This review is being conducted in accordance with the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 |

3.5 **Risk Management:** N/A

3.6 **Property:** N/A

# Executive Summary

## 4. Introduction

4.1 On 29 August 2017 the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) published a set of draft recommendations for changes to the Council's warding patterns with effect from 2019/20 District Council elections. These recommendations proposed:

(i) 43 Councillors, nine fewer than there are now.

(ii) 20 wards,10 fewer that there are now.

(iii) The boundaries of one ward staying the same.

4.2 The original consultation period was 29 August to 6 November 2017 (10 weeks). However, an error was identified in the LGBC's calculations for the proposed new Wash Common ward and, in order to correct these figures, the consultation period has been extended to 13 November.

## 5. Proposal

5.1 The Boundary Review Steering Group met on 12 October 2017 to consider the Council's response to the LGBC's proposals. The Steering Group had concerns about a number of the proposed 3 Member wards and has accordingly prepared counter proposals in some cases. These are set out below along with a number of other suggested changes:

(i) Bucklebury and Aldermaston

(ii) Hungerford and Kintbury

(iii) Basildon and Compton

(iv) Newbury Central, Wash Common, and Greenham areas

(v) Thatcham Central and Crookham

(vi) Purley and Tilehurst

## 6. Conclusion

6.1 The Steering Group has reviewed the LGBC's proposed warding patterns and has formulated counter proposals for the Bucklebury and Aldermaston ward, Hungerford and Kintbury ward, Newbury Central, Wash Common and Greenham wards, Basildon and Compton ward, Thatcham Central and Crookham ward and Purley and Tilehurst ward.

## 7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix A – Equalities Impact Assessment

7.2 Appendix B – Supporting Information

# Appendix A

## Equality Impact Assessment - Stage One

**We need to ensure that our strategies, polices, functions and services, current and proposed have given due regard to equality and diversity as set out in the Public Sector Equality Duty (Section 149 of the Equality Act), which states:**

***"(1) A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:***

- ***(a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;***
- ***(b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; This includes the need to:***
  - ***(i) remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;***
  - ***(ii) take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;***
- ***(c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it, with due regard, in particular, to the need to be aware that compliance with the duties in this section may involve treating some persons more favourably than others.***

***(2) The steps involved in meeting the needs of disabled persons that are different from the needs of persons who are not disabled include, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities.***

***(3) Compliance with the duties in this section may involve treating some persons more favourably than others."***

**The following list of questions may help to establish whether the decision is relevant to equality:**

- **Does the decision affect service users, employees or the wider community?**
- **(The relevance of a decision to equality depends not just on the number of those affected but on the significance of the impact on them)**
- **Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?**
- **Is it a major policy, or a major change to an existing policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?**
- **Will the decision have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?**
- **Does the decision relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?**
- **Does the decision relate to an area with known inequalities?**
- **Does the decision relate to any equality objectives that have been set by the council?**

**Please complete the following questions to determine whether a full Stage Two, Equality Impact Assessment is required.**

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| **What is the proposed decision that you are asking the Executive to make:** | To respond to the LGBCs consultation on proposed warding patterns post 2019/20. |
| **Summary of relevant legislation:** | The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 |
| **Does the proposed decision conflict with any of the Council's key strategy priorities?** | No |
| **Name of assessor:** | Andy Day |
| **Date of assessment:** | 28 September 2017 |

| **Is this a:** | | **Is this:** | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Policy** | **No** | **New or proposed** | |
| **Strategy** | **Yes** | **Already exists and is being reviewed** | **Yes** |
| **Function** | **No** | **Is changing** | |
| **Service** | **No** | | |

| **1 What are the main aims, objectives and intended outcomes of the proposed decision and who is likely to benefit from it?** | |
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| **Aims:** | To have the Local Government Boundary Commission undertake a Council Size review of the District in time for the 2019/20 District Council elections. |
| **Objectives:** | To have had the warding patters reviewed independently with a view to the number of councillors being reduced to 42+ or - 1. |
| **Outcomes:** | To ensure that the Council has the appropriate number of councillors elected from 2019/20 District Council elections based on a review of the warding patterns. |
| **Benefits:** | To ensure that the electorate is appropriately represented. |

**2 Note which groups may be affected by the proposed decision. Consider how they may be affected, whether it is positively or negatively and what sources of information have been used to determine this.**

(Please demonstrate consideration of all strands – Age, Disability, Gender Reassignment, Marriage and Civil Partnership, Pregnancy and Maternity, Race, Religion or Belief, Sex and Sexual Orientation.)

| Group Affected | What might be the effect? | Information to support this |
|---|---|---|
| Age | N/A | |
| Disability | N/A | |
| Gender Reassignment | N/A | |
| Marriage and Civil Partnership | N/A | |
| Pregnancy and Maternity | N/A | |
| Race | N/A | |
| Religion or Belief | N/A | |
| Sex | N/A | |
| Sexual Orientation | N/A | |
| **Further Comments relating to the item:** | | |
| Any proposals adopted by the LGBC have to show a degree of electoral equality so this review will actually improve representation of all electors. | | |

| **3 Result** | |
|---|---|
| **Are there any aspects of the proposed decision, including how it is delivered or accessed, that could contribute to inequality?** | **No** |
| **Please provide an explanation for your answer:**<br>The review is looking at ward boundaries to achieve a reduced number of councillors whilst improving electoral equality. Electors will still be represented albeit by fewer councillors. | |
| **Will the proposed decision have an adverse impact upon the lives of people, including employees and service users?** | **No** |
| **Please provide an explanation for your answer:**<br>The review is looking at ward boundaries to achieve a reduced number of councillors whilst improving electoral equality. Electors will still be represented albeit by fewer councillors. | |

**If your answers to question 2 have identified potential adverse impacts and you have answered 'yes' to either of the sections at question 3, or you are unsure about the impact, then you should carry out a Stage Two Equality Impact Assessment.**

**If a Stage Two Equality Impact Assessment is required, before proceeding you should discuss the scope of the Assessment with service managers in your area. You will also need to refer to the Equality Impact Assessment guidance and Stage Two template.**

| 4 Identify next steps as appropriate: | |
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| **Stage Two required** | No |
| **Owner of Stage Two assessment:** | |
| **Timescale for Stage Two assessment:** | |

**Name: Andy Day** **Date: 18 October 2017**

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**Please now forward this completed form to Rachel Craggs, Principal Policy Officer (Equality and Diversity) (rachel.craggs@westberks.gov.uk), for publication on the WBC website.**

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**Appendix B**

# Boundary Review - Response to the LGBCs Draft Proposals - Supporting Information

## 1. Introduction/Background

1.1 To set out the Council's proposed response to the Local Government Boundary Commission's proposed changes to the Council's warding patterns from the 2019/20 District Council Elections.

1.2 On 29 August 2017 the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) published a set of draft recommendations for changes to the Council's warding patterns with effect from 2019/20 District Council elections. These recommendations proposed:

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## 2. Options for Consideration

2.1 The Boundary Review Steering Group met on 12 October 2017 to look at a number of the LGBC's warding pattern proposals. The Steering Group focussed on the following areas:

(i) Bucklebury and Aldermaston Ward

(ii) Hungerford and Kintbury

(iii) Basildon and Compton

(iv) Wash Common, Newbury Central and Greenham

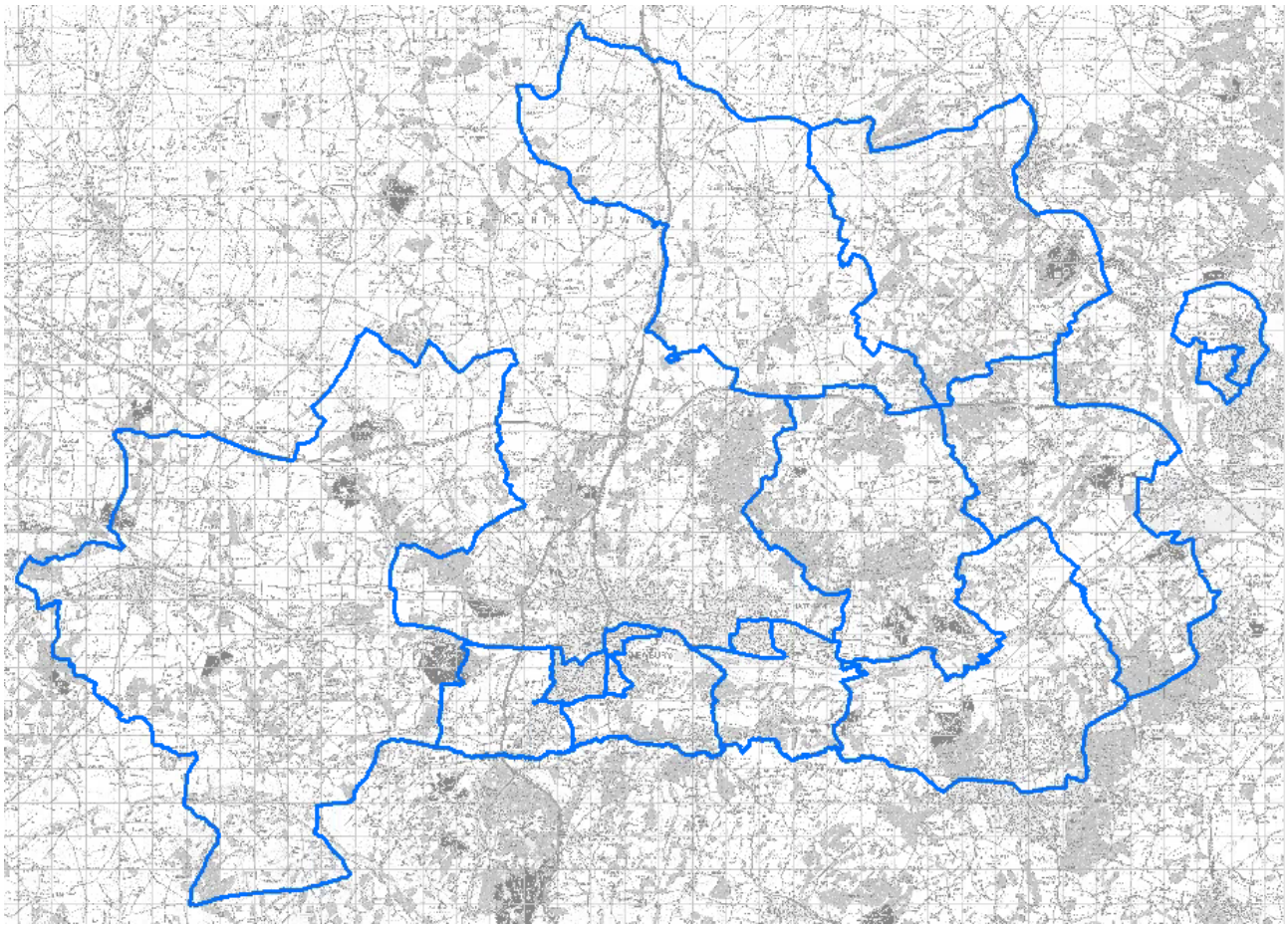
(v) Thatcham Central and Crookham

(vi) Purley and Tilehurst

2.2 The average number of electors based on 43 Councillors is 3028.

## 3. Proposals

3.1 The map below details the counter proposals which the Council is recommended is forwarded to the LGBC in response to their proposed warding patterns for the district from the 2019/20 District Council elections.



Bucklebury and Aldermaston

3.2 Council is asked to recommend to the LGBC that the new Bucklebury and Aldermaston ward be divided into three one member wards as set out below. It is also recommended that the new wards be named, Bucklebury, Bradfield and Aldermaston. These changes would better reflect the different communities associated with the three areas. These proposals would also ensure that the area of Aldermaston Wharf, which straddles three Parishes, will be in one ward.

3.3 As well as containing some 15 parishes, the LGBC's proposed three member ward contains some 10 primary school catchment areas. Whilst members appreciate the LGBCE's comments that members should be productive rather than just 'busy', this wide geographical spread of different interests and service use will make it more difficult for members to remain closely engaged with their communities. This could be particularly detrimental to the smaller parishes, such as Wasing with 31 electors, where their voices might become lost in such a large ward.

3.4 In terms of churches, Aldermaston and Bucklebury are very clearly looked to by the smaller parishes contained in the Council's proposed new one member wards. Bucklebury's parish church forms part of a cluster with Stanford Dingley's church.

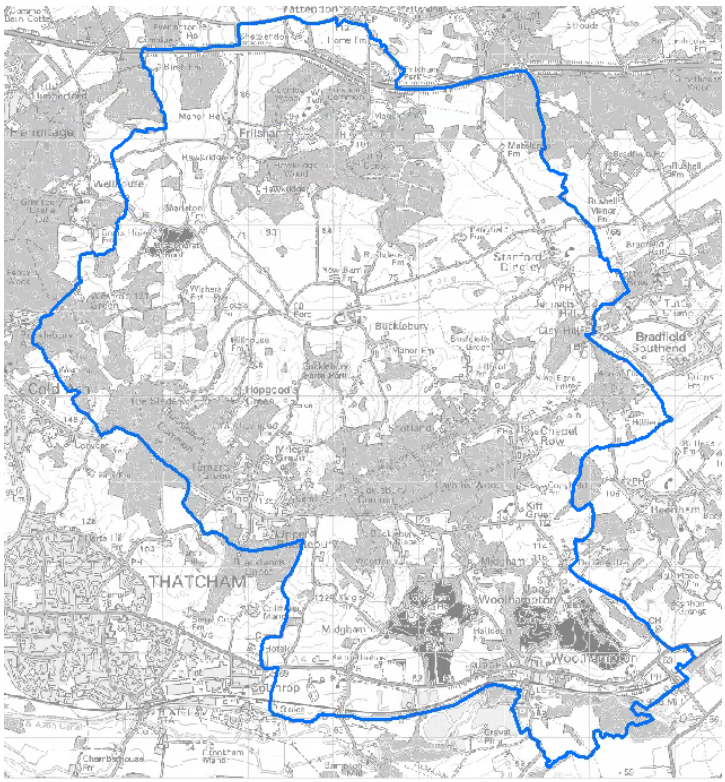
The churches of Midgham and Woolhampton are also closely aligned with each other. The Aldermaston benefice comprises not only Aldermaston St Mary's but the parish churches in Wasing, Brimpton and Beenham.

3.5 The parishes of Bucklebury, Frilsham, Stanford Dingley and Woolhampton look to Midgham for their train services to the postal towns of Newbury and Reading as well as further afield to London. Indeed, Midgham Rail Station is actually located in Woolhampton, which demonstrates the geographical and communital proximity of the two parishes. Similarly, the parishes of Brimpton, Wasing, Beenham and Padworth look to Aldermaston for their rail links, with commuters into London using the station there; whilst the parishes of Englefield and Bradfield to the north eastern corner of the LGBCE's proposed ward look to Theale for their rail service.

3.6 The parishes after which the three wards proposed by the Council are named also contain Post Offices. The post offices therefore serve as community hubs for the smaller neighbouring parishes, who rely on them for a broad range of essential services.

Proposed New Bucklebury Ward

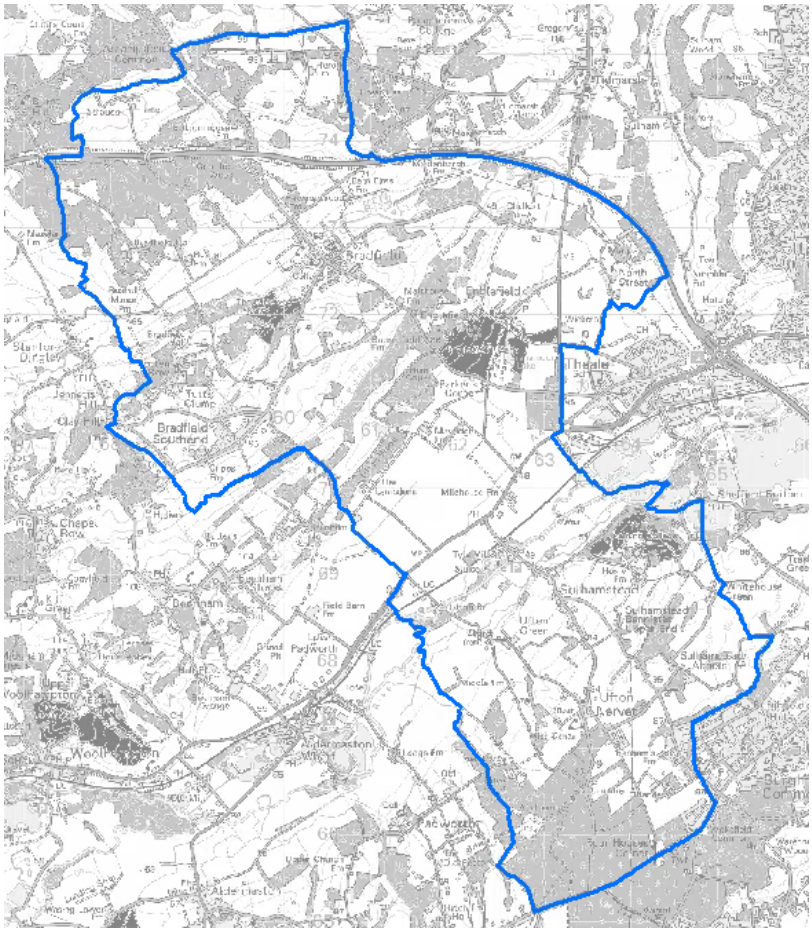
| PS Code | Polling Station | Electorate | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| FC | Frilsham | 249 | |
| BI1/2 | Bucklebury | 1806 | |
| SC | Stanford Dingley | 168 | |
| MA | Midgham | 262 | |
| WG | Woolhampton | 758 | |
| | | | 3243 (7%) |




*Proposed Bucklebury Ward*

Proposed New Bradfield Ward

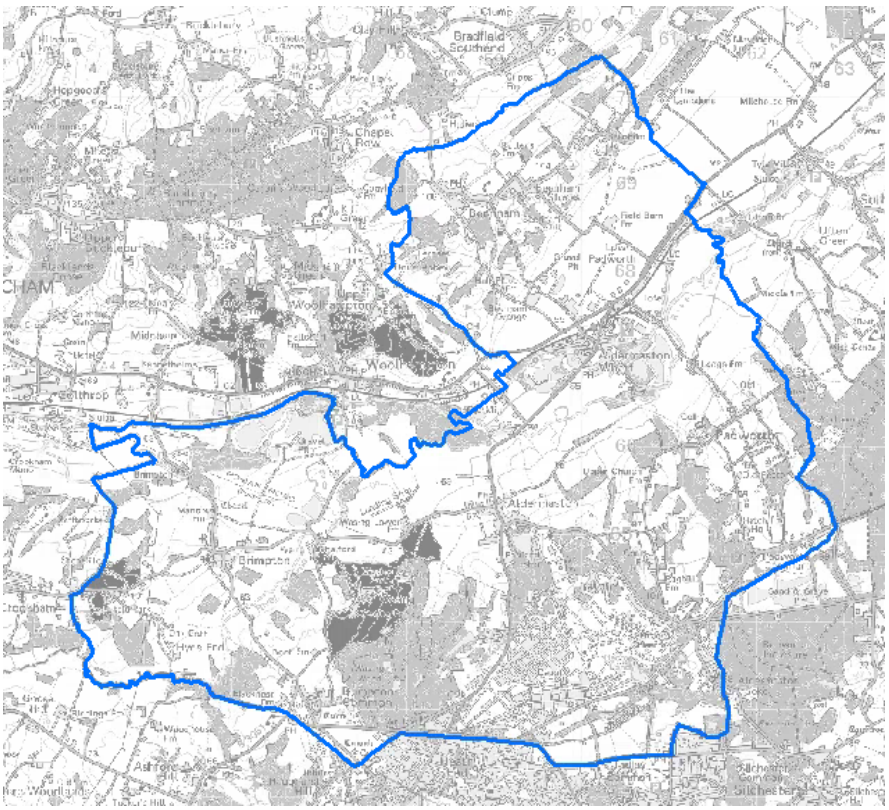
| PS Code | Polling Station | Electorate | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| BF1/2 | Bradfield | 1324 | |
| YED | Englefield | 223 | |
| YSG1/2 | Sulhampstead | 1286 | |
| YUA | Ufton Nervet | 260 | |
| | | | 3093 (2%) |




*Proposed Bradfield Ward*

Proposed New Aldermaston Ward

| PS Code | Polling Station | Electorate | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| YBD | Beenham | 1020 | |
| YPA | Padworth | 738 | |
| AA1/2 | Aldermaston | 892 | |
| WA | Wasing | 31 | |
| BH | Brimpton | 457 | |
| | | | 3138 (3%) |



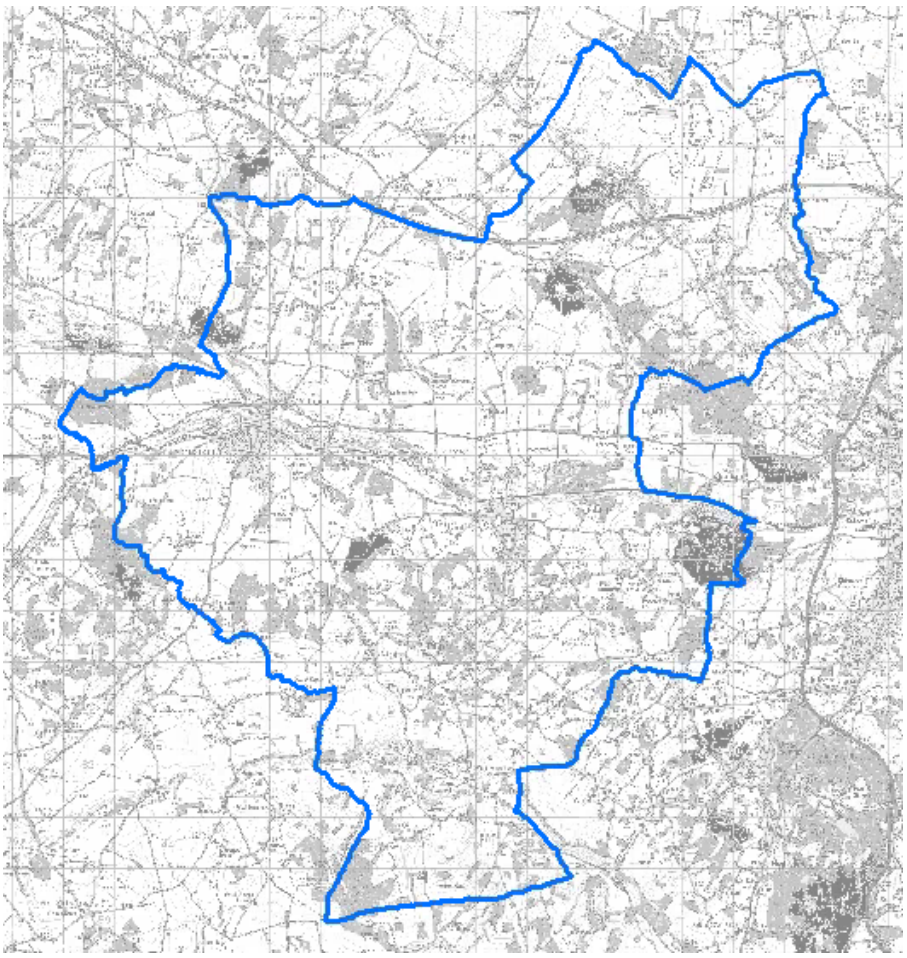
*Proposed Aldermaston Ward*

Hungerford and Kintbury

3.7 Council is recommended to ask the LGBC to remove Enborne (652 electors) from the proposed new Hungerford and Kintbury Ward and to incorporate these electors into a new Wash Common Ward. This would mean that the adjusted electorate for the new Hungerford and Kintbury Ward would be 8907 (-2%), which would provide slightly better electoral equality than that proposed by the LGBC.

Proposed New Hungerford and Kintbury Ward

| PS Code | Polling Station | Electorate | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| HB | Hampstead Marshall | 231 | |
| WD | West Woodhay | 87 | |
| CE | Combe | 28 | |
| IA | Inkpen | 670 | |
| KT | Kintbury | 2268 | |
| HD1/2/3 | Hungerford | 4758 | |
| WB | Welford | 428 | |
| BE | Boxford | 437 | |
| | | | 8907 (-2%) |



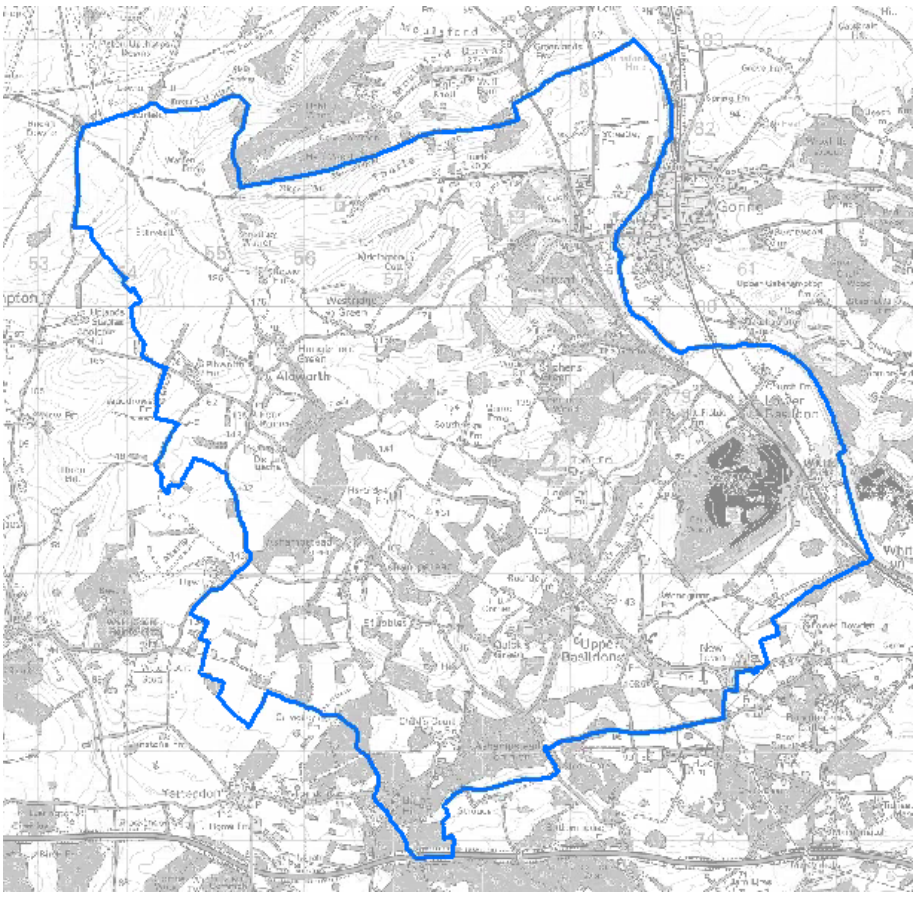
*Proposed Hungerford & Kintbury Ward*

Basildon and Compton

3.8 The eastern and western communities of this ward have very little in common with each other. Council is therefore asked to recommend to the LGBC that the ward be split, roughly down the centre, to create 2 one member wards. These should be named Basildon and Ridgeway Wards.

Proposed New Basildon Ward

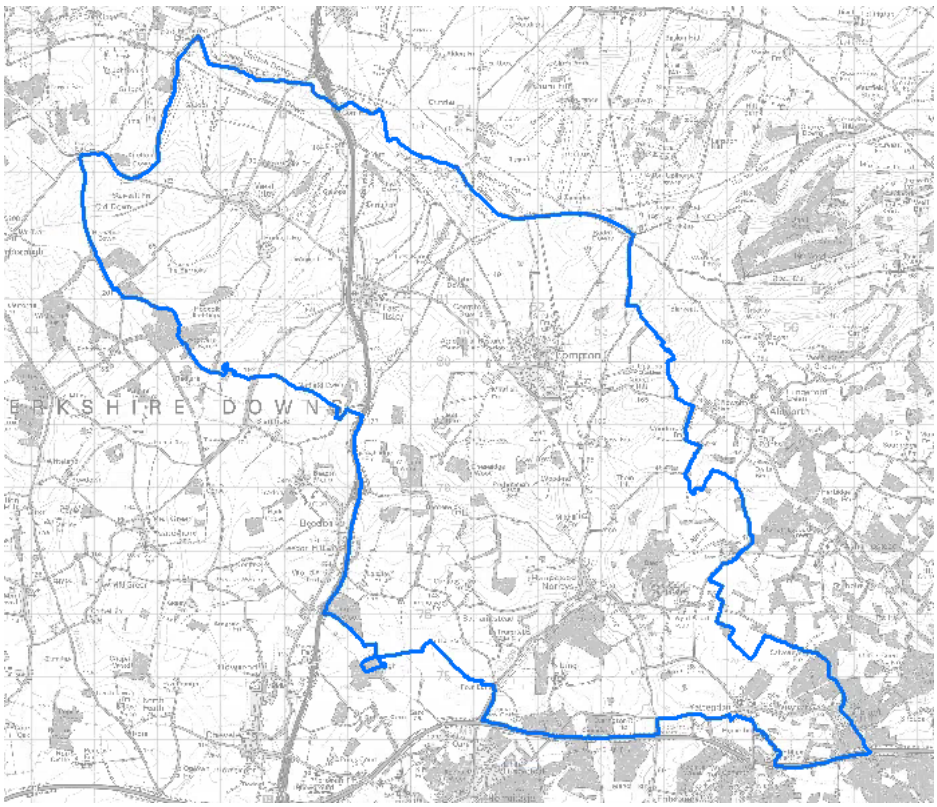
| PS Code | Polling Station | Electorate | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| BA | Basildon | 1536 | |
| SE | Streatley | 901 | |
| AC | Ashampstead | 308 | |
| AB | Aldworth | 259 | |
| | | | 3004 (- 1%) |



*Proposed Basildon Ward*

Proposed New Ridgeway Ward

| PS Code | Polling Station | Electorate | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| WC | West Ilsley | 269 | |
| EB | East Ilsley | 460 | |
| CF | Compton | 1261 | |
| HA | Hampstead Norreys | 636 | |
| YA | Yattendon | 297 | |
| | | | 2923 (4%) |




*Proposed Ridgeway Ward*

Wash Common, Newbury Central and Greenham

3.9 The proposed new wards of Wash Common, Newbury Central and Greenham are not supported. It is recommended that Council asks the LGBC to consider making the following changes to their proposals for Wash Common, Greenham and Newbury Central Wards.

3.10 The LGBCs proposals for a three member Greenham Ward to include the 825 electors in the St John's Road, Newtown Rd, A339 triangle will split established communities. The catchment schools for this area are St John's and St Bart's, whereas for those living east of the A339 the catchment schools are The Willows and Park House. The catchment area boundaries are drawn using distinct groups of communities who look to the same areas for local services. Council feels that it would be wrong for a small number of electors to be moved into a different ward where the majority of residents use services based in a different area. The proposal to redraw the Greenham ward and to create a new Newbury St John's ward is therefore Council's preferred option.

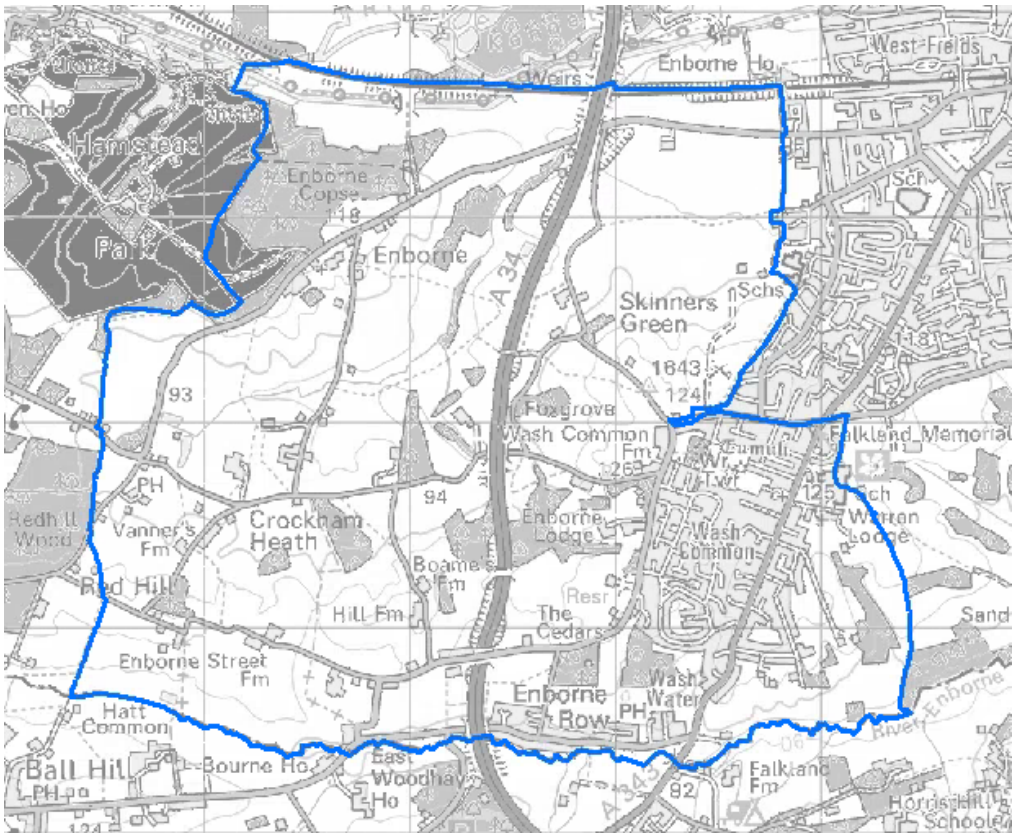
3.11 This area is also an established and historic part of Newbury in which various almshouses, the Newbury bombing memorial and the Commonwealth War Graves are located. It is distinctly part of the old town centre and is different in character to the area to the east, which is in Greenham parish and consists of newer buildings and settlements.

3.12 The East Fields part of Newbury parish is an established community that, being adjacent to the train station and the town centre shops, contains residents identifying themselves as living in the town centre. As such, the Council is

proposing that this area be removed from the Greenham ward and a new ward known as Newbury Eastfields created.

Proposed new Newbury Wash Common Ward

| PS Code | Polling Station | Electorate | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| EC | Enborne | 652 | |
| NB14 | Newbury | 2528 | |
| | | | 3180 (5%) |




*Proposed Newbury Wash Common Ward*

3.13 Area J, with a new northern boundary of Essex Street along with the parish of Enborne, be created as a one member ward and named Newbury Wash Common (3,180 (5%) electorate). This is a distinct area away from Newbury Town. Local people identify as living in Wash Common as a separate entity from Newbury.

Proposed Newbury St Johns Ward

| PS Code | Polling Station | Electorate | Total |
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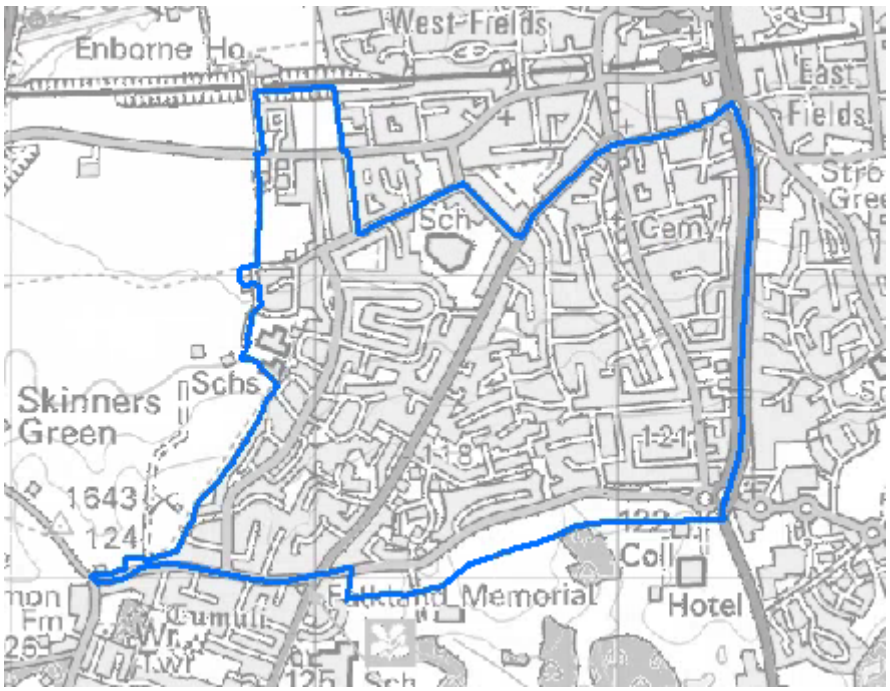
| NB12/13 | Newbury | 6093 | |
| | | | 6093 (0.6%) |




*Proposed Newbury St. Johns Ward*

3.14 A two member ward be created for the area to the left of H, with an eastern boundary of the A339 (currently included in Greenham) and a western boundary of Enborne, using the northern part of area J from Essex Street towards the town centre. This new ward should be named Newbury St Johns. The total electorate for this new ward would be 6093 (-1%)

3.15 This proposal would result in the town centre moving from the proposed Greenham Ward into the new ward of Newbury St/Johns. The A339 will also be used as a boundary to this new ward incorporating other historic features such as Alms Houses and the old cemetery, all associated with Newbury.

3.16 In addition to the above proposals Council is also asked to recommend to the LGBC that the wards of Clay Hill and Speen be renamed Newbury Clay Hill and Newbury Speen. This would provide some consistency with the approach taken in Thatcham and Tilehurst.

Proposed Greenham Ward (revised)

(A)

| PS Code | Polling Station | Electorate | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| GB1/2 | Greenham | 5790 | |
| Part NB4/5 | Newbury | 1571 | |
| Part B12/15 | Newbury | 1780 | |
| | | | 9141 (0.6%) |

(B) Greenham

| PS Code | Polling Station | Electorate | Total |
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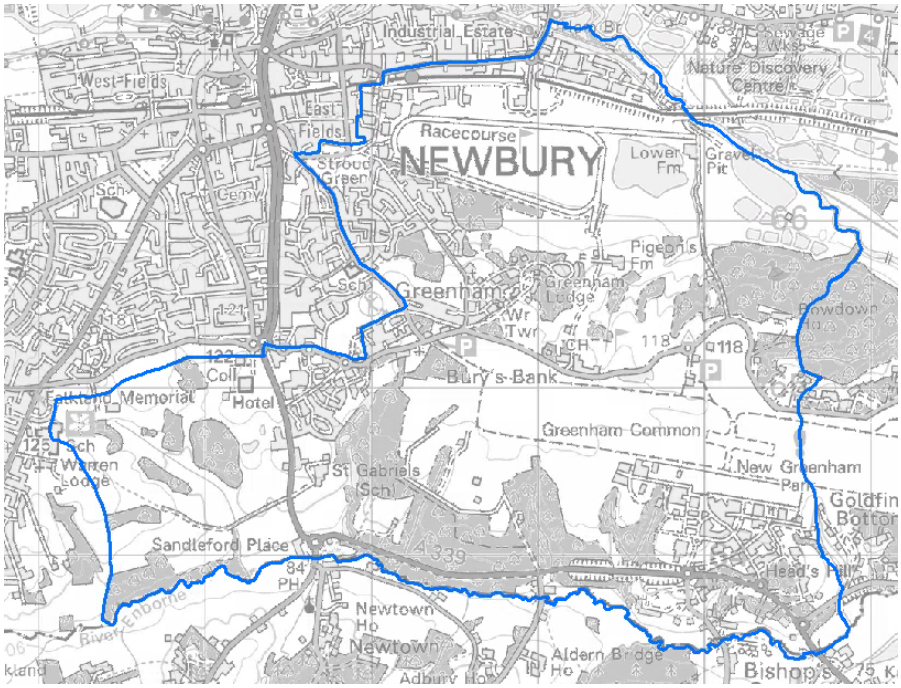
| GB1/2 | Greenham | 5790 | |
| | | | 5790 (-4%) |




*Proposed Greenham Ward*

(C) East Fields

| PS Code | Polling Station | Electorate | Total |
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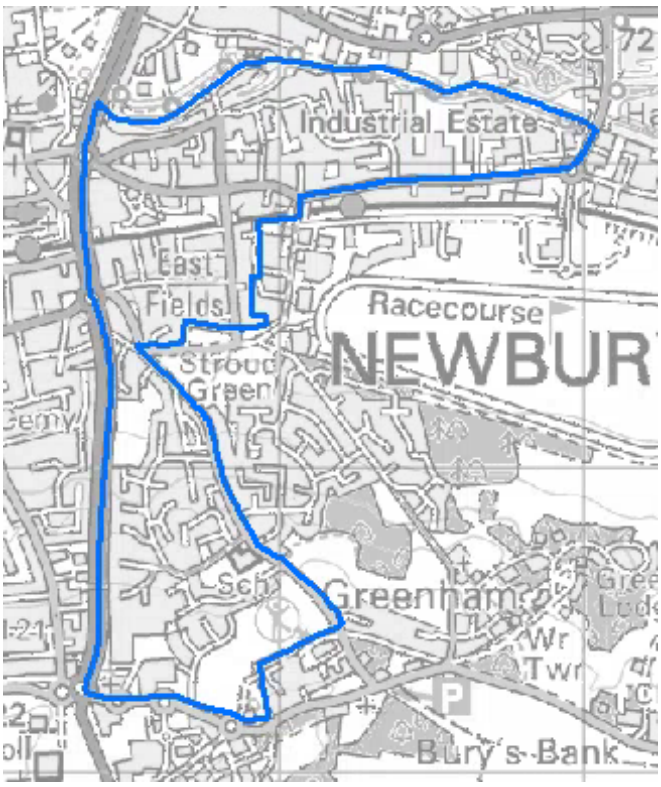
| NB4/5 | Newbury | 1571 | |
| Part NB12/15 | Newbury | 1780 | |
| | | | 3351 (11%) |




*Proposed East Fields Ward*

3.17 There are two proposals for the Greenham Ward. One proposal retains a three member ward (A) and one creates two wards, a two member ward and a one member ward (B) and (C).

3.18 It is recommended that the three member ward be named Newbury South and Greenham. This area would comprise areas E and F. This would provide an electorate of 9147. Area F was previously in Wash Common, but is actually in the Parish of Greenham.

3.19 The second proposal for the Greenham Ward would provide for a smaller two member ward (B) which uses the boundary of Greenham Parish (electorate 5,796 (-5%)). Although the elector variance is -5%, this would provide opportunities for growth should part of the Sandleford development be built out earlier than is expected.

3.20 A smaller one member (C) ward could then be created in the East Fields area which would include part of area H, made up of the Nightingales Estate and the East Fields area of Newbury south of the Kennet & Avon canal. This area would have an electorate of 3,351 (10%). This could be named Newbury East Fields ward.

3.21 With regards to parish warding, we feel that the proportion of councillors assigned to (E) and (F) should be readdressed to recognise the large number of residents in the completed Racecourse development in E, the established housing area of Pyle Hill, and the rural area surrounding the former Greenham Common Airbase.

Thatcham Central and Crookham

Thacham Central

| PS Code | Polling Station | Electorate | Total |
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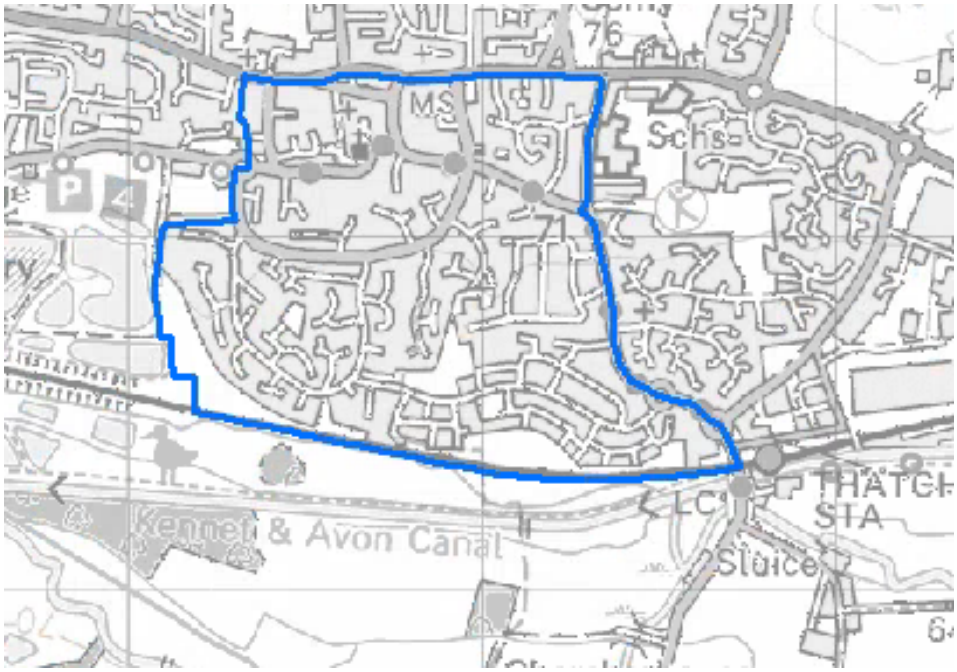
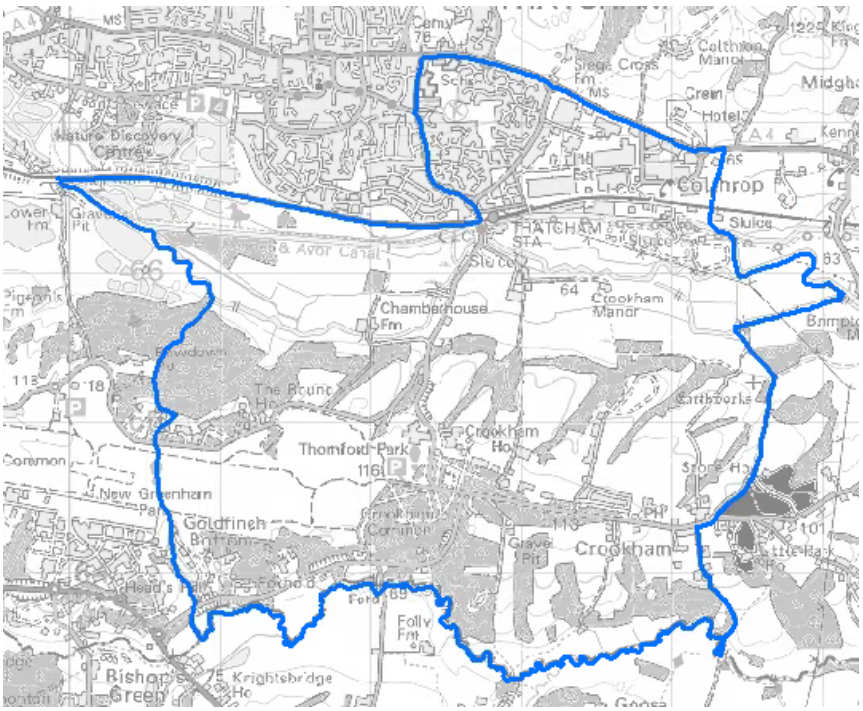
| TH4 (part)/5/12/13 | Thatcham | 5453 | |
| | | | 5453 (-10%) |




*Proposed Thatcham Central Ward*

Thatcham Colthrop and Crookham

| PS Code | Polling Station | Electorate | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| TH10/11 | Thatcham | 2768 | |
| | | | 2768 (-9%) |




*Proposed Thatcham Colthrop and Crookham Ward*

3.22 Council is asked to recommend to the LGBC two options for the Thatcham Central and Crookham Ward. The first proposal and the Council's preferred option is to divide the large three member ward of Thatcham Central and Crookham into a two member ward named Thatcham Central (electorate 5453 (-10%)) and a one member ward named Thatcham Colthrop and Crookham (electorate 2768 (-9%)). The electorate numbers are low but it is understood there is a reduced level of registration of the Kennet Heath estate due to the high number of rental properties.

3.23 The above proposal would provide better representation as the majority of the residents are in the existing town centre. Thatcham Town Council which currently has a large number of members representing a very large ward would also benefit from these proposals.

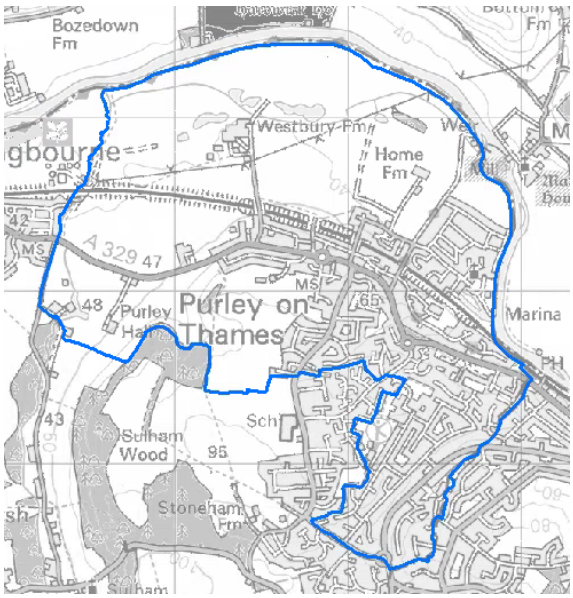
3.24 The second, less favoured option would be to retain the current proposal of one three member ward proposed by the LGBC.

3.25 The number of Thatcham Town Councillors representing Thatcham Central and Colthrop/Crookham should be adjusted from 8 to match the new split ward, should the split be adopted.

Purley and Tilehurst North

Purley

| PS Code | Polling Station | Electorate | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| ZPD | Purley on Thames | 3676 | |
| ZTL2 | Tilehurst | 2234 | |
| | | | 5910 (-2%) |




*Proposed Purley Ward*

Tilehurst North

| PS Code | Polling Station | Electorate | Total |
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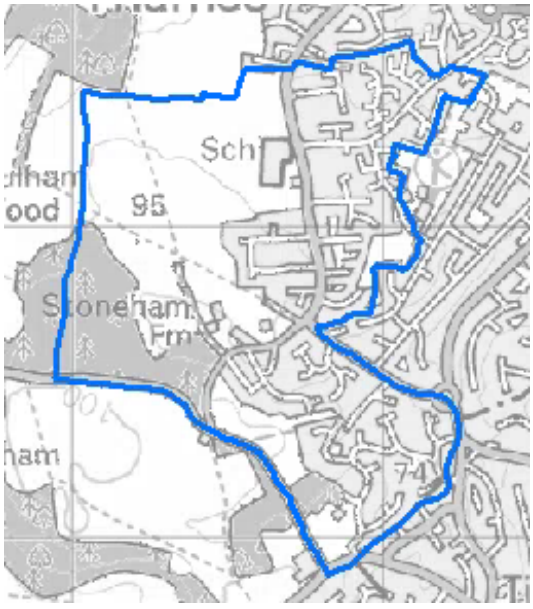
| ZTL3 | Tilehurst | 1466 | |
| ZTL1 | Tilehurst | 1514 | |
| | | | 2980 (-2%) |




*Proposed Tilehurst North Ward*

3.26 Council is asked to recommend to the LGBC that the proposed three member ward for Purley and Tilehurst be amended to one two member ward for Purley (electorate 5910 (+2%) and a one member ward for Tilehurst (electorate 2980 (-2%). This would better reflect the local communities.

3.27 Purley-on-Thames and Tilehurst are separate communities, evidenced by the fact that they are represented by separate parish councils. Purley and the northern part of Tilehurst experience different problems and pressures:

- The lower part of Purley-on Thames is frequently flooded
- The proposed "North Tilehurst" ward has experienced pressures caused by extensive housing development in the last few years. These pressures will be increased by the large housing sites that have been allocated in the area by the Housing Site Allocations DPD.

3.28 Purley is served by shops in Purley village, Knowsley Road and Overdown Road. Inhabitants of northern Tilehurst look to the shopping areas in The Triangle (in Reading) and City Road, in addition to the shopping area in Overdown Road.

3.29 Purley is covered by the catchment areas of Purley Church of England, Long Lane and Westwood Farm primary schools whereas north Tilehurst is in the catchment area of Downsway Primary School.

3.30 In addition to the above proposals, Council is asked to recommend to the LGBC that Florence Gardens stay in Cold Ash as it is at present. This would remove the need for an additional Parish Councillor based on one road.

## 4. Conclusion

4.1 The Boundary Review Steering Group has reviewed a number of the LGBCs proposals warding patterns and has made several counter proposals mainly based on 3 member wards. The Council's counter proposals have focused on electoral equality or community identity. Council is asked to approve these new proposals.

**Background Papers:**

Previous Reports to Full Council.

**Subject to Call-In:**

Yes: ☐ No: X

The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval X

**Wards affected:**

All

**Strategic Aims and Priorities Supported:**

The proposals will help achieve the following Council Strategy aim:

**X MEC – Become an even more effective Council**

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the following Council Strategy priority:

**X MEC1 – Become an even more effective Council**

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