

## Wokingham Borough Council

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### Uploaded Documents:

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### South East Earley/North Earley

The council has drawn a boundary line down the middle of Mill Lane and Wokingham Road that puts residents living on different sides of these two roads in different wards and communities.

Proposal 1: A boundary to the east of odd numbered houses on Mill Lane and to the south of even numbered houses on Wokingham Road that puts all residents of these roads in North Earley.

### West Earley/North Earley

The council has drawn a boundary line down the middle of Gipsy Lane that puts residents living on different sides of the road in different wards and communities.

Proposal 2: A boundary continuing along the stream to the south of Gipsy Lane that puts residents in houses 2-23 in North Earley.

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In summary, we believe all properties in Gypsy Lane, Mill Lane and Wokingham Road should be in the same North Earley ward.

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Chair, Earley & Shinfield Liberal Democrats

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