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Date: 26/09/2011

For the attention of the Review Officer

Buckinghamshire Review  
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Dear Sirs

**Buckinghamshire County Review**

With reference to the review of the number of County Council divisions in Buckinghamshire, Aylesbury Town Council has decided not to comment on the overall proposal.

However the Council is concerned that the outcome of the changes in division boundaries create significant imbalances in terms of representation by councillors at the Parish / Town Council level.

William Morrison was kind enough to send a proposed breakdown of the new wards. However since the Boundary Commission received the electoral figures from AVDC the number of Parish Councillors has been increased by one to 25 which came into force after the local May 2011 elections which increased the number of councillors in Aylesbury Central from 1 to 2. Also, after discussion, the town councillors put forward two changes to the proposal as per the enclosed.

Yours faithfully



Keith Turner  
Town Clerk

				Boundary Proposal		Proposal		
		Register	Check	Cllrs	Voters	Cllrs	Voters	New wards
Bedgrove	AAA	2571						
	AAB	2467						
		5038		2	5038	2	2519	Bedgrove South
	AAC	1971	1971	2	986	1	1971	Bedgrove North
Central	AAD	1882						
	AAE	977	2859	1	2859	2	1430	Aylesbury Central
Elmhurst	AAF	814						
	AAG	2610						
	AAH	1179	4603	3	1534	2	2301	Elmhurst
Gatehouse	AAI	4432	4432	3	1477	3	1477	Gatehouse
Mandeville	AAJ	2343						
	AAK	2536	4879	3	1626	3	1626	Mandeville
Oakfield	AAL	4069	4069	1	3102	2	1551	Oakfield South
	Oakfield North			1	952	1	952	Oakfield North
Oxford Road	AAM	3372	3372	2	1686	2	1686	Oxford Road
Quarrendon	AAN	2529						
	AAO	1416	3945	2	1973	2	1973	Quarrendon
Southcourt	AAQ	2797						
	AAP	1901	4698	2	2349	3	1556	Southcort
Walton Court	AAR	2814	2814	1	1407	1	1407	Walton Court South
				1	1219	1	1219	Walton Court North



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Via Email

17<sup>th</sup> August 2011

Our Ref: 287.5/11

Dear Mr. Morrison,

## **REF: ELECTORAL REVIEW OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Buckingham Town Council discussed your letter date the 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 July at the Town Council meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

Members had no issues to raise regarding the Town Council boundaries, names or number of Councillors.

Members supported the proposed plans for the changes to Buckinghamshire County Council.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. C. P. Wayman  
Town Clerk

**Gregory, Eleanor**

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**From:** Dunkeyson, Nicholas  
**Sent:** 04 August 2011 15:14  
**To:** Morrison, William  
**Subject:** FW: Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire : Draft Recommendations  
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Dear Mr Morrison

**Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire : Draft Recommendations**

Thank you for your letter of 19 July, I was happy to display your poster, and the draft recommendations have now been considered by this parish council.

The Parish Council has no objections to the draft recommendations, which it thought to be a reasonable compromise; however, it was considered dubious that Coleshill residents would feel any affinity with Chalfont St Giles and Seer Green, but would sit more comfortably with Penn and Old Amersham, both geographically and in character.

Yours sincerely

Michael Mac Mahon  
Clerk to Chalfont St Giles Parish Council



# CHALFONT St. PETER PARISH COUNCIL

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24 October 2011

Dear Sir

## **Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Buckinghamshire County Council**

On behalf of Chalfont St Peter Parish Council, I would like to express our approval to the proposed new arrangements to changes in the number of County Councillors serving across the two Wards of Chalfont St Peter and Chalfont Common from 3 to 1.

We look forward to hearing the final outcome of the consultation process.

Yours truly,

  
Teri McAvoy  
Clerk to the Parish Council

# CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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Our Ref: 1011/Council/Consultations

7th October 2011

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Dear Sirs,

I am writing in response to the recent consultation regarding recommendations for the electoral review of Buckinghamshire.

The members of Chepping Wycombe Parish Council have considered the draft recommendations and would like to make the following comments.

The recommendations allow for a reduction in the number of County Councillors and the Parish Council has no objection to these changes in numbers.

It is noted that the intention would be to have two County Councillors covering the Chepping Wycombe Parish area. One would cover the villages of Tylers Green and Loudwater and one would cover the Flackwell Heath area, along with Little Marlow Parish Council area and a part of Marlow Town Council area. This appears to be a rather incongruous 'linking' and members are concerned that our parishioners, who have more connection to Loudwater and Wooburn & Bourne End, are now 'hived off' with parishioners from Marlow.

From Chepping Wycombe Parish Council's point of view, it would be preferable if the County division could be kept co-terminus with the Parish boundary, but, if this is not possible due to numbers, perhaps the linking areas could be re-considered. Either accept that Flackwell Heath & Little Marlow would be smaller than normal or link them with Wooburn & Bourne End in some way.

I trust the above is self explanatory, but if you have any queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L M Turner MILCM  
Clerk of the Council

# Chesham Town Council



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Town Clerk

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Our ref: B. 1  
29.9.2011

Dear Mr Morrison

## **ELECTORAL REVIEW OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

My Council considered the LGBCE's recommendations for the electoral review of Buckinghamshire County Council at its Council Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> September.

My Council was somewhat disappointed that the Commission appeared to have disregarded the suggestions made in my letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> March and merely observed that '*Chesham Town Council said that the town should be represented by 'a minimum of three county councillors', due to its population*' in your draft recommendations.

As you are now seeking comments on the draft recommendations, my Council would like to make the following observations as to why we do not believe the creation of the divisions you propose would be successful:

- We believe the Commission has under-estimated the real sense of community within Chesham and its urban nature in comparison to the very different rural parishes that surround it. As mentioned previously, Buckinghamshire County Council has already set up a 'Local Area Forum' which includes Chesham town and the surrounding villages to make delegated decisions on transportation and other matters. There has been a high degree of tension between the town representatives and the parish representatives due to the very different priorities between the urban and rural communities which, in turn, has led to a virtual impasse on voting procedures.
- The differences between the communities can also be evidenced in the electoral contests. At the last town and parish council elections in May, Chesham Town Council had 51 candidates contesting 19 seats whereas all the surrounding parish elections were uncontested.



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- It should also be noted that the District Council wards in Chesham are entirely based on the town's boundaries and do not have this urban/rural split.
- We believe your apparent emphasis of perceived 'good access' over 'community' is flawed and we are not convinced that a division based on the parishes of Chesham, Latimer, Chenies and a part of Little Chalfont parish does, in any case, have good access. An obvious example is Latimer Road, leading into Chesham, which is often congested and subject to a controversial one-way system. As for Little Chalfont, its parish council was formed from parts of Amersham Town and Chalfont St Giles only in 2007, so it seems strange that part of it would now be considered 'aligned' with Chesham in some way.
- We also question why Ashley Green would be included in a 'Chesham' ward simply because the A416 goes through it. By the same token, we entirely fail to see the logic behind your proposed 'Chiltern Ridges' division and the connection between parts of the Missendens and Chesham, either in respect of transport or community. Where, for instance, is the 'good access' from Little Missenden to Chesham? We would contend that the issue of transport and access is quite clearly significantly less important than it was even 20 years ago with the rise of the internet and other sophisticated communication links. Moreover we are inclined to think that these suppositions of 'good access' have been devised by simply observing road maps rather than based on local knowledge.

In conclusion, Chesham Town Council believes very strongly that the town is very much one urban community with a strong identity. The town can be divided up in a number of ways in respect to Buckinghamshire County Council divisions to keep this identity, but we do not feel its residents (nor residents of surrounding parishes) would be best served by the mix of urban and rural divisions proposed by the LGBCE.

Do feel free to contact me if you require any clarification on the above.

Yours sincerely



Bill Richards  
Chesham Town Clerk

**Morrison, William**

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**From:** Dunkeyson, Nicholas  
**Sent:** 12 October 2011 09:07  
**To:** Morrison, William  
**Subject:** FW: Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire  
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**From:** Denham Parish Council [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 October 2011 17:46  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire

To: Mr William Morrison, Review Officer (Buckinghamshire), Local Government Boundary Commission

Dear Mr Morrison

Thank you for your letter of 19 July 2011. The Parish Council considers that the draft recommendations are unsatisfactory as the new divisions are not based on identifiable communities. There are too many artificial small wards such as Denham South West, Gerrards Cross East, Iver West and Farnham Village. We reiterate the Parish Council's previous view and urge the Boundary Commission to start afresh by forming new parish and district wards based on the real natural communities rather than artificial ones, and then building county divisions based on these.

Yours sincerely

Paul Graham  
Clerk, Denham Parish Council

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**Gregory, Eleanor**

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**From:** Dunkeyson, Nicholas  
**Sent:** 20 September 2011 14:23  
**To:** Morrison, William  
**Subject:** FW: Dorney Parish Council  
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**From:** Clerk [mailto:dorneycouncil@co-net.com]  
**Sent:** 20 September 2011 13:38  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Dorney Parish Council

**Ref: "Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire: Draft Recommendations"**

Dorney Parish Council has no objections to the Electoral Review which affects the parish of Dorney in the Dorney and South Burnham Ward.

Regards

Sue Moffat (Clerk, Dorney Parish Council) 

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## Farnham Royal Civil Parish's response to BCC E D boundary changes draft proposals

### Background

The Farnham Royal Civil Parish, consist if the Villages of Farnham Royal and Farnham Common, tertiary and secondary settlement respectively coalesced into an entity straddling the A355 known locally as the Farnhams. Outside of the built up area the rest of the Farnhams is part of the Metropolitan Green Belt.

We would like the whole of the Farnhams to be part of one County Electoral Division served by one Councillor. We accept that we are too small to be an Electoral Division in our own right, so we need to be joined with another village.

We wish that the following two options are considered.

### Option 1

The village of Stoke Poges is our preferred choice. It too is a secondary settlement the nearest one to us, it also has a built up area around a main road and the rest is within the Green Belt. Its needs and aspirations are similar to ours.

We have looked at what the knock on effects would be, based in the data you supplied. Please see the work sheet "FRPC Option 1" in the accompanying spreadsheet.

The positives

1. The Farnhams (Farnham Royal C P) is all part of the same Electoral Division.
2. The Whole of Gerrards Cross C P is in the same Electoral Division.
3. The Whole of Iver C P is in the same Electoral Division.
4. The Whole of Burnham Church Ward is in the same Electoral Division.

The Disadvantage,

Both Burnham Beeches and Clivedon Electoral Divisions would be 20% or more below the ideal electorate. The mitigating factors are,

- A. As Burnham is a Primary settlement in effect a town spit out of necessity between Burnham Beeches and Clivedon Electoral Divisions the population will probably rise faster than elsewhere.
- B. The proposed Beaconsfield Parliamentary Constituency covers the whole of South Bucks District and some of the southeast portion of Wycombe District. Is it not possible in the future that the South Bucks District will be realigned to that of the parliamentary constituency? Thus allowing more flexibility with Electoral Divisions to the west of the district.

### Option 2

Although that we feel that we have little in common with the primary settlement of Burnham which contains the larger amount of the electorate of the proposed Burnham Beeches ED, The desire to keep The Farnhams (Farnham Royal C P) within one Electoral division is paramount.

Based in the data you supplied. Please see the work sheet “FRPC Option 2” in the accompanying spreadsheet.

The positive;

The Farnhams (Farnham Royal C P) are all part of the same Electoral Division.

The disadvantage;

Stoke Poges and Wexham E D would be 17% below the ideal electorate.

**Morrison, William**

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**From:** Clerk [clerkfrpc1@btconnect.com]  
**Sent:** 25 July 2011 12:23  
**To:** Morrison, William  
**Subject:** Farnham Royal parish  
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Dear Mr Morrison

Following our conversation last week I can advise you that Farnham Royal Parish council is strongly opposed to the recommendations made and wish to clarify what it would like to see happen to the boundaries. We feel that our previous correspondence has been misunderstood and we trust that redefinition of the recommended boundaries is a real option that we can still explore.

Representatives from our parish council would very much like to meet with you to clarify what our wishes are in this respect. Our primary objective is to bring all of our parish (ie Farnham Royal village and Farnham Common village) into one electoral division. We appreciate that we may have to be linked with another parish **but** being linked with Burnham – a primary settlement- is less satisfactory than being linked with Stoke Poges. We would be willing to attend your offices and explain ourselves by reference to the maps available and to discuss what possible options are available to us.

Kind regards

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**Morrison, William**

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**From:** Clerk [clerkfrpc1@btconnect.com]  
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**To:** Morrison, William  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; 'Bill Youel'  
**Subject:** RE: Farnham Royal parish  
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Dear Mr Morrison

Thank you for your offer to discuss matters over the phone. I will take further instructions and get back to you as our Vice Chairman had previously been keen to explore all the options with you. I expect we will now wait until we have a copy of the maps before getting back to you.

I would just like to completely clarify one point arising out of my letter to you in January. Farnham Common Village and Farnham Royal Village were stated as having no affinity with Stoke Poges and Burnham respectively because those are the places they are currently linked with. The point wasn't that we wanted them swapped around. The point was that there was no sense linking either village with either external entity.

If you now say it is completely impossible to bring the villages together in one electoral division then it is better for the situation **to stay as it is** with regards to the electoral divisions. This is because there are stronger links with Stoke Poges than Burnham as Stoke Poges is a similarly sized secondary settlement with similar issues. As the majority of the population lives in Farnham Common then we would prefer to continue with links in Farnham Common -the most populous area- to Stoke Poges.

The partition of the villages into separate electoral divisions is of course bitterly disappointing and means that we must continue to have the ludicrous situation of dividing our parish into separate wards.

Kind regards

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**From:** Morrison, William [mailto:William.Morrison@lgbce.org.uk]  
**Sent:** 29 July 2011 13:19  
**To:** clerkfrpc1@btconnect.com  
**Subject:** Re: Farnham Royal parish

Dear Mrs Holder

Thank you for your email.

During the formulation of the draft recommendations, the Commission considered all the representations we received during our consultation process. In the case of Farnham Royal Parish Council, we explored the possibility of including the parish in a single electoral division, as you suggested in your submission and in the telephone

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conversation we had earlier this year. We considered that it was not possible to put the parish in a single division due to the level of electoral equality achieved under this proposal, and so looked to address the other issues you raised in the submission. We noted that the submission mentioned that Farnham Common village has no affinity with Stoke Poges, and that Farnham Royal village has no affinity with Burnham. Thus, we aimed to put forward a pattern of divisions which reflected this. I can appreciate that you are not content with our recommendations but I hope you will appreciate that our proposals have to satisfy our statutory criteria of electoral equality, community identity and effective and convenient local government.

It is important to stress that the Commission has not made a final decision on the division arrangements for Buckinghamshire County. In light of the evidence received during the consultation on our draft recommendations our proposals could change. Submissions coming forward should be evidenced based and explain why a different pattern of division proposals better reflects our statutory criteria.

The Commission is influenced by compelling, written and illustrative evidence, and as such it would not be necessary for a face to face meeting. However, I am happy to discuss with the draft recommendations with you over the phone. I also note the letter you sent, which I received this morning, and I can assure you that this will be taken in to account when we formulate our final recommendations. Additionally, I am expecting to receive the hard copies of the maps soon, and I will post them to you as soon as I get them.

Kind regards,

William Morrison

Review Officer

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**From:** Clerk [mailto:clerkfrpc1@btconnect.com]

**Sent:** 25 July 2011 12:23

**To:** Morrison, William

**Subject:** Farnham Royal parish

Dear Mr Morrison

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Kind regards

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**Morrison, William**

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**From:** Peter Cathcart [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 August 2011 15:24  
**To:** Morrison, William  
**Cc:** 'Clerk'; 'Bill Youel'  
**Subject:** Farnham Royal Parish Council, Bucks  
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Dear Mr Morrison,

I refer to your email of 29<sup>th</sup> July to our Clerk, Mrs Holder.

Not for the first time, I am sorry to see that you fundamentally misunderstand the objections we have to electoral reform insofar as it affects Farnham Royal Parish. The issue is quite simple and I would like you please to answer this question properly. I have asked many times over the years and no-one from your organisation has ever answered it.

Until something like 15 or so years ago, Farnham Royal was one Parish with 11 Parish Councillors. At that time, the whole of the Parish came within one division for the County. When your organisation started to change round the electoral divisions for the County and District, you started to divide up our Parish. We now have the utterly ridiculous situation where we have one ward with one Councillor and two other wards with very differing numbers. The point we have made from the outset is the Parish operates far more successfully as one unit with 11 Councillors being elected for the unit itself. What I want you to tell me is **what is your statutory authority for deciding that a Parish has to be cut into pieces simply because the County Council changes divide up our Parish**. I can see no statutory authority for this proposition and no-one from your organisation has ever provided it.

We are dealing with two issues. What you do to County and District is one thing. We have our views and it is easy to express them. What you do in relation to our Parish, however, is a fundamentally different question and one which should have no bearing whatsoever on what happens to either County or District seats which happen to cross into our Parish. Why should we have the farcical situation that can so easily arise with the present system where we have an election at vast public expense in one part of the Parish and vacancies in another part. A complete waste of money. We have only avoided this so far by having to artificially divide the seats between councillors willing to stand. That is unfair and undemocratic but results from the absurd electoral divisions recently imposed on us.

Can I please ask you to address my main issue.

Kind regards

Peter Cathcart  
**Chairman**  
**Farnham Royal Parish Council**

**Morrison, William**

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**From:** Clerk [clerkfrpc1@btconnect.com]  
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**To:** Morrison, William  
**Subject:** RE: Electorate figures  
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Dear Mr Morrison

We have spent a great deal of time trying to make a case for the Farnhams to stay together and we enclose supporting paperwork which we trust you will give due consideration to.

Kind regards

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**Sent:** 07 September 2011 12:06  
**To:** 'Clerk'  
**Subject:** Electorate figures

Dear Mrs Holder,

Following on from our conversation earlier, please find attached a spreadsheet containing the electorate figures for South Bucks district. As you'll see, there are two sets of figures – the 2010 set refers to the latest available figures for when we started the review, and the 2017 set is the projected electorate figures which Buckinghamshire County Council sent to us. We base our recommendations on the projected figures, because we are aiming to put forward a set of recommendations which allow for future development, rather than basing them on past figures.

As you'll see in the spreadsheet, I have included the electorates and electoral variances for the proposed divisions in South Bucks.

The 'ideal' electorate for a division is 8,113 – which is the total number of electors in the county divided by the number of councillors proposed (49). Normally we accept variances from this figure of up to 10% in either direction. So any figure between 7302 and 8924 would suit this, although it should be noted that electoral equality is not the sole deciding factor in the Commission's decision-making process.

Hopefully these figures are helpful to you, and if you have any further questions or the numbers aren't clear, then please do let me know.

Regards,

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**From:** Clerk [mailto:clerk@iverparishcouncil.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 20 September 2011 13:51  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Iver Parish Council

**Ref:-** 'Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire: Draft Recommendations'

The response to this consultation from Iver Parish Council is as follows:-

'Iver Parish Council objects to Iver West Ward joining Wexham and Stoke Poges and would strongly recommend that Iver West joins Iver Heath, Iver and Richings Park so that the whole of the parish of Iver is contained within one electoral boundary' .

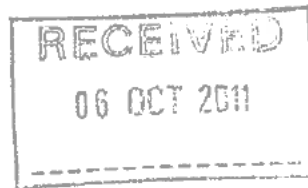
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Sue Moffat (Clerk to the Parish Council) 

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Dear Mr Morrison

**Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire: Draft Recommendations  
Representations by Little Chalfont Parish Council**

Thank you for your 18 August letter enclosing the draft recommendations for Buckinghamshire and the map outlining the division arrangements for this Parish.

The recommendations were discussed in great detail at the Parish Council's 14 September meeting and the Council has asked me to respond on its behalf as follows:

First, the Council is deeply concerned with the recommendation that Little Chalfont be split between two Divisions (Chess Valley, and, Little Chalfont and Amersham Common Division). The hiving off of much of the east side of Little Chalfont Ward into the Chess Valley Division is clearly for numerical convenience or "electoral equality" but is at odds with the objective of reflecting communities (para 4 page 3 of the draft recommendations refers). The Council would wish all of Little Chalfont to be in the same Division.

Secondly, the proposed allocation of roads between Divisions as shown on the map would create a number of practical problems. For example, Elizabeth Avenue is split down the middle of the road between the two proposed Divisions. This will clearly cause confusion in the future when communicating with residents and undertaking, for example, community and transportation projects. Even the Westwood Park site is split between the two Divisions.

Finally, the recommendations propose that the part of Little Chalfont that would be absorbed into the Chess Valley Division is to become a third and separate ward called Little Chalfont North East. One Parish Councillor would be reallocated from Little Chalfont Ward. This would lead to electoral

inequality between wards. Specifically, Little Chalfont South would have two councillors for around 440 dwellings whilst Little Chalfont North East would have one councillor for slightly more dwellings. Should these proposals be forced upon them, it is the Council's view and that an additional Parish Councillor would be needed for Little Chalfont North East giving a total of 9 Councillors for the Parish as a whole.

The Council looks forward to hearing the outcome of the consultation and hopes its views can be accommodated. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the above.

Yours sincerely

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Janet Mason.

Janet Mason  
Parish Clerk

**ELECTORAL REVIEW OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS – CONSULTATION  
RESPONSE FROM MARLOW TOWN COUNCIL**

**CHANGES TO BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL WARD BOUNDARIES**

The Town Council supports in principle the proposed changes to the Marlow Ward of Buckinghamshire County Council as set out in the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

However, the Town Council would ask the Commission to make an alteration and include all voters living on the west of Glade Road, between Little Marlow Road and Claremont Road, within the proposed Marlow Town South ward and the Marlow electoral division for County Council purposes.

Stuart Carter  
Town Clerk

Submitted on behalf of Marlow Town Council on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011

## Gregory, Eleanor

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**From:** M S HEDGES [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 September 2011 08:56  
**To:** Morrison, William  
**Subject:** Re: Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire

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Dear Mr Morrison,

Nash Parish Council has considered the draft recommendations and is content with the proposals as they affect Nash.

Margaret Hedges  
Clerk, Nash Parish Council

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**From:** [Dunkeyson, Nicholas](#)  
**To:** [Morrison, William](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire  
**Date:** 11 October 2011 15:08:41

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**From:** Kirsty Pope [mailto:kirsty@princesrisborough.com]  
**Sent:** 11 October 2011 13:31  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** FW: Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire

Princes Risborough Town Council have reviewed the above document and agree with the review.

**Kind Regards,**

**Kirsty Pope**  
**Deputy Clerk to Princes Risborough Town Council**

**T: 01844 275912 - E: [kirsty@princesrisborough.com](mailto:kirsty@princesrisborough.com)**

## Gregory, Eleanor

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**From:** Dunkeyson, Nicholas  
**Sent:** 20 September 2011 14:24  
**To:** Morrison, William  
**Subject:** FW: Electoral review of Buckinghamshire Draft Recomendations

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From: paul walter [mailto:smparishcouncil@btconnect.com]  
Sent: 20 September 2011 13:36  
To: Reviews@  
Subject: Electoral review of Buckinghamshire Draft Recomendations

Stoke Mandeville Parish Council

Following a Parish Council meeting on the 13th September 2011 where the Council fully debated the proposals set out in your draft recommendations documents I can report that Stoke mandeville Parish Council have no objections to any of the proposals as set out.

If you need any more information please let me know, regards Paul Walter Clerk to the Council

Tel: 01296 613888  
smparishcouncil@btconnect.com

## Gregory, Eleanor

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**From:** Dunkeyson, Nicholas  
**Sent:** 16 September 2011 13:03  
**To:** Morrison, William  
**Subject:** FW: Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire  
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**From:** John Capel [mailto:clerk@stokenchurch.org.uk]  
**Sent:** 16 September 2011 11:55  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire

Dear Mr Morrison,

Thank you for your letter and enclosures of 18<sup>th</sup> August. Members of Stokenchurch Parish Council considered the draft recommendations of the Boundary Commission at their last meeting and were entirely in favour of the new electoral arrangements for Bucks County Council.

Yours sincerely,

John Capell – Parish Clerk

**Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell Parish Council**  
**clerk@sbhpc.org.uk**

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Dear Sir

**Response to Draft Recommendations of the Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire**

*Throughout these representations "Stone" should be understood to cover the whole area of the parish i.e. Hartwell, Stone and Bishopstone*

The Parish Council has examined the draft recommendations circulated by the Local Government Boundary Commission and has several strong objections to the proposal for the area of Aylesbury Vale.

At its meeting on October 2nd 2011 the Council agreed unanimously to reject the proposed Stone-Waddesdon division.

Currently this parish is joined with others west of Aylesbury to form a County Council seat named Haddenham, and this has been the situation for a considerable number of years. The changes proposed in the new draft would remove Stone from this division and place it in a new division "Stone-Waddesdon".

1. However it seems to have escaped the notice of the boundary Commission that though Stone and Waddesdon parishes are contiguous the River Thames separates them. There is no public road over the river which would allow direct access and therefore to go from Stone village to Waddesdon village requires a car journey of ten miles through Aylesbury. There is no public transport provision between the two villages and journeys would have to involve a change of buses in Aylesbury, taking considerable amounts of time for non car users. Therefore face to face contact with their county councillor will be very restricted for some electors

2. Because of this physical divide there is no communication or common interest at present between Stone and Waddesdon. These do exist with the villages west of Aylesbury, including library services, medical provision, schools, provision for the elderly and through bus and railway communications.

3. The area currently covered by the Haddenham County Council seat has a strong tradition of Independents in local government elections. Whilst the main political parties might cope with the difficulties created by the distance between Stone and Waddesdon it would be an unreasonable obstacle for any independent candidate and therefore the proposed new division creates unfair political bias.

4. At District Council level Stone is currently part of an exceptionally large three member ward named Haddenham. The proposed revision of the county division would create a situation in which the Stone area is linked ecclesiastically with Dinton, at District Council level with the villages to the west but at County Council level with villages to the north. This could only create considerable confusion for the inhabitants of this parish.

5. The operational arrangement of the Thames Valley police is that the area of Stone is linked with the villages to the west including Haddenham and Long Crendon. This works well, with shared crime and traffic officers and PCSOs patrolling Stone Dinton and Haddenham, but would have to be changed if the current county and district electoral areas were changed. However the barrier of the river Thame would create serious difficulties for Stone and Waddesdon sharing such police services.

6. Whilst the Parish Council can see the financial advantages in reducing the County Council from fifty seven members to forty nine it has serious reservations about the wisdom of such a reduction. Already our county councillor struggles to be available to approximately 7,500 constituents and keep contacts with the Parish Councils. To reduce the number of councillors can only increase the "workload" of councillors and make it more likely that only full time politicians will become councillors. This Parish Council considers this a seriously retrograde step, placing greater distance between electors and their representatives.

**For these reasons this Parish Council feels it must object very strongly to the proposed changes to County Council Divisions.**

Yours faithfully

George Lamb  
Chairman

**Gregory, Eleanor**

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**From:** Dunkeyson, Nicholas  
**Sent:** 10 October 2011 08:42  
**To:** Morrison, William  
**Subject:** FW: Cliveden Electoral Area  
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**From:** ENSEMBLE TREVALLION [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 October 2011 17:01  
**To:** Reviews@  
**Subject:** Cliveden Electoral Area

There appears to be a problem with your consultation form online in that when I clicked on submission nothing happened. I am therefore submitting the comments from Taplow Parish Council by e-mail. I would also point out that the automatic link is not working.

Submission as from Cllr Mary Trevallion Chairman Taplow Parish Council The Village Centre High Street Taplow Bucks SL6 0EX. e-mail [taplow.pc@googlemail.com](mailto:taplow.pc@googlemail.com)

Submission reads :

"Taplow Parish Council is deeply opposed to the proposed Cliveden Electoral area on a number of grounds ;

1. The population forecasts are flawed and represent a significant under estimate of the likely increase, in Taplow Parish alone the error is between 50 and 100% depending on the outcome of the Mill Lane Planning Application.
2. The inclusion of Church Ward South brings with it a significant number of issues that are likely to reduce dramatically the time available to the County Councillor to deal with problems in the small parishes of Taplow and Dorney. There will be a Burnham bias in dealing with issues and in the distribution of the funds controlled by the County Councillor.
3. By allowing population numbers of residents to dominate as the deciding factor the issues and problems that accompany the 300,000 plus visitors to Taplow and Dorney which contain the tourist attractions of the Cliveden Historic Park and garden, the Odds Farm Rare Breeds Centre, the River Thames, the Brunel Bridge, the A4 Boot Sale and Dorney Rowing Lake that it is host the Olympics next year as well as a number international events over the coming years.
4. Taplow Parish Council believe the Cliveden Electoral Ward should have the same boundaries as the Taplow, Dorney and Lent Rise electoral area. The use of accurate population estimates would bring the electorate estimates to within the accepted level of variance. "

Yours sincerely

Cllr Mary Trevallion



## THORNBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

The Review Officer (Buckinghamshire),  
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**Maggie Beach**  
**Clerk to the Parish Council**



17<sup>th</sup> August 2011

### **Re: Consultation on Proposed changes to County Council electoral boundaries**

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to the proposed changes by the Local Government Boundary Commission to County Council electoral boundaries with reference to the changes that would affect the parish of Thornborough, North Buckinghamshire.

The proposals were discussed at our last council meeting and Councillors agreed the following points should be registered as our reasons for opposing the proposal to move Thornborough Parish into the Winslow Ward, but support the move of Thornborough Parish into the Buckingham North Ward.

Thornborough Parish residents see themselves as connected to Buckingham, not Winslow. Councillors believe that this is the view of the majority of the electorate in the parish of Thornborough. All Councillors agreed they would prefer us to be part of Buckingham North Ward for the following reasons:

- Thornborough residents tend to use Buckingham rather than Winslow,
- We are 3 miles from Buckingham but 5 miles from Winslow,
- We have the same telephone code as Buckingham but a different one to Winslow,
- We have strong links to Buckingham and a boundary with the Buckingham Town Council area,
- Our children go to Buckingham schools,
- Residents attend Buckingham Doctor's and Dentist's surgeries,
- We are on the same river with similar flooding issues,
- We have strong historical links with Buckingham,
- We are connected directly to Buckingham by the A421 but links to Winslow are across country on minor roads

We trust that you will take these comments into account when decisions about boundaries are made,

Yours sincerely,

Maggie Beach  
Clerk to Thornborough Parish Council  
On behalf of Thornborough Parish Council.

# WESTCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

*Clerk: A.T.A.Lambourne*

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23rd September 2011

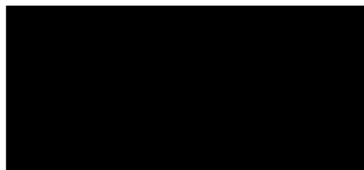
Dear Sir/Madam,



Thank you for your letter of 19th July 2011 announcing your recommendations for electoral arrangements in Bucks.

Westcott Parish Council is pleased to see that you have taken into account its wishes to be part of the ward including Waddesdon and therefore concurs and supports your recommendations.

Yours faithfully



A.T.A.Lambourne  
Clerk to the Council

**Gregory, Eleanor**

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**From:** Winslow Town Council [winslowtc@gmail.com] on behalf of Winslow Town Clerk [clerk@winslowtowncouncil.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 08 September 2011 11:50  
**To:** Morrison, William  
**Subject:** Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire  
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Further to your letter of 19th July, my Members have considered your draft recommendations and would comment as follows:

Paragraph 55 on page 10 of the report....

- a) This implies that Nash is currently outside of the Winslow Division - it is in fact already contained within Winslow Division and should remain so.
- b) The proposal to include Granborough in the Winslow Division is welcomed
- c) The proposal to include Thornborough in the Winslow Division is illogical. There are very few connections between Winslow and Thornborough, it is much more connected to Buckingham, and the Buckingham North Division is less populous than the Winslow Division. It would therefore seem more appropriate to leave Thornborough in the Buckingham North Division and thereby potentially avoid the Winslow Division becoming over populated by 2017.

I trust these comments will be taken on board in the finalisation of plans.

Yours sincerely

Bridget Bradford, Clerk to Winslow Town Council.