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Organisation Name: Earley Town Council (Parish or town clerk or officer)

Comment text:

Dear Sir,

I am submitting the comments of Earley Town Council in relation to the Wokingham review.

These comments relate to the proposals for changes in the PARISH ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS, specifically Earley Parish.

Earley currently has eight town wards, each ward is represented by either three or four town councillors. The current proposals are for there to be nine town wards, to be represented by a different number of town councillors ranging from one to four.

Whilst not opposing the changes in principle, Earley Town Council is concerned over the creation of two single-councillor town wards and does not support this part of the proposal. The Town Council is of the view that residents of single-councillor wards can be at a disadvantage compared to residents of multi-councillor wards in terms of representation at the Town Council, especially in times of councillor ill-health and so on.

Earley Town Council would suggest that to avoid such problems, the new single-councillor Redhatch ward be joined with the new two-councillor Maiden Erlegh ward to form one three-councillor town ward.

Similarly, Earley Town Council suggests that the new one-councillor Egremont ward be joined with the four-councillor Radstock ward. This solution could either create a five-councillor ward, or depending on resident numbers, this now larger ward could be split into one two-councillor

ward and one three-councillor ward.

The suggestions above would comply with the requirement that a parish ward must be wholly within a single borough ward.

Attached Documents:

None attached