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Warfield Harvest Ride Council Ward Proposed Local Council Ward Changes - closing date 7 September 2020 Quelm Park lost direct local Parliamentary representation years ago when Warfield Harvest Ride was hived off to become an outlying ward of Windsor and Maidenhead. This current proposal to expunge Warfield Harvest Ride and have it subsumed into an enlarged Priestwood and Garth ward is unacceptable. Why, because the local council ward should reflect the demographic of its residents and the area represented. Warfield Harvest Ride and Priestwood and Garth share no synergy whatsoever; demographics, physical environment, the day to day concerns and aspirations of its residents. This proposal creates a problem; a single local councillor cannot be expected to effectively represent the larger catchment of Priestwood and Garth and the smaller catchment of Warfield Harvest Ride as they are as different as chalk and cheese. So under this proposal, again Warfield Harvest Ride loses direct local representation. As responsible residents we pay our taxes but will be denied effective direct local representation. At present we have no direct access to the Bracknell MP, all you can do is contact the Windsor & Maidenhead MP and hope they action it on your behalf with no recourse. Proposed solution for Warfield Harvest Ride Ward We are not proposing a new local council ward, but incorporating Warfield Harvest Ride into the adjacent ward of Binfield North and Warfield West. Binfield North and Warfield West has a natural symbiosis with the residents of Quelm Park - Warfield Harvest Ride. They share the same demographics, physical environment and day to day priorities. A single councillor could easily represent both communities as we have common interests. Warfield Harvest Ride and Priestwood and Garth have little in common, whose residents have very different profiles e.g. housing stock, aspirations and day to day priorities. A single councillor would have to represent two very different dissimilar size communities which probably mean neither group will be effectively represented.

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