

Boundary Commission - Initial Consultation for Buckinghamshire (April 2022)

Existing Beaconsfield Unitary Ward

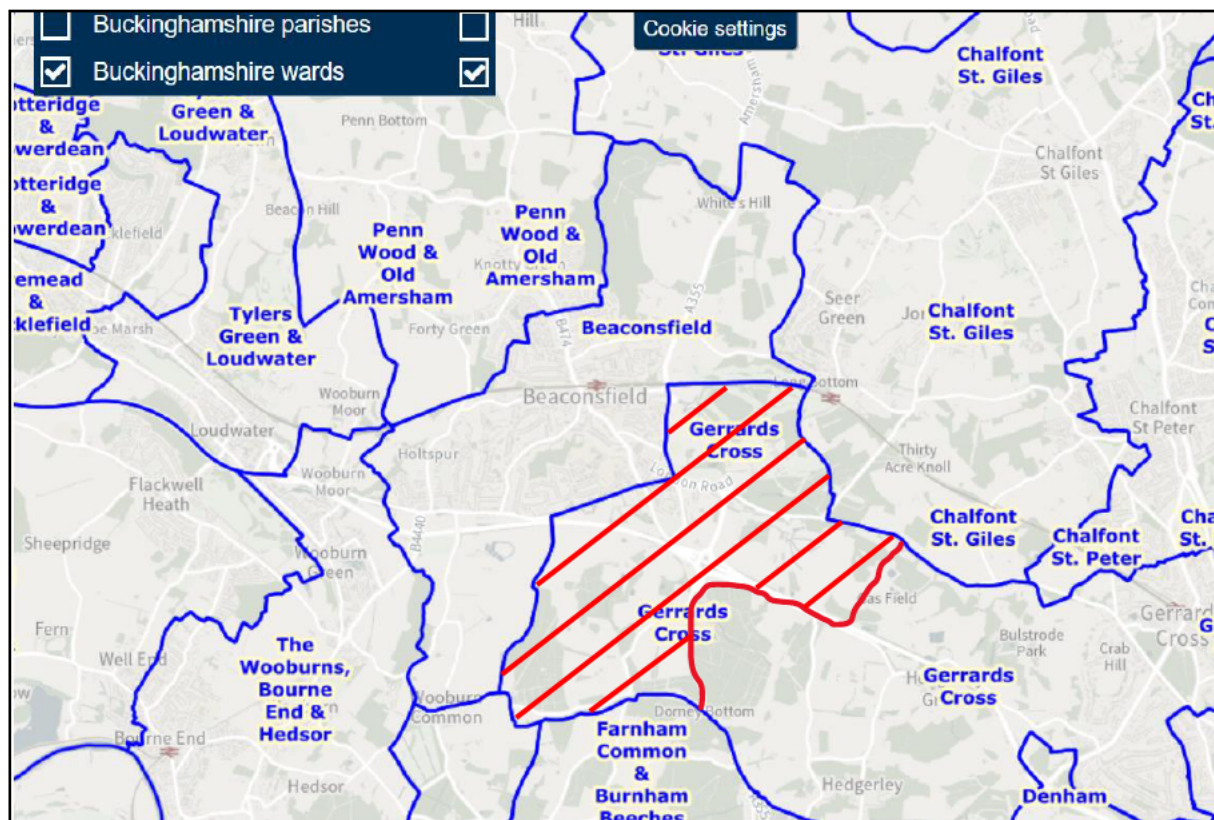


The map displays the administrative boundaries of various wards in the Beaconsfield area. The legend indicates that the map shows Buckinghamshire parishes (checked) and Buckinghamshire wards (unchecked). The wards shown include Chepping Wycombe, Penn, Wooburn, Beaconsfield, Chalfont St. Giles, Chalfont St. Peter, Hedgerley, Burnham, Taplow, and Fulmer. A red dot marks the location of Beaconsfield town.

Source: Local Boundary Commission for England

In terms of the Beaconsfield ward, SE Beaconsfield is split from our parish boundary area and resides in the Gerrards Cross ward. This has caused distress and confusion to those who live in SE Beaconsfield, who vote for their Town Council of Beaconsfield but vote for their Unitary Councillors in Gerrards Cross. The boundary runs down the A40 through the middle of Beaconsfield Old Town and its Conservation Area. A large proportion of Beaconsfield's Green Belt land resides in Gerrards Cross ward. The voters of the main part of Beaconsfield therefore have no ability to directly influence the Councillors responsible for these areas because the land sits in a different ward. Beaconsfield already suffers from a lack of public parks, gardens, green space within the Town (0.37% of total land within the Town is 'green space' vs. a 0.79% national Town average[#]). Our air quality within Beaconsfield Old Town at Wilton Lodge already fails to meet the regulatory maximum 40 µg/m³ *. The Green Belt around Beaconsfield serves as the lungs of the Town. Voters in Beaconsfield must be directly represented by Councillors who are responsible for protecting this Green Belt.

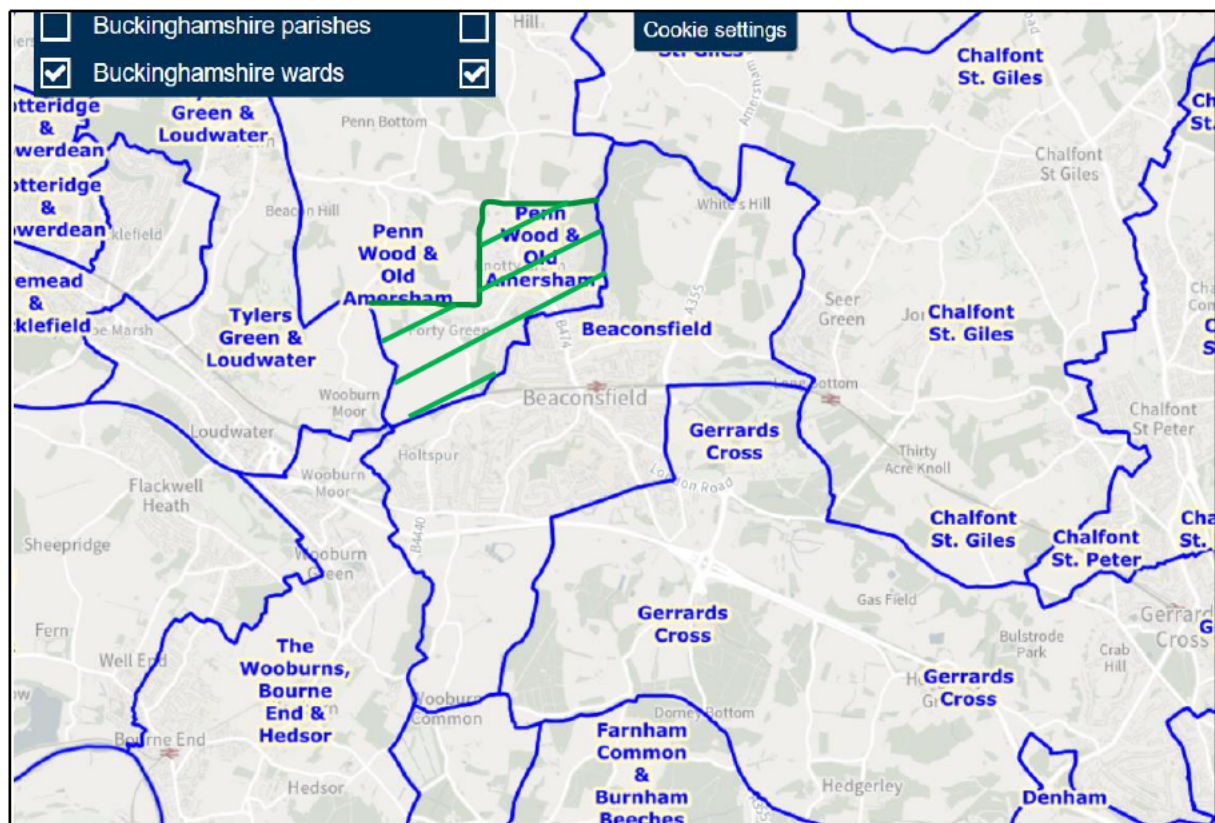
We would therefore suggest that SE Beaconsfield ward is moved out of Gerrards Cross ward back into the existing ward of Beaconsfield in line with the Beaconsfield Parish boundary (see red hashed area shown below for detail) to preserve the integrity of the Town.



SE Beaconsfield

Source: Local Boundary Commission for England

One further opportunity would be to move Forty Green, Knotty Green and a number of houses in North Beaconsfield that currently reside within the Penn Wood & Old Amersham ward into Beaconsfield (see green hashed area below). Many residents of this area consider themselves to be 'part of Beaconsfield', so again it would help build cohesion for all residents across the Town.



Forty Green, Knotty Green & North Beaconsfield

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