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Dear Sir

Looking at the draft proposals for Oxford City, I am concerned that the boundary between St Margaret's division and Wolvercote and Summertown division is too far to the north. It cuts off Aldrich and Wentworth Roads and Salisbury Crescent from the rest of the old Council estate. They are part of the Cutteslowe community and have issues in common with the rest of the estate to the north. It would make no sense to have two county councillors involved in the area, with one only having those three roads in Cutteslowe which do not fit in community terms with the roads to the south.

The Cutteslowe Community Association covers the old council estate area south of the A40, where approximately half of the properties are still council-owned and the still largely council-owned Templar Road estate to the north of the A40. This area of some 1200 households has been identified as suffering from significant deprivation and social exclusion, in stark contrast to the surrounding areas, and needs to be treated as one unit.

My proposed change is to move the southern boundary of Wolvercote and Summertown southwards, to include Wentworth and Aldrich Roads, and Salisbury Crescent, currently proposed to be in the new St Margaret's division.

The draft proposal is for the 2016 electorate for Wolvercote and Summertown to be 8386, and for St Margaret's to be 8364. There are 266 electors in Aldrich, Wentworth and Salisbury Crescent, so the new figures would be

Wolvercote and Summertown	8652	variance from average	4%
St Margaret's	8098	variance from average	-3%

These are still small variances and there is a big improvement in community cohesion.

I am writing as one of the current County Councillors for Summertown and Wolvercote, and one of the City Councillors for Summertown. I have been on the management committee of the Cutteslowe Community Association for nearly ten years and worked with county officers to support the community.

Jean Fooks
County Councillor for Summertown and Wolvercote

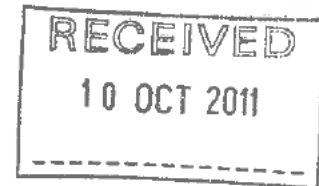


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(Cllr Janet Godden, Oxfordshire County Council North Hinksey & Witham division)

6 October 2011

Review Manager (Oxfordshire)
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Dear Review Manager

In my capacity as one of the two county councillors representing the wards of Cumnor Parish on Oxfordshire County Council I write in support of the Commission's proposed redrawing of the boundaries of the electoral divisions in this area.

I understand the concerns of Cumnor Parish Council and their wish to have their parish wards restored to one single division, as they were before the review of 2005. Nevertheless, I don't think that this aim should trump every other consideration, particularly in view of the awkward shape of Cumnor parish in this tight north-east corner of the Vale. There are two other considerations that I would rank higher.

1. First, the fact that the Dean Court area on the eastern fringe of Cumnor parish undoubtedly faces east. Dean Court residents use the shops, banks, schools, medical facilities and good public transport services of Botley. Dean Court ward spills across the B4044 Botley-Eynsham Road, and planned new housing development will very shortly link it across to the Seacourt area of Botley. It is to all intents and purposes a part of Botley, which itself is a large part of North Hinksey division. Its move into the North Hinksey division in 2005 made sense in every way. Cumnor Village, on the other hand, attaches importance to its semi-rural character and faces west. The 'orientation' of Dean Court and Cumnor Village are very different. The Cumnor Hill area does not really fit into either category, but nor is it a 'community' in itself. The natural division of the A420 makes an obvious new boundary.

2. Second, the unsuitability of the suggested two-member ward, running from Kingston Bagpuize to North Hinksey, half suburban, half rural, with a population heavily weighted at the eastern end. This has the merit of keeping Cumnor parish within one division, but it is hard to see that it brings any value to North Hinksey or Kingston Bagpuize. The suggested division would cut across constituency boundaries. It would be so disparate that it's hard to see how the elected members would keep up with the issues. Residents not living near either councillor would not know whom to contact, or would contact both with attendant risks of confusion and duplication. This area does not seem sensible dual-member territory.

I believe that in its anxiety Cumnor Parish Council has over-stated the effects of the Commission's proposal, writing for instance in the local 'Cumnor Parish News' of the 'serious impact on governance at parish level', and the 'threat' to the parish. I cannot

share this point of view. Under the current boundaries, and the Commission's proposed new boundaries, residents contact the councillor in whose division their ward falls for all local or personal matters, while on issues which affect the whole parish, Cumnor has two county councillors to fight its corner. That could be seen as an advantage. The perception of loss of identity is easy to understand and sympathise with, but I believe that the disadvantages of the Commission's proposal have been exaggerated.

I made two small proposals to the County Council working group which feature in the County Council response.

1. The first is to add 'and Cumnor East' and 'and Cumnor West' to the names of the new divisions. These are more accurate, are not too long, and I think would be regarded as an improvement by Cumnor Parish Council.

2. The second is to create a new parish ward (Cumnor Hill ward) for the area east of the A420 that under the Commission's proposal would now come into the North Hinksey & Cumnor East division. At present this area has been added into Dean Court parish ward, which it unbalances. The new ward boundaries would be obvious, and there of course is no suggestion of altering the total number of parish councillors.

I hope that these details are self explanatory.

Thank you once more for the time and trouble you have taken over this matter.

Kind regards

Janet Godden

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Your feedback: County Councillor Wantage Grove

I am in agreement to keep Wantage and Grove a two Councillor ward. Wantage and Grove are both designated growth areas there is a possibility Grove in the future would be as large or even larger than Wantage.

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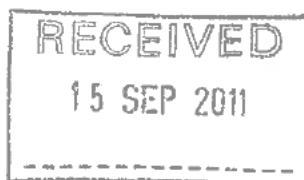
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Your name: Stephen Harrod
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I am: a district/county councillor
Comment/enquiry type: relating to a current review
Comments: I believe the review of OCC boundaries will so dilute the effectiveness of the local county council as to make the post virtually redundant. As it is at present there are enough parishes for the incumbent to cover very thinly and to nearly double this number will make it impossible for them to carry out their duties with any chance of success. If this is a cost cutting measure it seems short-sighted and I urge you to re-consider.

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14 September 2011

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Dear Sir

Cumnor Parish and North Hinksey Division

I am a Cumnor Parish Councillor for Cumnor Village Ward and also Vale of White Horse District Councillor for Appleton and Cumnor. I am also on the Parochial Church Council of St Peter and Paul's Church, North Hinksey with Botley Parish. I have lived here for 30 years.

My comments on your proposals for Cumnor in the Vale of White Horse District Council are as follows.

1. Joining Part of Cumnor to North Hinksey

I agree with the proposal in Paragraph 110 of the Electoral Review to join a larger part of Cumnor Parish to North Hinksey Division. The present North Hinksey Division already includes two of the three Cumnor Wards – Dean Court and Farmoor. Adding the 1000+ electors from Cumnor Hill is a natural extension.

2. Cumnor 'Village'

The people living around St Michael's Church Cumnor, the pubs and shops (ie to the west of the A420 road) often consider themselves to be in 'The Village' in contrast to those living 'off Cumnor Hill'. Therefore it is more natural to join Cumnor Village and Appleton village with the other villages out to Kingston Bagpuize to form that Division. Probably the majority of people living in the Cumnor Hill area already look more towards Botley and Oxford than to Cumnor Village.

3. Cumnor Parish Wards

I agree with the suggestion made by the North Hinksey County Councillor, Mrs Janet Godden, that the present Cumnor Village ward should be sub-divided. This would give a new Cumnor Hill ward and a reduced-size Cumnor Village ward. The boundary between these wards would be along the A420 from the north, but the boundary south of the A420/B4017 interchange would be further to the east so that Henwood would remain in Cumnor Village ward. The new ward should be called 'Cumnor Hill Parish Ward'. Electors in this ward would continue to vote in Cumnor Village Hall, but with a separate polling district identifier. This would avoid many electors having to travel three miles to the Dean Court Polling Station in Orchard Road. The other Cumnor Parish Wards of Dean Court and Farmoor should remain unchanged.

4. Parish Councillors

If Cumnor Hill is made into a new Cumnor Parish ward, the smallest Cumnor Ward is still Farmoor. If Farmoor continues to have three Parish Councillors, the remaining 12 councillors from the present total of 15 councillors should be split evenly between the other three wards. Cumnor Village ward, Cumnor Hill ward and Dean Court ward would then each have 4 councillors. This is a small modification to the proposal in paragraph 138.

5. Comments on a Suggested Two Member Division

I do not agree with the arguments made by some people to have a two-member Division covering North Hinksey, Cumnor and all the villages out to Kingston Bagpuize for the following reasons.

1. There is no synergy between the suburban area of North Hinksey and most of Cumnor and the rural area from Cumnor Village to Kingston Bagpuize.
2. Outside of elections, changing the location of the Division boundary from the bottom of Cumnor Hill to the A420 is going to have little effect on these electors or on all the other residents of Cumnor Parish.
3. All these proposals mean that Cumnor Parish will still be represented by two County Councillors, as at present, who we should see at Parish Council meetings.

I believe these comments are in agreement with the proposals of the County Council. Please contact me if you would like any clarification on any of these points.

Yours sincerely



Dr D S Hoddinott
District Councillor for Appleton and Cumnor
Parish Councillor for Cumnor Village.



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17 September 2011

Dear Sir

Oxfordshire County Council - North Hinksey Division

I am a North Hinksey Parish Councillor (NHPC) and Honorary Alderman, Vale of White Horse District Council. I wish to support your draft proposals in the Oxfordshire County boundaries review for changes to the North Hinksey Division.

I was Chairman on the previous NHPC that offered proposals for changes in the County Council Divisions in the Vale of White Horse areas. I was extremely impressed that a visit was made to this area by your officers in order to assess the variations we proposed. I must commend you on such excellent diligence.

I totally support your recommendations in Paragraph 110 of the Electoral Review to join parts of the current Cumnor Parish to an enlarged North Hinksey Division. I think it is the most logical solution, in order to give better equalisation of electoral numbers and provide a one-member ward.

However, I am aware that Cumnor Parish Council is not happy about your draft proposals and a late representation to have a two-member ward, covering an enlarged North Hinksey to Kingston Bagpuize, including villages in its wake is being promoted. As encouragement for the support of Cumnor PC's new thinking, there was an article in the local Cumnor Parish News magazine encouraging people to write in and support these new proposals. I attach a copy for your attention.

Comment on Cumnor Parish Council's request for a new two-member ward:

Currently the North Hinksey OCC Ward already contains the Cumnor Wards of Dean Court and Farmoor. The draft proposal proposes to add the remaining Cumnor residents from the Cumnor Hill area, as they also live the North Hinksey, Dean Court and Farmoor side of the A420. Cumnor Parish Council will still continue to serve and represent them. Unfortunately the article has caused confusion as it seems to imply that Cumnor PC will reduce in the number of elected councillors.

Creating a two-member division as promoted by Cumnor Parish Council is unwieldy. It would include areas diverse to the current North Hinksey Division, which is suburban and joins the Oxford City boundary. The rural area between Cumnor village to Kingston Bagpuize is very different. Many will not look to North Hinksey for their essential services at all.

I understand that Oxfordshire County Council is supporting the draft proposals as published.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Briony Newport, NHPC
& Honorary Alderman, VOWH District Council

Att.

Cumnor Parish Council News

Proposed County Council Electoral Divisions

The Boundary Commission is proposing sweeping changes in the grouping of Cumnor parish wards that could lead to significant changes in the perceived identity of the parish.

Its main considerations are:

1. *Electoral fairness*: each person's vote should have equal merit.
2. *Natural boundaries*: Division boundaries should be easily identifiable. Also, boundaries should not break established linkages.

At present, for the purposes of county representation, two of Cumnor's three wards are paired with North Hinksey Parish and one with Wootton.

The Current Proposal

The Boundary Commission rejects Cumnor's request that the parish is treated as a whole. In order to balance electorate numbers it proposes to change the existing Cumnor parish ward boundaries in order to create two new Divisions:

1. An enlarged Dean Court ward and Farmoor ward grouped with North Hinksey.
2. A reduced Cumnor Village ward grouped with Appleton and Kingston Bagpuize.

This will involve major changes in Cumnor Parish ward boundaries.

Table 1. Distribution of electorate in existing and revised wards.

Ward	No. of properties		No. of electors		% of electorate	
	Current ward	Proposed new ward	Current ward	Proposed new ward	Current ward	Proposed new ward
Cumnor Village	1243	503	2412	922	48%	18%
Dean Court	1054	1754	1997	3437	40%	69%
Farmoor	298	338	584	634	12%	13%
Total	2595	2595	4993	4993		

Proposed Changes in Parish Ward Boundaries

All parishioners living east of the B4017 and south of the A420 (which includes all residents at the top of Cumnor Hill) would form a new Dean Court ward. Cumnor Village ward would be reduced to a rump. Henwood residents would remain part of the rump Cumnor Village ward. Some of the present Dean Court ward would join Farmoor ward.

Cumnor Parish will be growing with 192 dwellings in the Persimmon development in Chawley, traditionally affiliated with Cumnor village, and some 80 dwellings on the proposed

Tilbury Lane development. Under the new proposals all these parishioners will be added to Dean Court ward.

In essence the Commission sees the new Dean Court as a part of North Hinksey and, by extension, suburban Oxford. Until the mid 1970s Cumnor was part of Berkshire and had stronger links to Abingdon than Oxford.

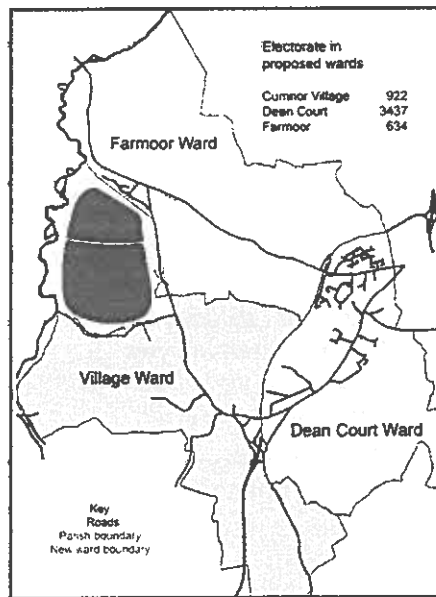
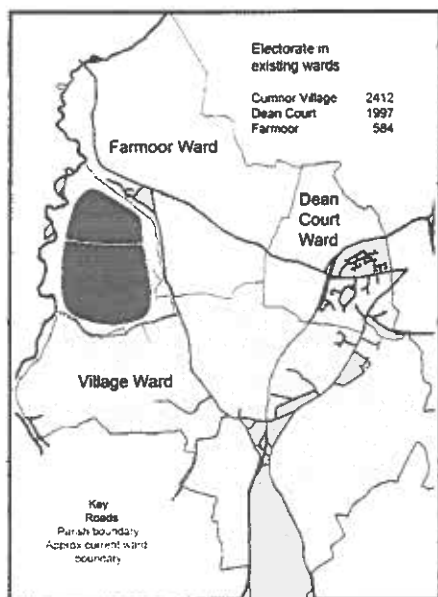
Electoral Fairness

The Parish Council has devoted considerable effort to demonstrating that the Commission's recommendations, when considered at parish level, fail to meet the Commission's own test of electoral fairness.

Given that the new Dean Court is so much bigger than the other wards (see Table 1), a Parish Council candidate standing for election in Dean Court will need to target 5½ times more electors than a candidate in Farmoor. More importantly, the proposals pay no attention to the way that residents see themselves.

The Role of the A420

A major justification used by the Commission is that the A420 is a natural boundary. On a recent map, the A420 and B4017 may appear to represent natural boundaries. In fact the opposite is the case. The B4017 was never a boundary. The A420 is a modern road taking no account of the way the parish has grown over the past 1000 years, following the natural contours of the land.



The current ward boundaries have served the parish well. They were drawn in such a way that they not only reflect this long history but roughly follow the boundary of the extended village with which Appleton has such a long association. Since the early 19th century Cumnor has embraced the buildings around the church (now proposed to be the rump of the village), the associated local farms and Chawley brickworks. The latter is now being developed for housing and is proposed to be a part of Dean Court. It is therefore clear that the argument of historic linkage is used only when it suits the numbers game.

The line of the A420 (at least as far as the Eynsham Road) has been known since the 1930s. When the road was constructed, it was designed to have minimal effect on the village. All roads into and out of the parish were retained, as were all footpaths across the line of the road. The A420 plays no part in the life of the parish.

The Commission has accepted Appleton's argument that Appleton has important historical links with Cumnor village and Appleton's local secondary school is Matthew Arnold School, Cumnor. However the Commission's proposals place half of the present Cumnor village, Cumnor Hill, its adjacent roads and Matthew Arnold School in Dean Court. This implies that primary school age children whose homes are to be moved into Dean Court will not go to school in Cumnor Village, but in Botley. The arguments are at best

Table 2. Electorate in the Boundary Commission's proposed new Electoral Divisions

	Electorate (2011)	Electorate (2016)
New Division 1 Kingston Cumnor Village Ward* Appleton	8802 (Deviation from average 13%)	9026 (Deviation from average 8%)
New Division 2 Farmoor Ward* Dean Court Ward* North Hinksey	7732 (Deviation from average -1%)	8749 (Deviation from average 5%)
Expected county average	7820	8321

*Wards with proposed revised boundaries

Table 3. Electorate in Cumnor Parish Council's Proposed New Two-Member Electoral Division

2-Member Division	2011	2016
Kingston Cumnor (all wards)* Appleton North Hinksey		
Total electorate	16534	17775
Number of councillors	2	2
Electors per councillor	8267	8888
County average	7820	8321
Deviation from average	6%	7%

*No need to change Cumnor ward boundaries

inconsistent and break long-established linkages in Cumnor's case.

Other Concerns

North Hinksey has suggested that Cumnor and North Hinksey should be linked in a single electoral Division. This suggestion has been rejected by the Commission in favour of linkage between North Hinksey and part of Cumnor Parish (see Table 2).

Cumnor has always understood North Hinksey's point of view but, in its original submission based on single-member Divisions, favoured the link with Appleton for historic reasons. Cumnor Parish is currently linked with Appleton in a single three-member Ward for the District Council Elections. The Boundary Commission has rejected this proposal and suggested as an alternative a union between Kingston, Appleton and a rump of the historic Cumnor Village.

Another Possible Solution

An equitable solution based on single-member Divisions does not seem to be practicable. Therefore the Parish Council will be asked at its September meeting to support a single two-member Division embracing the Boundary Commission's proposed Kingston and Cumnor Division combined with the proposed North Hinksey Division (see Table 3).

This has the advantage that all of Cumnor Parish will be in the same electoral division, so that there will be

no need to change the ward boundaries. It will also be possible for the elected County Councillors to represent the views of Cumnor Parish as a whole. In addition it meets North Hinksey's wish to be grouped with Cumnor while satisfying Cumnor's preference to maintain a link with Appleton.

Action Required

The final decision on the new County Council Electoral Divisions will be made in early October. In view of the potential impact of the Boundary Commission's proposals on life in Cumnor, it is essential that you make your views known. Failure to do so will be taken as support for the Commission's proposals.

If you do not agree with the proposals, please write to or email the Commission, making the points that the Commission's recommendations are electorally unfair and that you support the proposal for a combined two-member Division for North Hinksey, Cumnor, Appleton and Kingston Bagpuize. The latest date for comments is 10th October 2011.

Letters should be addressed to:

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or send an email to lgbce.org.uk.

Background

Cumnor Parish has historically been divided into three wards: Cumnor Village, Dean Court and Farmoor (see maps on facing page). Voters from these wards elect representatives to Cumnor Parish Council.

At the next level of local government, Cumnor Parish (all wards) and Appleton form one District Council Ward which elects three members to the Vale of White Horse District Council.

At County Council level, there used to be a Cumnor Division with a single representative. Currently Cumnor Parish is split between the Wootton Division (which includes Cumnor Village ward) and the North Hinksey & Wytham Division (which includes Dean Court and Farmoor wards). Each of these Divisions elects one representative to Oxfordshire County Council.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England



October 7th 2011

Dear Sirs

Subject: Oxfordshire County Council Boundary Review

Comment 1. I am bewildered by your choice of a new County Council Division for Chalgrove/Watlington. This proposal includes 19 Parishes of whom 12 have full parish council meetings at least once per month and seven have meetings quarterly. This in my opinion will put an unacceptable workload on whoever the County councillor may be. It will also as one parish has said to me produce a real democratic deficit in terms of the attention the County Councillor will be able to give to each community. It is true that many, but not all of the two largest party County Councillors do not attend parish councils and rely on the strength of their party to get elected. However those who are members of smaller parties and also stand as independents will find it harder and harder to get elected. These councillors get elected currently not by the strength of their party but by the hard work they do attending meetings and engaging with and helping those communities. You are therefore strengthening the position of the major parties on councils to the detriment of the service that people get from their councillor. For the conscientious councillor you are also endangering their health and safety given the huge areas they will have to cover. In the case of the Chalgrove/Watlington County Council Division this represents approximately one fifth of the land mass of South Oxfordshire. For a councillor who has also to earn a living it will prove impossible to deliver the same level of service that the Parishes have been used to.

Comment 2. It is also amazing that you have taken no account of the adopted South Oxfordshire District Council Core Strategy which for Chalgrove and Watlington produces one hundred homes more each producing approximately five hundred more electors which blows your argument of a “slightly better” balance of electors from the average right out of the water. The alternative which Oxfordshire County Council put forward for South Oxfordshire took more account of future population growth. I fear that just as when the growth forecast in Witney was ignored during the last review in 2003 ignoring the South Oxfordshire Core Strategy growth forecasts will put us in the same position. This will require a much earlier review and a resulting £180,000 additional unnecessary expenditure by the Boundary Commission.

Comment 3. I am very concerned that you have chosen to separate the villages of Ewelme and Benson. I cannot think of any villages in Oxfordshire more closely connected socially and economically than these two villages. In addition separating Garsington and Cuddesdon & Denton ignores their very close community ties. I find both these cases very strange as you have rightly accepted the wish of Nuneham Courtenay and The Baldons to be in the same County Council Division.

Comment 4. Given that several parishes are currently asking for boundary changes in South Oxfordshire, I view this review as being done the wrong way round. Surely we should sort the Parishes first followed by the District Council Wards and then the County Council Divisions last. This would give continuity and a sensible well thought out structure.

I realise that the exercise is a numbers game but your proposals will produce a very unfair and undemocratic situation which will be most keenly be felt in the rural areas.

It is clear that these proposals are ill thought out and are in need of modification.

Yours faithfully

David Turner
Oxfordshire County Councillor

Cllr Revd Dick Wolff



7th October 2011

re: Boundary changes in Oxford

I would like to register my strong support for the proposals put forward by the Liberal Democrat and Green Groups (under the title 'Oxford City Liberal Democrat Group'), and my dissatisfaction with the proposals put forward by the controlling Labour Group in the name of the City Council of which I am a member.

I serve as city councillor in St Marys, East Oxford, but also as a United Reformed Church minister serving churches on Risinghurst and at Temple Cowley, and have during the last fifteen years also served our churches at New Marston and Cumnor (whose members are drawn from Botley, too). I have lived in Summertown, North Oxford, since 1995. I believe, therefore, I have a very good understanding of both the natural, the socio/economic and the transport boundaries across the city, having visited hundreds of people in their homes all across the city over the years, and traversed the city daily by bicycle, car and motorbike.

There are many flaws in the City Council's submission, but if I may draw attention to just one it may serve to indicate that the 'jigsaw' they have proposed does not match the reality on the ground.

There is no conceivable way that Jericho and Osney belong together. They are divided from each other by a railway (the only crossing point between the two areas is the bottleneck of the railway bridge by the station), a canal, a river and a floodplain/meadow/SSSI. The journey by road between the two involves navigating not only that bottleneck but the Hythe Bridge St/Park End St one way system -- a 1½ km journey that can take ten minutes at the best of times (even by motorbike), and more at peak times. The only direct route between the two neighbourhoods is either via a river and canal towpath, or a cycle route along the western edge of the railway which drops you into St Margarets (north of Jericho) and is, anyway, closed after dark. Fifty years ago they were both inhabited by a socioeconomic group with common interests -- they are predominantly workers' terraced cottages. Jericho has been reinventing itself over the last twenty years and is now a very different community; it was recently made a conservation area. It is focussed around the Oxford University Press and will, once it is completed, be home to a major redevelopment of the university on the former Radcliffe Hospital site. This will drive the changes even further in its current direction.

I concur with the comments made in the LibDem/Green submission about Rose Hill belonging more naturally to Littlemore (the new Oxford Academy is also a significant linking factor) whilst Iffley Village is more naturally linked to Florence Park and Cowley centre. The A40 and Eastern bypass create a strong separation between

Barton, Sandhills and Risinghurst and the rest of Oxford. There are pedestrian crossing lights into Quarry from the western edge of Risinghurst but no easy equivalent from Barton.

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Hi Review Officer

The Labour group on Oxfordshire County Council would like to endorse the comments from Didcot Labour Party.

Thanks for your help.

Best wishes

John

CLlr John Tanner (Labour)
Board Member for a Cleaner, Greener Oxford
City Councillor for Littlemore & County Councillor for Isis

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As noted by Didcot Town Council, the data for Didcot Ladygrove are incorrect. The 600 houses projected for Didcot North East in the Draft Core Strategy of South Oxfordshire District Council between 2011 and 2016 will be mainly in Long Wittenham parish and will therefore fall in the proposed Wallingford Division. The parish boundary is correctly shown on the map on page 38 of the Oxfordshire County Council proposals of 4 April. Much of the land north east of Didcot cannot be developed due to the flood risk – see p.174 of the March 2011 version of the Core Strategy document.

The projected increase of 1594 electors in the Ladygrove Division is made up from 450 new houses in Ladygrove East and 600 Houses in Didcot North East. Roughly 400 of the latter, equivalent to about 640 electors, will probably be in Long Wittenham parish. Our projected electorate for Didcot Ladygrove in 2016 is therefore 6681, giving an unacceptable variance of – 20%. The corresponding adjustment to Wallingford Division is not material since the revised numbers would give a variance of + 4%.

We suggest that RF (1639 electors at 1 March 2011) should be added to the Didcot Ladygrove Division. This makes sense because until 2005, the whole of Ladygrove was part of RF. Whilst we note the comments about the railway forming a barrier to movement, we do not consider that this should be in any way decisive. Some of the modern houses in the Ladygrove area were in RF for 25 or more years before a separate Ladygrove Division was created before the 2005 elections. Some older houses in the Ladygrove Division were in RF for considerably longer than that.

Moving about 1639 electors from Didcot West Division to Didcot Ladygrove Division would on the Oxfordshire County Council figures give an electorate of 7131 for Didcot West, a variance of - 14% in 2016. We regard this as acceptable¹.

There is a discrepancy in the figures for the Didcot East and Hagbourne Division. The County Council figures were 8119 in 2010 and 8678 at 2016 (35th page of their report of 4 April 2011). The Boundary Commission in their July 2011 report give at page 41 7582 electors in 2011 (a reduction of 537), and 8175 electors in 2016 (a reduction of 503). Based on the 1 March 2011 electoral registers, the county council figures look correct.

¹ South Oxfordshire District Council has begun the process of redrawing the parish boundary between Didcot and West Hagbourne. If the West Hagbourne bit of the Didcot West housing development becomes part of Didcot parish, about 593 additional electors would be in Didcot West and the electorate would be 7724 in 2016, a variance of – 7%.

Oxfordshire County Labour Party

Electoral Review of Oxfordshire County Council

We are writing in response to the draft proposals published by the Commission. We support the majority of the Commission's proposals. There are however two aspects of the proposals on which we wish to make further representations. This submission outlines our concerns about the proposals for Kidlington. We hope to submit separate proposals concerning the two-member divisions proposed for Thame and Grove/Wantage.

Kidlington area

We agree with the decision to create two divisions from the district wards of Kidlington North, Kidlington South, Kirtlington and Yarnton, Gosford & Water Eaton. However we feel that the boundary between the proposed divisions fails to reflect community identity within Kidlington.

We had some difficulty understanding the reference to our own proposals containing few road links between the composite parishes, but presume it refers to the crossing points of the River Cherwell. If so, the Commission's proposals provide only an illusory resolution of the problem. Whilst the crossing point at Gosford Bridge appears to connect the northern villages with Kidlington, this road transits across a narrow strip of Orchard parish ward into Gosford & Water Eaton parish without connecting with the road system in the remainder of Orchard ward. In reality therefore the Commission's proposed Kirtlington division is also itself solely reliant on the single river crossing at Enslow.

The Kidlington parish wards of Dogwood, Exeter and Orchard are all predominantly urban in character and should, we believe be kept together as part of an urban division. The parish wards of Roundham and St Mary's, although containing significant development, have a more semi-rural feel. Both contain significant areas of open countryside; in the case of St Mary's ward this is open farmland towards the river Cherwell, and in the case of Roundham ward this is small areas of open farmland towards the west of the ward together with a large airfield. Either or both of these belong more naturally than do other Kidlington parish wards with villages to the north of Kidlington as part of a semi-rural division.

Yarnton and Begbroke are also semi-rural in nature, and belong more naturally with the villages to the north of Kidlington than with the predominantly urban southern part of Kidlington. Gosford & Water Eaton parish is harder to categorise. It is formed by two ancient parishes that amalgamated into a single parish many years ago. However, the constituent parts have developed very differently. Gosford is now mostly urban in nature, and has effectively coalesced with Kidlington. Water Eaton remains rural in nature, and is now part of the Oxford Green Belt, providing an important green gap that prevents the coalescence of Kidlington with Oxford City. A plausible case could therefore be made either for attaching Gosford & Water Eaton to an urban Kidlington division or for linking it with the surrounding rural parishes. We submit two proposals, each of which incorporates one of these alternative possibilities.

We understand that, towards the end of stage 1 of the review, a submission was made by Kidlington Parish Councillor Andrew Hornsby-Smith. This submission does not appear on the Commission's website. We understand it was delayed in transit, and so may have arrived after the consultation period had closed, with the result that it was necessarily excluded from consideration. If so, this was unfortunate, as we believe Councillor Hornsby-Smith's proposal more naturally reflects the community identity of the Kidlington area than does the Commission's proposal. In addition, it also provides better electoral equality. We attach Councillor Hornsby-Smith's proposal as an annex to this response.

His proposal involves the subdivision of Roundham parish ward into Roundham North and Roundham South parish wards. In principle this seems no different from the revised parish wards already being proposed by the Commission in Bicester and Banbury. Furthermore it should not cause any difficulty at Parish Council elections as Roundham ward, currently represented by three parish councillors, will divide naturally, with two parish councillors representing Roundham North and one representing Roundham South. We recognise that the proposed Kidlington North division relies on the single river crossing at Enslow, but have been unable to find any realistic way of incorporating both crossings within a single division.

We are also aware of a proposal prepared by Kidlington Parish Council comprising a Kidlington division consisting of Kidlington South district ward together with St Mary's Kidlington parish ward, and a semi-rural division, currently unnamed, consisting of Kirtlington and Yarnton, Gosford & Water Eaton district wards together with Roundham Kidlington parish ward. For the purpose of identification we refer to the latter as Airport division as the grandiloquently named London Oxford Airport lies in the approximate centre of the proposed division.

It is a close decision which of these proposals to prefer. The Parish Council proposal keeps the whole of Kidlington's retail centre within a single urban division and also avoids any consequential changes to Kidlington parish wards. Councillor Hornsby-Smith's proposal better addresses the Commission's concern about parishes to the south of Kidlington being awkwardly combined with those to the north.

We believe both of these proposals better reflect the community identity of Kidlington than do the Commission's draft proposals, and we strongly urge the Commission to adopt one or other of these alternatives as their final proposal.

Note: The following supporting documents are attached:

AHS Submission final.docx – submission by Cllr Hornsby-Smith

Labour Proposal.xlsx – electoral statistics for both proposals

AHS proposal.jpg – map of Cllr Hornsby-Smith's proposal

PC proposal.jpg – map of the Kidlington Parish Council proposal

Kidlington Wards.jpg – map of Kidlington parish wards, showing changes resulting from Cllr Hornsby-Smith's proposal

Thame & Chinnor 38

1. The Labour Party would like to propose two single member divisions instead of your two-member Thame & Chinnor division. In paragraph 95 of the Draft Recommendations for Oxfordshire you say “In the absence of other suggestions on how to divide the town of Thame etc”.
2. Here is our suggestion which would split your division 38 into a Thame urban half and a Chinnor rural half, each with its own County councillor.
3. The new Chinnor division would consist of the whole of Chinnor and Aston Rowant wards together with part of the NU polling district. The new Thame division would consist of Thame North ward (NS), the whole of NT and part of NU.
4. This would create a new Thame division of **8,017 (3% variance)** and the new Chinnor division would be **7,523 (-4%)** in 2011. We assume the expected increase in voters will arise equally in each part of the divided NU polling district. So by 2016 the Thame division electorate would be **8,437 (1%)** and Chinnor would be **7,974 (-4%)**.
5. Two estates on the western edge of Thame (which are part of the NU polling district) would be part of the new Chinnor division. The estates are the ‘trees’ area along the Oxford Road, separated from Thame itself by fields and a stream, and the Moreton Lane area close-by. Moreton village in NU would also be part of the Chinnor division.
6. The streets in the ‘trees’ estate are: Beech Road, Cedar Crescent, Chestnut Avenue, Hawthorn Avenue, Hazel Avenue, Highfield Close, Maple Road, Oxford Road and Sycamore Drive. These total 409 voters in 2011.
7. The streets in the Moreton Road estate are Arnold Way, Conduit Hill Rise, Combe Hill Crescent, Holliers Close and Moreton Lane. These total 456. Together with Moreton Village (100) the total number of voters in NU to be added to the new Chinnor division would be 965.
8. Our new Thame division includes nearly all of the Thame urban area with which the town’s residents identify. Our new Chinnor division has a rural character and brings together the hinterland of villages between the A40 main road and the town of Thame. Our suggestion will not affect the boundaries of any proposed divisions outside 38.

Cllr John Tanner 9/10/11

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NS - Thame No.1									
Abingdon Close	18	0	0	18	20	0	0	3	20
Astley Road	54	0	0	54	85	0	1 (1.18%)	2	84 (-1.18%)
Aylesbury Road	48	0	0	48	90	1 (1.11%)	6 (6.67%)	4	85 (-5.56%)
Bell Close	5	0	0	5	9	2 (22.22%)	1 (11.11%)	0	10 (11.11%)
Bell Lane	15	0	0	15	25	0	1 (4.00%)	0	24 (-4.00%)
Berkeley Road	56	0	0	56	88	5 (5.68%)	7 (7.95%)	6	86 (-2.27%)
Blake Way	9	0	0	9	23	0	0	1	23
Brookside	15	0	0	15	36	0	0	2	36
Buttermarket	5	0	0	5	5	0	2 (40.00%)	2	3 (-40.00%)
Cavalier Road	26	0	0	26	52	0	2 (3.85%)	10	50 (-3.85%)
Cavendish Walk	10	0	0	10	31	0	2 (6.45%)	2	29 (-6.45%)
Chalgrove Road	39	0	0	39	68	4 (5.88%)	2 (2.94%)	2	70 (2.94%)
Charles Drive	11	0	0	11	25	0	4 (16.00%)	2	21 (-16.00%)
Church Road	8	0	0	8	14	0	0	0	14
Thame Barns Centre, Church Road	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Churchill Crescent	95	0	0	95	202	1 (0.50%)	16 (7.92%)	15	187 (-7.43%)
Clarendon Drive	27	0	0	27	73	0	2 (2.74%)	1	71 (-2.74%)
Cromwell Avenue	95	0	0	95	182	1 (0.55%)	11 (6.04%)	11	172 (-5.49%)
Denbigh Road	18	0	0	18	35	0	0	1	35
Digby Close	9	0	0	9	23	0	0	3	23
Dunbar Drive	12	0	0	12	28	0	5 (17.86%)	4	23 (-17.86%)
East Street	39	0	0	39	68	0	4 (5.88%)	0	64 (-5.88%)
Edgehill	6	0	0	6	12	0	2 (16.67%)	1	10 (-16.67%)
Fairfax Close	22	0	0	22	40	0	1 (2.50%)	3	39 (-2.50%)
Fleetwood Way	26	0	0	26	65	0	5 (7.69%)	3	60 (-7.69%)
Friday Court	10	0	0	10	12	0	0	0	12
Gas Alley	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2
Glenham Road	50	0	0	50	108	2 (1.85%)	11 (10.19%)	8	99 (-8.33%)
Goffe Close	13	0	0	13	40	0	7 (17.50%)	5	33 (-17.50%)
Greenway	16	0	0	16	34	0	2 (5.88%)	4	32 (-5.88%)
Grenville Way	46	0	0	46	94	1 (1.06%)	9 (9.57%)	12	86 (-8.51%)
Hamilton Road	38	0	0	38	68	0	3 (4.41%)	3	65 (-4.41%)
Harrison Place	9	0	0	9	21	0	0	1	21

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NS - Thame No.1											
Hazelrig Drive	34	0	0	34	58	1 (1.72%)	4 (6.90%)	4	55 (-5.17%)		
Henrietta Road	27	0	0	27	64	0	4 (6.25%)	8	60 (-6.25%)		
High Street	48	0	0	48	70	1 (1.43%)	6 (8.57%)	4	65 (-7.14%)		
Post Office, 101 High Street	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Autoparts, High Street	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
The Almshouses, High Street	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2		
The Maltings, High Street	10	0	0	10	11	1 (9.09%)	1 (9.09%)	1	11		
Hopton Road	29	0	0	29	67	0	1 (1.49%)	3	66 (-1.49%)		
Ireton Court	29	0	0	29	59	1 (1.69%)	1 (1.69%)	3	59		
Kings Close	48	0	0	48	75	1 (1.33%)	3 (4.00%)	3	73 (-2.67%)		
Kingsey Road	2	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	5		
Burnards Court, Kingsey Road	7	0	0	7	10	0	0	0	10		
Lambert Walk	32	0	0	32	60	3 (5.00%)	7 (11.67%)	5	56 (-6.67%)		
Langdale Road	49	0	0	49	117	0	5 (4.27%)	8	112 (-4.27%)		
Lashlake Road	18	0	0	18	36	0	0	1	36		
Lee Court	50	0	0	50	51	0	5 (9.80%)	3	46 (-9.80%)		
Ludlow Drive	21	0	0	21	51	0	3 (5.88%)	3	48 (-5.88%)		
Ludsen Grove	58	0	0	58	103	0	8 (7.77%)	3	95 (-7.77%)		
Marston Road	69	0	0	69	124	3 (2.42%)	12 (9.68%)	13	115 (-7.26%)		
Meadow Way	4	0	0	4	6	0	0	0	6		
Moat's Crescent	16	0	0	16	39	0	0	0	39		
Montrose Way	28	0	0	28	60	0	3 (5.00%)	2	57 (-5.00%)		
Moorend Lane	25	0	0	25	45	0	1 (2.22%)	3	44 (-2.22%)		
Naseby Close	8	0	0	8	21	0	0	1	21		
North Street	52	0	1 (1.92%)	51	63	4 (6.35%)	6 (9.52%)	5	61 (-3.17%)		
Onslow Drive	48	0	0	48	104	0	3 (2.88%)	5	101 (-2.88%)		
Orchard Close	30	0	0	30	41	0	3 (7.32%)	2	38 (-7.32%)		
Ormond Road	76	0	0	76	146	2 (1.37%)	13 (8.90%)	16	135 (-7.53%)		
Other Electors	1	0	0	1	3	0	1 (33.33%)	0	2 (-33.33%)		
Overton Drive	36	0	0	36	68	0	13 (19.12%)	9	55 (-19.12%)		
Parliament Road	41	0	0	41	72	0	8 (11.11%)	6	64 (-11.11%)		
Pelham Road	35	0	0	35	57	0	1 (1.75%)	3	56 (-1.75%)		
Pennington Place	16	0	0	16	37	0	0	1	37		

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NS - Thame No.1										
Priest End	3	0	0	3	8	0	0	0	8	
Pym Walk	36	0	0	36	50	3 (6.00%)	8 (16.00%)	6	45 (-10.00%)	
Queens Close	39	0	0	39	77	0	0	0	77	
Roundhead Drive	60	0	0	60	123	0	4 (3.25%)	9	119 (-3.25%)	
Rupert Way	6	0	0	6	13	0	0	1	13	
Rushall Road	14	0	0	14	31	0	0	4	31	
Sedgemoor Drive	15	0	0	15	33	0	1 (3.03%)	2	32 (-3.03%)	
Simmons Way	8	0	0	8	13	0	0	0	13	
Skippon Way	13	0	0	13	31	0	2 (6.45%)	1	29 (-6.45%)	
Strafford Way	14	0	0	14	36	0	2 (5.56%)	3	34 (-5.56%)	
Stuart Way	20	0	0	20	49	0	0	4	49	
Swan Walk	7	0	0	7	6	0	0	0	6	
Tichborne	10	0	0	10	19	0	0	1	19	
Upper High Street	27	0	0	27	35	1 (2.86%)	2 (5.71%)	1	34 (-2.86%)	
Belmont Mews, Upper High Street	8	0	0	8	10	0	3 (30.00%)	1	7 (-30.00%)	
Chestnut Cottages, Upper High Street	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	3	
Vane Road	56	0	0	56	109	2 (1.83%)	6 (5.50%)	9	105 (-3.67%)	
Webster Close	39	0	0	39	72	1 (1.39%)	6 (8.33%)	5	67 (-6.94%)	
Weldon Way	12	0	0	12	31	0	1 (3.23%)	1	30 (-3.23%)	
Wellington Street	89	0	0	89	150	1 (0.67%)	13 (8.67%)	8	138 (-8.00%)	
Playford Court, Wellington Street	12	0	0	12	14	0	2 (14.29%)	2	12 (-14.29%)	
Wentworth Road	53	0	0	53	87	0	6 (6.90%)	6	81 (-6.90%)	
Whitehound	7	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	
Willow Road	20	0	0	20	48	0	3 (6.25%)	4	45 (-6.25%)	
Yeates Close	11	0	0	11	26	0	0	1	26	
Totals for : NS - Thame No.1	2,383	0	1 (0.04%)	2,382	4,477	42 (0.94%)	277 (6.19%)	295	4,242 (-5.25%)	
NT - Thame No.2										
Bannister Road	11	0	0	11	26	0	2 (7.69%)	0	24 (-7.69%)	
Blackmore Close	9	0	0	9	20	0	1 (5.00%)	0	19 (-5.00%)	
Brett Close	5	0	0	5	13	0	0	0	13	
Bridge Terrace	5	0	0	5	9	0	0	1	9	
Broadwaters Avenue	49	0	0	49	110	3 (2.73%)	0	8	113 (2.73%)	
Bull Lane	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	4	

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NT - Thame No.2									
Buttermarket	5	0	0	5	3	0	0	1	3
Cheshire Road	27	0	0	27	62	0	9 (14.52%)	7	53 (-14.52%)
Chiltern Grove	11	0	0	11	24	2 (8.33%)	2 (8.33%)	2	24
Chinnor Road	122	0	0	122	238	0	3 (1.26%)	11	235 (-1.26%)
Garden City, Chinnor Road	26	0	0	26	54	0	2 (3.70%)	2	52 (-3.70%)
Chowns Close	26	0	0	26	40	0	1 (2.50%)	3	39 (-2.50%)
Cornmarket	11	1 (9.09%)	1 (9.09%)	11	11	1 (9.09%)	1 (9.09%)	0	11
White Horse Mews, Cornmarket	8	0	0	8	0	2	0	3	2
Cotmore Close	41	0	0	41	61	1 (1.64%)	1 (1.64%)	1	61
Cotmore Field	5	0	0	5	13	0	2 (15.38%)	1	11 (-15.38%)
Field Cottages, Cotmore Field	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cotmore Gardens	63	0	0	63	115	0	0	1	115
Croft Close	13	0	0	13	26	0	2 (7.69%)	2	24 (-7.69%)
Croft Road	43	0	0	43	84	1 (1.19%)	5 (5.95%)	1	80 (-4.76%)
Croft Court, Croft Road	8	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	8
East Street	16	0	0	16	32	0	2 (6.25%)	2	30 (-6.25%)
Elms Road	2	0	0	2	5	0	0	1	5
Essex Road	14	0	0	14	20	2 (10.00%)	0	0	22 (10.00%)
Essex Court, Essex Road	6	0	0	6	8	0	0	0	8
Fanshawe Road	23	0	0	23	54	0	2 (3.70%)	1	52 (-3.70%)
Griffin Road	14	0	0	14	32	0	1 (3.13%)	1	31 (-3.13%)
Hampden Avenue	49	0	0	49	92	0	5 (5.43%)	4	87 (-5.43%)
Horseshoes Place	5	0	0	5	10	0	5 (50.00%)	4	5 (-50.00%)
Horton Avenue	23	0	0	23	49	1 (2.04%)	5 (10.20%)	6	45 (-8.16%)
Horton Close	11	0	0	11	14	0	1 (7.14%)	0	13 (-7.14%)
Howland Road	6	0	0	6	8	2 (25.00%)	0	0	10 (25.00%)
Hunt Road	12	0	0	12	26	1 (3.85%)	3 (11.54%)	1	24 (-7.69%)
King's Road	15	0	0	15	33	1 (3.03%)	3 (9.09%)	1	31 (-6.06%)
Lacey Drive	8	0	0	8	16	0	0	1	16
Limmings Lane	14	0	0	14	19	2 (10.53%)	3 (15.79%)	5	18 (-5.26%)
Newbarn Close	7	0	0	7	9	2 (22.22%)	0	1	11 (22.22%)
Other Electors	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Park Court	10	0	0	10	11	0	3 (27.27%)	4	8 (-27.27%)

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NT - Thame No.2										
Park Street	100	0	3 (3.00%)	97	152	0	13 (8.55%)	3	139 (-8.55%)	
Park Terrace	19	0	0	19	22	0	1 (4.55%)	2	21 (-4.55%)	
Pearce Way	49	0	0	49	93	0	2 (2.15%)	6	91 (-2.15%)	
Phoenix Court	12	0	0	12	16	0	3 (18.75%)	3	13 (-18.75%)	
Pickenfield	39	0	0	39	83	0	5 (6.02%)	4	78 (-6.02%)	
Putman Close	13	0	0	13	30	0	0	0	30	
Queens Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Queen's Road	80	0	1 (1.25%)	79	211	8 (3.79%)	19 (9.00%)	12	200 (-5.21%)	
Seven Acres	66	0	0	66	128	0	2 (1.56%)	4	126 (-1.56%)	
Thame Park Road	21	0	1 (4.76%)	20	33	3 (9.09%)	4 (12.12%)	6	32 (-3.03%)	
Park Grange Farm, Thame Park Road	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	2	
Thame Park House, Thame Park Road	2	0	0	2	1	0	1 (100.00%)	0	0 (-100.00%)	
The Stables, Thame Park Road	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Towersey Drive	59	0	0	59	116	1 (0.86%)	3 (2.59%)	1	114 (-1.72%)	
Towersey Road	9	0	0	9	15	0	0	0	15	
Upper High Street	12	0	0	12	17	1 (5.88%)	0	1	18 (5.88%)	
Smarts, 41 Upper High Street	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Nags Head, 43 Upper High Street	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Van Diemens Road	70	0	0	70	112	0	8 (7.14%)	10	104 (-7.14%)	
Victoria Mead	26	0	0	26	43	0	1 (2.33%)	3	42 (-2.33%)	
Walker Drive	8	0	0	8	14	0	0	2	14	
Whittle Road	17	0	0	17	40	0	5 (12.50%)	3	35 (-12.50%)	
Wykeham Park	10	0	0	10	22	0	0	0	22	
Youens Drive	90	0	0	90	182	0	4 (2.20%)	8	178 (-2.20%)	
Totals for : NT - Thame No.2	1,434	1 (0.07%)	6 (0.42%)	1,429	2,691	34 (1.26%)	135 (5.02%)	145	2,590 (-3.75%)	
NU - Thame No.3										
Moreton	47	0	0	47	100	0	8 (8.00%)	10	92 (-8.00%)	
Arnold Way	31	0	0	31	76	0	6 (7.89%)	1	70 (-7.89%)	
Beech Road	32	0	0	32	67	0	0	2	67	
Brook Lane	7	0	0	7	14	0	1 (7.14%)	0	13 (-7.14%)	
Burgage Place	3	0	0	3	5	0	1 (20.00%)	2	4 (-20.00%)	
Cedar Crescent	44	0	0	44	86	1 (1.16%)	2 (2.33%)	3	85 (-1.16%)	
Chestnut Avenue	22	0	0	22	37	2 (5.41%)	3 (8.11%)	3	36 (-2.70%)	

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NU - Thame No.3									
College Close	20	0	0	20	34	0	0	2	34
Conduit Hill Rise	44	0	0	44	80	0	3 (3.75%)	6	77 (-3.75%)
Coombe Hill Crescent	102	0	0	102	178	6 (3.37%)	10 (5.62%)	9	174 (-2.25%)
Corbetts Way	101	0	2 (1.98%)	99	0	0	0	9	0
Cuttlebrook Gardens	4	0	0	4	8	0	0	0	8
Dorchester Place	14	0	0	14	21	0	4 (19.05%)	4	17 (-19.05%)
Elm Tree Farmhouse, Moreton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fish Ponds	3	0	0	3	7	0	0	1	7
Fothergill Place	15	0	0	15	18	0	0	0	18
Gadge Close	5	0	0	5	8	0	0	3	8
Hawthorn Avenue	10	0	0	10	17	0	0	0	17
Hazel Avenue	13	0	0	13	23	0	2 (8.70%)	0	21 (-8.70%)
Hazelton Close	10	0	0	10	15	0	0	0	15
High Street	45	0	0	45	74	2 (2.70%)	6 (8.11%)	2	70 (-5.41%)
Highfield Close	3	0	0	3	8	0	1 (12.50%)	0	7 (-12.50%)
Holliers Close	45	0	0	45	99	0	9 (9.09%)	7	90 (-9.09%)
Jubilee Gardens	5	0	0	5	16	0	0	1	16
Lincoln Place	36	0	0	36	51	2 (3.92%)	12 (23.53%)	8	41 (-19.61%)
Maple Road	28	0	0	28	78	2 (2.56%)	3 (3.85%)	0	77 (-1.28%)
Michaelis Road	46	0	0	46	58	1 (1.72%)	5 (8.62%)	3	54 (-6.90%)
Mitchell Close	13	0	0	13	27	0	1 (3.70%)	1	26 (-3.70%)
Moreton Farmhouse, Moreton	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Moreton Lane	11	0	0	11	23	0	2 (8.70%)	3	21 (-8.70%)
Moreton Road	4	0	0	4	6	0	1 (16.67%)	0	5 (-16.67%)
Nelson Street	34	0	0	34	56	0	5 (8.93%)	7	51 (-8.93%)
Old Union Way	33	0	0	33	54	1 (1.85%)	2 (3.70%)	4	53 (-1.85%)
Other Electors	1	0	0	1	2	0	1 (50.00%)	0	1 (-50.00%)
Oxford Road	20	0	0	20	44	0	5 (11.36%)	5	39 (-11.36%)
Lord Williams Upper School, Oxford Road	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Priest End	15	0	0	15	26	0	2 (7.69%)	4	24 (-7.69%)
The Prebendal, Priest End	4	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	1
Rooks Lane	46	0	0	46	47	2 (4.26%)	1 (2.13%)	3	48 (2.13%)
Sharman Beer Court	61	0	0	61	60	1 (1.67%)	5 (8.33%)	4	56 (-6.67%)

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NU - Thame No.3										
Southern Road	62	0	0	62	109	1 (0.92%)	6 (5.50%)	4	104 (-4.59%)	
Spring Path	4	0	0	4	7	0	0	0	7	
Sycamore Drive	26	0	0	26	48	0	0	1	48	
The Furlongs	14	0	0	14	24	0	0	1	24	
The Homestead	15	0	0	15	21	0	0	0	21	
Town Farm Close	9	0	0	9	21	0	1 (4.76%)	2	20 (-4.76%)	
Windmill Road	32	0	0	32	57	0	3 (5.26%)	4	54 (-5.26%)	
Pearce Court, Windmill Road	52	0	0	52	62	0	4 (6.45%)	4	58 (-6.45%)	
Summersbee Court, Windmill Road	14	0	0	14	13	0	3 (23.08%)	1	10 (-23.08%)	
Totals for : NU - Thame No.3	1,207	0	2 (0.17%)	1,205	1,888	21 (1.11%)	118 (6.25%)	124	1,791 (-5.14%)	
HENLEY	5,024	1 (0.02%)	9 (0.18%)	5,016	9,056	97 (1.07%)	530 (5.85%)	564	8,623 (-4.78%)	

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Grand Totals	5,024	1 (0.02%)	9 (0.18%)	5,016	9,056	97 (1.07%)	530 (5.85%)	564	8,623 (-4.78%)	

Grove & Wantage 45

1. The Labour Party would like to propose two single member divisions instead of your two-member Grove & Wantage division. In paragraph 106 of the Draft Recommendations for Oxfordshire you say “In the light of the lack of evidence in support of single-member divisions in this area etc”.
2. We believe there is local support for two single-member divisions. We suggest splitting your division 45 into a Grove & Segsbury half and a Wantage half, each with its own County councillor.
3. This would create a new Grove & Segsbury division of **7,506 (-4% variance)** and the new Wantage division would be **6,846 (-12%)** in 2011. We assume the expected increase in voters in Segsbury to be divided equally between the two parts. By 2016 the Grove & Segsbury electorate would be **8,830 (6%)** and the Wantage division would be **8,703 (5%)**.
4. The new Grove & Segsbury division would comprise the whole of Grove ward and part of Wantage Segsbury ward. The new Wantage division would consist of the whole of Wantage Charlton ward and the other part of Wantage Segsbury ward.
5. Our suggestion would take a north-west corner of Wantage, which is closest to Grove, and add it to Grove ward. It would include most of the area in the northern part of Segsbury polling district, UE, north of Mill Street and the Challow Road (A417) and to the west of the stream.
6. We sympathise with the desire of Grove residents for their own division but the town is simply too small to obtain equality of numbers of electors. Similarly Wantage, and the rural area to the south, is just too large to include in one division.
7. The new Wantage division would consist of Wantage Charlton ward and the rest of Wantage Segsbury. Most residents of the town of Wantage would be included in the new division.
8. The streets in Segsbury (UE) added to Grove ward would be: Adkin Way, Black Croft, Denchworth Road, Elizabeth Drive, Fawley Close, Hiskins, Lydsee Gate, Mably Grove, Roman Way, Saint James, Saxon Place, Segsbury Road, Stockham Park, Stockham Way, Thornhill Close, Winchester Way & Witan Way. This totals 1,655 electors in 2011.
9. This is an area of significant planned population increase. Wantage and Grove are proud of their separate identities. Our suggestion would give Grove residents and their immediate neighbours their own County councillor. It would also give most Wantage residents their own County representative.
10. Our suggestion will not affect the boundaries of any proposed divisions outside 45.

John Tanner 9/10/11

Electorate forecasts 2016

Thame

Ward	Polling district	2010	2016
Thame North	NS	4494	4624
Thame South	NT	2617	2647
Thame South	NU	1871	2044

Wantage

Ward	Polling district	2010	2016
Wantage Charlton	UC	1916	1921
Wantage Charlton	UD	1566	3023
Wantage Charlton	UE	1780	1939
Wantage Segsbury	UF	3239	3396

Housing development: Thame

Site	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Memec (Thame South)		40				
Corporation yard (Thame South)		6				
Thame United	100					
Thame (new allocations)			25	75	100	125

Housing development: Wantage

Site	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
St Mary's School, Newbury Street	140	28				
Abbey House, Stirlings Road	10					
13 - 17 Newbury Street	10					
Limborough Road		14				
Core strategy sites:						
North east Wantage					70	120

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Wantage Segsbury

	Houses				Electors				
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UE - Wantage No.4									
Adkin Way	74	0	0	74	147	0	6 (4.08%)	14	141 (-4.08%)
Bailey Close	16	0	0	16	32	0	2 (6.25%)	0	30 (-6.25%)
Barwell	60	0	0	60	107	3 (2.80%)	10 (9.35%)	5	100 (-6.54%)
Bec Close	13	0	0	13	31	0	0	2	31
Belmont	42	0	0	42	96	3 (3.13%)	11 (11.46%)	3	88 (-8.33%)
Black Croft	32	0	0	32	65	0	6 (9.23%)	4	59 (-9.23%)
Canal Court	4	0	0	4	9	0	0	1	9
Challow Road	37	0	0	37	87	1 (1.15%)	11 (12.64%)	6	77 (-11.49%)
Copperfield Close	12	0	0	12	25	0	0	0	25
Dean Butler Close	14	0	0	14	34	0	1 (2.94%)	4	33 (-2.94%)
Denchworth Road	47	0	0	47	84	3 (3.57%)	11 (13.10%)	5	76 (-9.52%)
Donnington Place	30	0	0	30	65	2 (3.08%)	3 (4.62%)	1	64 (-1.54%)
Elizabeth Drive	56	0	0	56	130	0	1 (0.77%)	5	129 (-0.77%)
Fawley Close	27	0	0	27	50	4 (8.00%)	3 (6.00%)	1	51 (2.00%)
Framlands Close	8	0	0	8	19	0	0	0	19
Greenacres Drive	10	0	0	10	19	0	0	3	19
Ham Croft	10	0	0	10	21	0	0	0	21
Ham Road	6	0	0	6	8	0	0	0	8
Hamfield	96	0	0	96	213	1 (0.47%)	5 (2.35%)	4	209 (-1.88%)
Highclere Gardens	36	0	0	36	72	0	10 (13.89%)	5	62 (-13.89%)
Hiskins	52	0	0	52	81	0	3 (3.70%)	7	78 (-3.70%)
Ickleton Road	12	1 (8.33%)	1 (8.33%)	12	23	0	0	3	23
Leverton Gardens	9	0	0	9	16	0	1 (6.25%)	0	15 (-6.25%)
Liddiard Close	11	0	0	11	17	0	1 (5.88%)	4	16 (-5.88%)
Littleworth Hill	10	0	0	10	20	0	0	2	20
Lydsee Gate	11	0	0	11	25	0	2 (8.00%)	2	23 (-8.00%)
Mably Grove	84	0	0	84	175	2 (1.14%)	10 (5.71%)	13	167 (-4.57%)
Marns Hey	11	0	0	11	21	0	1 (4.76%)	0	20 (-4.76%)
Mary Whipple Court	13	0	0	13	20	0	0	0	20
Naldertown	78	0	0	78	136	1 (0.74%)	8 (5.88%)	11	129 (-5.15%)
Ogbourne Close	20	0	0	20	41	2 (4.88%)	5 (12.20%)	4	38 (-7.32%)
Other Electors	3	0	0	3	8	0	4 (50.00%)	0	4 (-50.00%)
Plumbe Court	8	0	0	8	12	0	0	0	12
Roman Way	56	0	0	56	133	6 (4.51%)	16 (12.03%)	9	123 (-7.52%)

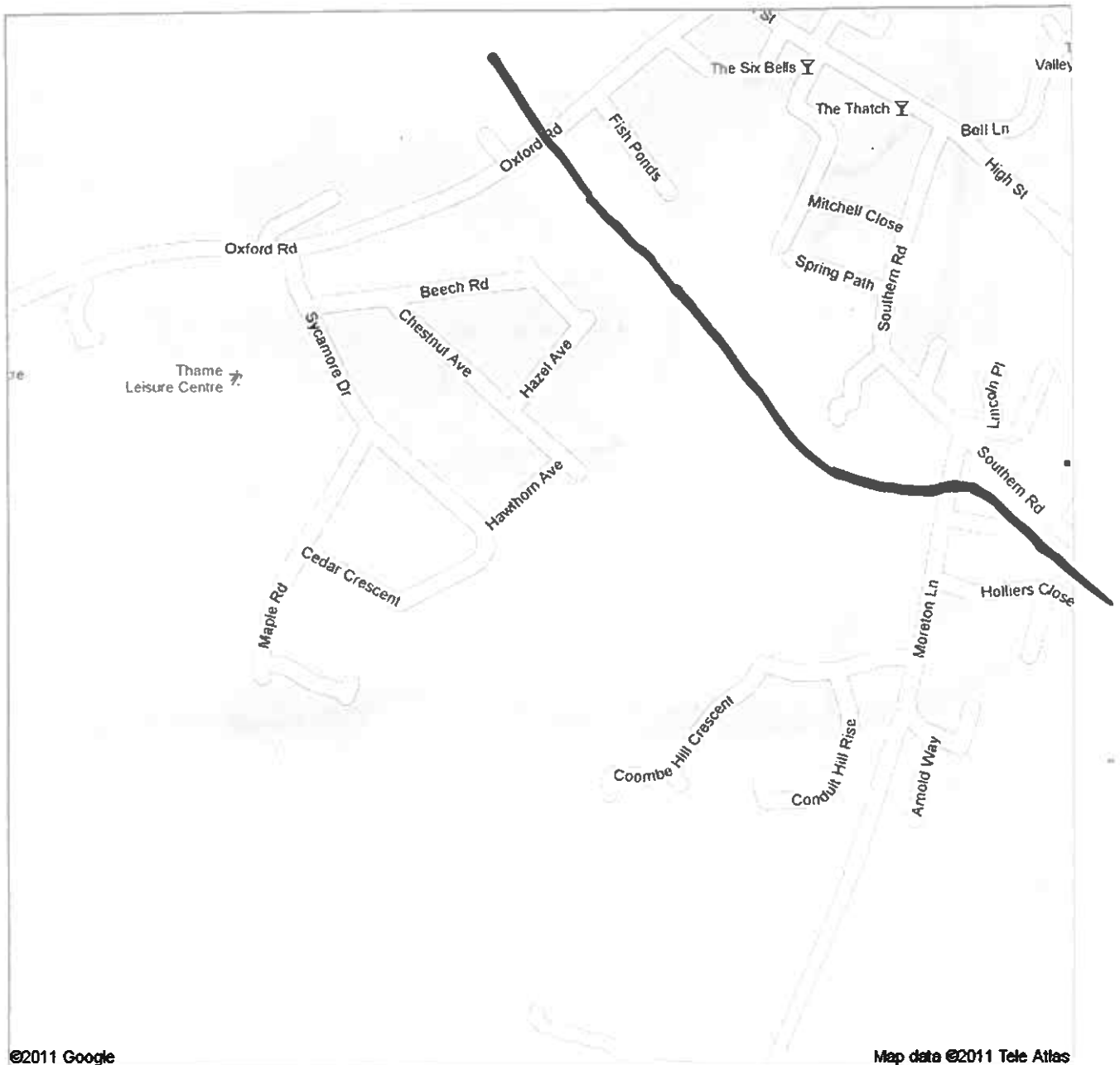
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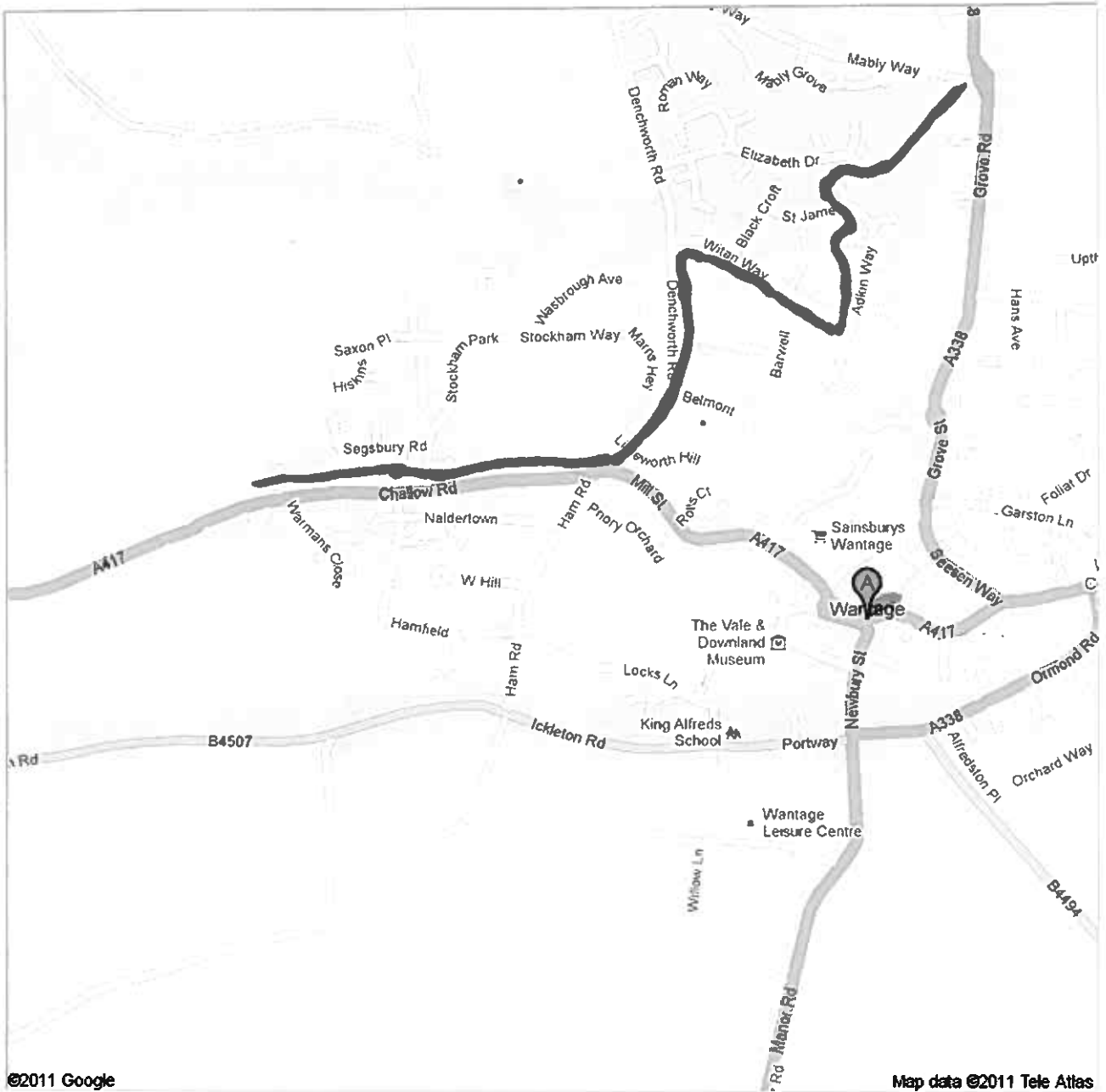
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Wantage Segsbury

	Houses				Electors				
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UE - Wantage No.4									
Saint James	39	0	0	39	71	2 (2.82%)	4 (5.63%)	0	69 (-2.82%)
Saxon Place	29	0	0	29	47	0	4 (8.51%)	1	43 (-8.51%)
Segsbury Road	55	0	0	55	110	0	3 (2.73%)	1	107 (-2.73%)
Simmonds Walk	5	0	0	5	12	0	0	0	12
St. Mary's Way	12	0	0	12	22	0	1 (4.55%)	2	21 (-4.55%)
Stockham Park	163	0	0	163	316	1 (0.32%)	13 (4.11%)	18	304 (-3.80%)
Stockham Way	48	0	0	48	83	0	3 (3.61%)	3	80 (-3.61%)
Thornhill Close	10	0	0	10	22	0	0	0	22
Tinkerbush Lane	13	0	0	13	30	0	1 (3.33%)	0	29 (-3.33%)
Warmans Close	68	0	0	68	148	1 (0.68%)	18 (12.16%)	16	131 (-11.49%)
Wasbrough Avenue	48	0	0	48	99	1 (1.01%)	9 (9.09%)	2	91 (-8.08%)
West Hill	36	0	0	36	81	0	1 (1.23%)	7	80 (-1.23%)
Willow Walk	37	0	0	37	59	0	5 (8.47%)	3	54 (-8.47%)
Winchester Way	10	0	0	10	13	0	1 (7.69%)	0	12 (-7.69%)
Witan Way	50	0	0	50	103	1 (0.97%)	10 (9.71%)	7	94 (-8.74%)
Worthington Way	21	0	0	21	29	0	1 (3.45%)	0	28 (-3.45%)
Totals for : UE - Wantage No.4	1,652	1 (0.06%)	1 (0.06%)	1,652 (0.00%)	3,287	34 (1.03%)	205 (6.24%)	178	3,116 (-5.20%)
Wantage Segsbury	1,652	1 (0.06%)	1 (0.06%)	1652 (0.00%)	3,287	34 (1.03%)	205 (6.24%)	178	3116 (-5.20%)





Oxfordshire County Council Boundaries Review Commentary on Liberal Democrat proposals

General comments

1.1 The scheme aims to meet the Commission's first criterion, about size, while also reflecting communities and respecting natural boundaries in that order. There have also been expressions of support from electors, the fourth criterion.

1.2 The maths makes it difficult to produce an ideal solution but this scheme has much in common with the county officers' draft scheme and also with the proposals from the Majority group. It has been accepted on behalf of the Green Party group, and nine of the 14 proposed divisions (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 13 and 14) are also agreed by the Majority group.

Individual divisions

1. Barton, Sandhills and Risinghurst

1.1 The Commission requires the integrity of parishes to be respected. It is important, therefore, to include polling district TD within this division together with the other wards of Risinghurst Parish.

1.2 It is also important to meet the criteria of community and natural boundaries in respect of polling district VA, which it is proposed to include with Headington and Quarry (for the case in detail, see 14.2).

2. Churchill and Lye Valley

2.1 In common with the Majority group's scheme, it is proposed to transfer the Pullens Lane area (554 electors) out of Marston, Headington Hill and Northway. Our proposal is to unite this area with Churchill and Lye Valley, with which the area has educational and employment links.

2.2 Further in common with the Majority group's scheme, it is proposed to transfer the area of Horspath Road northwards out of Cowley into Churchill and Lye Valley, though it involves a slightly larger transfer, 1,250 electors, where the Majority group's scheme had 1,000. This reflects a strong community of interests.

3. Marston, Headington Hill and Northway

3.1 The geographical focus of the division as proposed would be the neighbourhood shopping and services centre at the bottom of Headley Way.

3.2 In common with the Majority group's scheme, a strong case exists for linking Northway with neighbouring Marston, where its shops and schools are, rather than with distant Headington.

3.3 The proposed transfer out of the Pullens Lane area (see 2.1) strengthens the homogeneity of the division.

4. Wolvercote and Summertown West

4.1 The proposed division follows the county officers' draft scheme and the Majority group's scheme also.

4.2 Although the boundary divides one side of Summertown from the other, it is the only viable way to meet the criterion of size.

5. St Margaret's and Summertown East

5.1 Here too the proposed division follows both the county officers' draft scheme and the Majority group's scheme.

5.2 As pointed out in 4.2, although the boundary divides one side of Summertown from the other, it is the only viable way to meet the criterion of size.

6. Jericho and North

6.1 The proposal reflects the strong community of interests between these two areas of north central Oxford. Residents of North Ward have significant local shopping and services links with Jericho. Indeed the western boundary of polling district DB runs along Walton Street, the shopping and services heart of Jericho, whose top end also meets the boundary of DA.

6.2 There is little or no community of interest between Jericho and the areas of Osney and the Botley Road. Indeed the railway forms a geographical barrier crossed only at the pinch-point of Botley Road bridge.

7. Holywell and Carfax North (Central)

7.1 The proposal seeks to create a strong, cohesive division in the city centre.

7.2 Only the Commission's criterion of size prevents Holywell and Carfax being united in their entirety.

8. Hinksey Park, Osney and Carfax South (Isis)

8.1 The proposal creates a more cohesive division than the existing Isis division, with stronger communities of interest.

8.2 In particular it is not so severely truncated by the river, which creates a serious barrier between Hinksey Park and Iffley Fields.

8.3 In this proposal the bridge in fact unites the most populous part of Hinksey Park with the densely populated Friars Walk development.

8.4 At the heart of the proposed division is the West End, the focus of major regeneration plans involving both City and County.

9. St Mary's and Iffley Fields

9.1 It is sensible to end the odd and irksome connection of Iffley Fields with Hinksey Park, joined only by the bridge and a lengthy stretch of open space, the only purpose of which appears to be to make up numbers of electors.

9.2 The proposed division has more coherence and better reflects the strong homogeneity of character and community of interest in this part of East Oxford.

10. Littlemore and Rose Hill

10.1 The proposal reflects the strong community character and interests of Littlemore.

10.2 At the same time, there have been strong expressions of support for the ending of the combination of Iffley Village and Rose Hill. The two areas are certainly very different in character, having their own physical centres and 'looking' in different directions. The proposal, reflecting also the Majority group's scheme, is therefore to transfer Iffley Village (polling district MA) out of the existing division, though into adjacent Cowley (see 12.3) rather than with Hinksey Park across the river (see also 9.1).

10.3 While similar expressions of support for ending the connection between Rose Hill and Littlemore have certainly often been made, it is not so easily justified, and would be difficult to achieve, given the mathematics.

11. Blackbird Leys and Northfield Brook (Leys)

11.1 The proposal retains the community of interests of the two areas and reflects their overall cohesion.

11.2 It also respects the strong geographical boundary of the Ring Road.

12. Cowley and Iffley

12.1 The proposal reflects the cohesion of Cowley's community.

12.2 The proposed division has Temple Square, the primary neighbourhood centre for south Oxford, at its centre.

12.3 Linking Iffley Village with Cowley (see 10.2), replaces the marriage of convenience with Rose Hill by associating Iffley Village with an area around Florence Park with which it has more in common.

12.4 The proposal as it stands does leave the odd existing panhandle of polling district MB, but that can be ironed out quite simply with an exchange of a similar number of electors between QB and NA (Bartholomew Road and Kersington Avenue).

13. St Clement's and Cowley Marsh

13.1 The proposal preserves and reflects the strong character, geographical cohesion and community of interests in this part of East Oxford, including shops, schools, and services.

13.2 As with the North Oxford divisions, the mathematics determines that a central shopping area (in this case along the Cowley Road) falls into different divisions, but there is in fact a significance difference in character between the packed streets of St Mary's and Iffley Fields and the more open streets of St Clement's and Cowley Marsh.

13.3 Mathematics also dictates that polling district KC, together with a small number of streets at the northern end of the wedge between the Iffley and Cowley Roads (660 electors), is included in the St Clement's division rather than that of St Mary's. In fact this creates a local area of coherence around The Plain and the eastern end of Magdalen Bridge.

14. Headington and Quarry

14.1 The proposal answers the very strong case to be made to reflect the integrity of Headington by creating a division centred on the Headington shops and bounded on the north and east by the Ring Road.

14.2 Part of that also achieves the important objective of meeting the criteria of community and natural boundaries in respect of polling district VA. It is proposed to include VA with the rest of Headington and Quarry (with which it shares shopping, schools and services) rather than preserving its existing attachment to Barton and Sandhills, from which it is divided by the Ring Road and with which it otherwise has little or nothing in common.

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Barton, Sandhills and Risinghurst	
VB-VE, UC-UE, TD	7,847
Churchill and Lye Valley	
TA-TC, SB, part XC*, part SA^	8,824
Marston, Headington Hill and Northway	
YA-YC, XA-XB, part XC*	8,222
Wolvercote and Summertown W	
AA-AD, BA	7,473
St Margaret's and Summertown E	
BB-BC, CA-CB	7,580
Jericho and North	
DA-DB, EA-EB	7,272
Holywell and Carfax N (Central)	
FB, GA-GC	8,631
Hinksey Park, Osney and Carfax S (Isis)	
HA-HC, EC, FA	9,052
St Mary's and Iffley Fields	
Part KA**, KB, LA-LC	8,170
Littlemore and Rose Hill	
NA-ND, MB-MC, ME	8,633
Blackbird Leys and Northfield Bk (Leys)	
PA-PB, OA-OB	8,493
Cowley and Iffley	
QA-QB, RB, part SA^, MA, MD	9,130
St Clement's and Cowley Marsh	
JA-JB, KC, part KA**, RA	9,149
Headington and Quarry	
WA-WC, UA-UB, VA	8,160

* Pullens Lane, Fielden Grove, John Garne Way, Habberton Mead: trs to Churchill = 554

** North end of St Mary's, Iffley Road to Cowley Road: trs to St Clement's = 660

^ Horspath Road and northwards: trs to Churchill and Lye Valley = 1,250

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Didcot Area

As noted by Didcot Town Council, the data for Didcot Ladygrove are incorrect. The 600 houses projected for Didcot North East in the Draft Core Strategy of South Oxfordshire District Council between 2011 and 2016 will be mainly in Long Wittenham parish and will therefore fall in the proposed Wallingford Division. The parish boundary is correctly shown on the map on page 38 of the Oxfordshire County Council proposals of 4 April. Much of the land north east of Didcot cannot be developed due to the flood risk – see p.174 of the March 2011 version of the Core Strategy document.

The projected increase of 1594 electors in the Ladygrove Division is made up from 450 new houses in Ladygrove East and 600 Houses in Didcot North East. Roughly 400 of the latter, equivalent to about 640 electors, will probably be in Long Wittenham parish. Our projected electorate for Didcot Ladygrove in 2016 is therefore 6681, giving an unacceptable variance of – 20%. The corresponding adjustment to Wallingford Division is not material since the revised numbers would give a variance of + 4%.

We suggest that RF (1639 electors at 1 March 2011) should be added to the Didcot Ladygrove Division. This makes sense because until 2005, the whole of Ladygrove was part of RF. Whilst we note the comments about the railway forming a barrier to movement, we do not consider that this should be in any way decisive. Some of the modern houses in the Ladygrove area were in RF for 25 or more years before a separate Ladygrove Division was created before the 2005 elections. Some older houses in the Ladygrove Division were in RF for considerably longer than that.

Moving about 1639 electors from Didcot West Division to Didcot Ladygrove Division would on the Oxfordshire County Council figures give an electorate of 7131 for Didcot West, a variance of - 14% in 2016. We regard this as acceptable¹.

There is a discrepancy in the figures for the Didcot East and Hagbourne Division. The County Council figures were 8119 in 2010 and 8678 at 2016 (35th page of their report of 4 April 2011).

¹ South Oxfordshire District Council has begun the process of redrawing the parish boundary between Didcot and West Hagbourne. If the West Hagbourne bit of the Didcot West housing development becomes part of Didcot parish, about 593 additional electors would be in Didcot West and the electorate would be 7724 in 2016, a variance of – 7%.

The Boundary Commission in their July 2011 report give at page 41 7582 electors in 2011 (a reduction of 537), and 8175 electors in 2016 (a reduction of 503). Based on the 1 March 2011 electoral registers, the county council figures look correct.

Wantage and Grove

Grove is a large village with a relatively young and growing population and an imminent major new housing development of 2500 houses on the Grove airfield that will on its own increase Grove's size by 50% by 2021 (25% by 2016), as well as the Crab Hill development of 1500 houses, which is in Grove Parish. In contrast, Wantage is an ancient market town with a more elderly population and a much slower growth rate. The two communities are clearly distinct, with their own shopping areas, clubs and societies. We therefore propose two single member divisions, one for Grove and one for Wantage.

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From: Jean [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 October 2011 15:50
To: Reviews@
Subject: Oxfordshire county review - Grove & Wantage submission

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Yours faithfully,
Jean Nunn-Price
Chair, Wantage, Grove and District Branch
The Labour Party

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