Further Electoral Review of Oxfordshire County Council Stage Three

Oxfordshire County Council's Response to the Local Government Boundary Commission on the Draft Recommendations

Main points of Council's Response

- No objections to the proposed division boundaries as set out in the Draft Recommendations, subject to various comments/observations
- Alternatives names for the proposed divisions of Bloxham & Easington, Kirtlington, North Hinksey and Kingston & Cumnor
- Changes to the parish warding proposals for Risinghurst & Sandhills (allocation of parish councillors) and Cumnor (new parish ward)

The Council's comments/observations and proposed changes are set out below by District Area.

Cherwell District

Division names
The Council proposes two changes:

Division no	Draft Recommendations Proposal	Council's proposed change
8	Bloxham & Easington	Banbury Easington & Bloxham
11	Kirtlington	Kirtlington & Kidlington North

The reason for the name changes:

- Division 8 - Banbury forms a large part of the division as well as the parishes of Bloxham and Milcombe. As Easington is a historically-named area of the Parish of Banbury and not a separate parish, the division name needs to be Banbury Easington to reflect this.
- Division 11 – The northern part of Kidlington forms a large part of the division as well as Kirtlington and the surrounding parishes and it is considered that this should be reflected in the name.

The Council is aware that there will be proposals being submitted for the Kidlington Divisions from the local Labour Party and the local Liberal Democrat Party.

Oxford City

Parish warding – Risinghurst & Sandhills
The Council proposes a change to the allocation of parish councillors between the Risinghurst North and Risinghurst South parish wards:

Proposed Parish Ward	Draft Recommendations Proposals	Council's proposed change
Risinghurst North	6 cllrs	10 cllrs
Risinghurst South	6 cllrs	2 cllrs
Sandhills	5 cllrs	5 cllrs
Wood Farm	3 cllrs	3 cllrs

The reason for the proposed allocation:
This is to reflect the number of electors in each of the parish wards as shown below. There are not many electors in Risinghurst South ward, around 230 electors by 2016 as most of the housing is around Old Road in the south of the parish ward.

Parish Ward	Council's proposal	2010 Electorate	2016 Electorate
Risinghurst North	10 cllrs	1827	2037
Risinghurst South	2 cllrs	165	231
Sandhills	5 cllrs	731	748
Wood Farm	3 cllrs	379	442

South Oxfordshire District

The Council notes that:

- Under South Oxfordshire's latest Core Strategy it is identified that Chalgrove and Watlington would each have 100 new homes. This will have a future effect on the electoral variance for the proposed Chalgrove & Watlington Division (Division 31). This division will be the largest in South Oxfordshire.
- There is some concern locally about the splitting of the parishes of Benson and Ewelme due to the close community ties between the two parishes.
- The electorate for the Millbrook parish ward needs to be included into the figures for Division 32 – Didcot East & Hagbourne
- The revised electorate figures for the Didcot Park ward polling districts need to be altered in the totals for Division 32 - Didcot East & Hagbourne and Division 33 - Didcot West (minor changes)

The Council is aware that there will be a single member proposal being submitted for the two-member Thame & Chinnor Division from the local Labour Party.

Vale of White Horse District

Division names
The Council proposes two changes:

Division no	Draft Recommendations Proposal	Council's proposed change
48	Kingston & Cumnor	Kingston & Cumnor West
49	North Hinksey	North Hinksey & Cumnor East

Reason for name changes:
- Division 49 will be composed of two almost equal halves – the one half being the western part of Cumnor parish. Therefore the Division name should reflect this.
- The naming of Division 48 should be altered due to the revised name for Division 49 as the other half of Cumnor parish is within this Division.

Parish warding – Cumnor
The Council proposes a change to the parish warding for the Cumnor parish i.e. new parish ward in italics:

Proposed Parish Ward	Draft Recommendations Proposals	Council's proposed change
Dean Court	7 cllrs	4 cllrs
Farmoor	3 cllrs	3 cllrs
Village	5 cllrs	4 cllrs
Cumnor Hill		4 cllrs

The reason for change to the parish warding:
The proposed new division boundaries divide Cumnor parish's Village ward into two, and the eastern half has been put into Dean Court ward, giving it seven parish councillors. This will seem unbalanced. We propose the creation of a new (fourth) parish ward, named Cumnor Hill ward, covering the area between the A420 and the boundary between the current North Hinksey and Wootton divisions (not shown on map 4(b)). This is the area moved into the new North Hinksey & Cumnor East division. We propose 4 parish councillors for this ward, the 15 parish councillors for Cumnor Parish Council then representing four wards: Cumnor Hill (4 parish councillors), Dean Court (4 parish councillors), Farmoor (3 parish councillors) and Village (4 parish councillors). See Map A.

The Council notes that:
- Some of the numbering in the list of divisions at the back of the Draft Recommendations report is incorrect, but the numbering on the maps is correct.
- The Dry Sandford parish ward of St Helen Without parish should be within Division 48 – Kingston & Cumnor and not in Division 47 – Kennington & Radley. The figures are correct but the map is not.

- There are some minor changes to the figures for the divisions due to the parish boundary changes in the Vale of White Horse.

The Council is aware that there will be a single member proposal being submitted for the two-member Grove & Wantage Division from the local Labour Party.

West Oxfordshire District

The Council notes there is a very minor change in the draft recommendations' electorate figures to those submitted in the Council's original submission for Witney.

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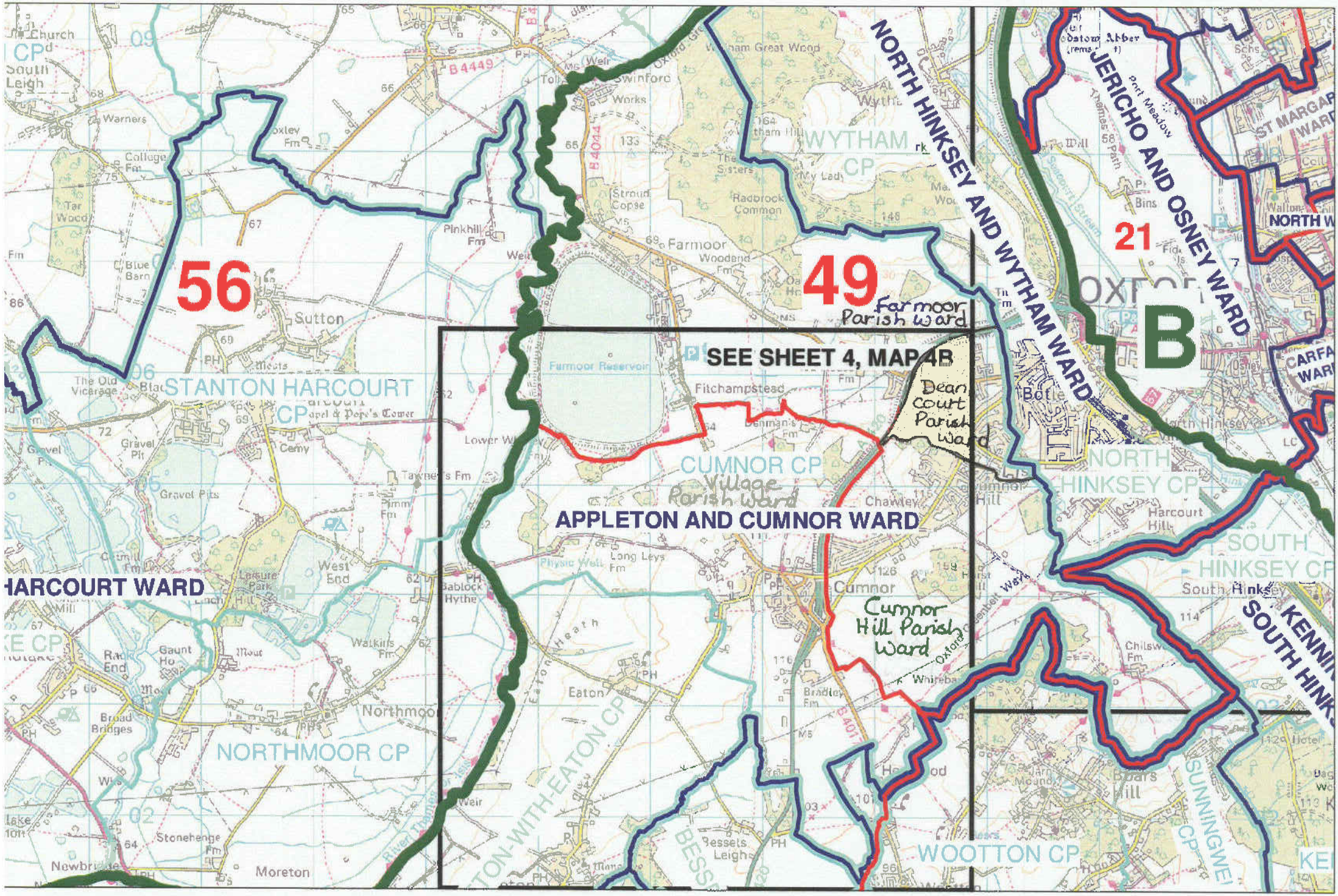
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NORTH HINKSEY AND WYTHAM WARD
JERICHO AND OSNEY WARD
SEE SHEET 4, MAP 4B
Farmoor Parish Ward
Dean Court Parish Ward
Village Parish Ward
Cumnor Hill Parish Ward
APPLETON AND CUMNOR WARD
HARCOURT WARD
STANTON HARCOURT CP
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Cumnor
Chawley
Eaton
Sutton
Moreton
Northmoor
Stonehenge
Newbridge
Bessels Leigh
Boars Hill
Harcourt Hill
Botley
Swinford
Pinkhill Fm
Radbrook Common
Stroud Copse
Woodend Fm
Tar Wood
Blue Barn
Gravel Pits
West End
Gaunt Ho
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Long Leys Fm
Bradley Fm
Chilswell Fm
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Oxley Fm
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Wytham Great Wood
The Sisters
Wytham Hill
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Sandford Stream
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