



WINCHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Response by Winchfield Parish Council to the LGBCE draft recommendations for new ward boundaries at Hart District Council

Winchfield Parish Council considered the draft recommendations at its meeting on September 19, 2011.

Members unanimously endorsed the proposal that Winchfield Parish Council should be part of the Hartley Wintney ward. The proposal is totally in line with this parish council's earlier submission to the LGBCE.

Councillors were grateful that the Commission had taken notice of our comments and after making its own further investigations had supported our views.

Winchfield Parish Council believes that being part of the Hartley Wintney ward is in the best interests of the residents of our parish and will allow us to be well represented on Hart District Council. We have no concerns about the geographic size of the ward.

However, we were informed by our current Hart representatives that a new name for the Hartley Wintney ward would be proposed by Hart. We have now seen Hart's suggestion of 'Northern Hart'.

We oppose this. There has never been any difficulty for residents in understanding that for electoral purposes, Winchfield parish falls within the Hartley Wintney, (or as now Odiham), ward of Hart.

Winchfield parish is in the centre of Hart. It is not 'Northern': this is a nebulous name that is more likely to create confusion, we believe.

Winchfield Parish Council looks forward to being part of the new Hartley Wintney ward.

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