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Dear Ms. Thomas

Request for a Community Governance Review of Lambourn Parish Council

At its meeting held on 6th of August 2025 (item 075-08/25), Lambourn Parish Council resolved to request that West Berkshire Council undertake a Community Governance Review under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

The Parish Council believes that a review is necessary to consider the current number of parish councillors. In recent years, Lambourn Parish Council has faced ongoing challenges in filling all council seats and maintaining full representation.

The Council therefore feels that the existing allocation of fifteen seats may no longer reflect the practical requirements or best interests of the community.

The Parish Council requests that the review specifically examine whether a reduction in the number of seats would provide a more effective and sustainable governance arrangement, while continuing to ensure fair and adequate representation of the local electorate.

We respectfully ask that West Berkshire Council initiate the Community Governance Review at the earliest opportunity and advise the Parish Council on the proposed timetable and process.

Yours sincerely,

G Wyatt-Hawkins

Clerk and RFO Lambourn Parish Council