

Labour Group Response to draft proposals from the Boundary Commission re rewarding of Bracknell Forest

- submitted on behalf of group by Cllr Mary Temperton (Group Leader)

The Leader of the Labour Group was part of the working group, considering the response to the Commission's draft proposals on redrawing the Bracknell Forest Ward Boundaries.

We support all the proposals suggested in the Bracknell Forest Council response except one. We are unable to support the proposed inclusion of all the recreational land and play space called North Lake, and South Hill Road play area, into the new Hanworth Ward, taken from the existing Easthampstead ward. We support the Commission's proposed boundary, as did the Full Bracknell Town Council meeting of September 1st.

Easthampstead and Crown Wood have the lowest amount of green space for their residents of all the Bracknell Town Council wards.

Easthampstead has at the moment 22.7 acres This is all the residents of Easthampstead have.

Wildridings has 38.6 acres

A total of 51.34 acres to serve the residents of the two newly combined wards.

Easthampstead and Wildridings are two distinct communities and the recommendation to keep both names for this new ward recognises this.

Each should retain its own amenity land and play space.

This area has long been part of the community of Easthampstead, and the Commission has stated that it wishes to respect established communities.

Birch Hill has 40.645 acres, Hanworth has 33.82 acres totalling 74.465 acres.

With the 22.7 acres removed from Easthampstead that would give a total of 97. 165 acres for Hanworth but the Easthampstead and Wildridings ward would reduce to 38.6 acres, with Easthampstead having almost none.

The new Hanworth ward would have three times the amount of recreational space as the new Easthampstead and Wildridings ward.

The Bracknell Town Council wards will obviously identify with the Borough wards wherever possible. The Bracknell Town Ward Councillors are responsible for the maintenance of play and recreational areas, it is their major responsibility.

No surveys have been done to ascertain the wishes of either Hanworth or Easthampstead residents in support of this redraw- it is just the wish of the Hanworth Councillors, but at the expense of the Councillors for Easthampstead and Wildridings. This cannot reflect good governance.

We appreciate that no electors would be affected by this boundary redrawing but believe good and effective local government involves safeguarding the amenities in every ward and green space is a valued amenity. An important planning aspect of every development is the inclusion of green space, serving the immediate community as good governance, and we do not want a precedent set where amenity land and play space is not associated with each community.

Proposed development in the Town Centre includes houses and larger flats for families. New recreational areas will need to be provided here and this would be a precedent to reduce that requirement.

We support all the other proposals included in the submission and regret that this land move prevented us from voting unanimously for the proposals.

Area of Bracknell Town Council Maintained Recreational Space in each of Town Council Wards

Area	File Number	Site	Acreage
Birch Hill	1.20	Birch Hill Central Recreation Ground	3.4
	1.31	Birch Hill Recreation Ground (Jameston)	12.865
	1.31	Supplementary Lease Birch Hill Rec (Jameston)	1.38
	1.19	Ludlow Play Area	22.7
Bullbrook	1.18	Bullbrook Drive Play Area	2.295
	1.50	Lily Hill Park Play Area (Freeborn Way)	0.109
Crown Wood	1.41	Crown Row	3.16
	1.40	Garswood	1.33
	1.44	Nettlecombe (Site F) Crown Wood Leaves Green	0.5
	1.42	Nuthurst (Site G) Crown Wood Leaves Green	1.39
Easthampstead	1.37	Manston Drive Play Area	22.7
Great Hollands	1.17	Home Farm Play Area (Turnberry)	2.25
	1.14	Ullswater Junior Playing Field	4.37
	1.14	Ullswater Recreation Ground	4.37
	1.16	Winscombe	2.15
	1.28	Ringmead	10.32
	1.15	Yardley Playing Field	1.955
	1.30	Great Hollands Recreation Ground	40
	1.26	East Lodge	9.46

Hanworth	1.21	Bucklebury Play Area (Claverdon)	0.85
	1.32	Dryden Place	7.77
	1.39	Lydney/Latimer Play Areas	2.5
	1.37	South Hill Road Recreation Ground	22.7
Harmans Water			
	1.80	Cumnor Way Playing Field	0.324
	1.70	Playing Fields	8.12
Priestwood			
	1.10	Anneforde Place Playground	2.25
	1.30	Pollardrow Avenue Playground	1.135
	1.20	Stoney Road Play Area	1.15
Wildridings			
	1.10	Ennerdale Playing Field	3.94
	1.29	Mill Park	15.7
	1.27	Senior Playing Fields	14.2
	1.90	Threshfield Junior Play Area	4.8
Allotments			
		Various Allotments	
	4	Sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7*	
	4A	Ringmead Allotments	
	1.30	South Road Allotments	

* Site 1 Anneforde Place

Site 2 Wilders Close

Site 3 Glenwood

Site 4 Crowthorne Road

Site 5 Drovers Way - returned to BFC 23.01.1990

Site 6 Limerick Close

Site 7 Windlesham Road

