

Bracknell Forest Borough Council

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Please find attached my submission concerning the proposals for my ward, including comments on inaccuracies in the Commission's latest proposals.

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Response to the Bracknell Forest Council Boundary Review

Submission from

**Resident of Garth for nearly 30 years;
Bracknell Town Councillor for 9 years (Hanworth, then Priestwood and Garth); and
Bracknell Forest Councillor for 9 years (Priestwood and Garth)**

Responding to the three guiding principles:

- to reflect community interests and local identities**
- to promote effective and convenient local government**
- to deliver equality of representation**

There are a couple of serious inaccuracies in the Commission's document concerning proposals for expansion of Priestwood and Garth ward.

- the map of the ward on page 19 shows a vehicular access from Huson Road onto the Warfield Road on the eastern boundary of Quelm Park. There is no access for vehicles; only a short pedestrian link. There is no vehicular access between Garth and the new estate Quelm Park.
- The statement in point 90 states that the Council-proposed arrangement for Priestwood and Garth would cross the railway line: this is not so. The railway line crosses beneath the station roundabout and continues diverging in a southerly curve whilst Church Road turns north. The original Council proposal follows the railway boundary as a continuation of Priestwood and Garth's existing boundary, whilst the major changes proposed by the Commission to other wards cross the railway line.

There is both vehicular and pedestrian access to the Town Centre from both Priestwood and Garth, so it seems odd not to extend our ward to incorporate new dwellings there.

Although Quelm Park gardens back onto Garth gardens, there is no direct access from the Quelm Park estate to Garth or Priestwood.

The Commission's proposals for Priestwood and Garth to include Quelm Park seem odd when there are other areas close-by that have vehicular access to our area and would improve electoral equality for the area.

It would be sensible to include Elen Place to Priestwood and Garth since its entrance is the only one on the Binfield Road that does not lead to homes in Priestwood and Garth. The closest polling station, community centre and shops are in Priestwood.

It would be sensible to include the remainder of Kennel Lane into the Priestwood and Garth ward, since its vehicular access is through the Garth side of our ward; and the closest polling station is on Shepherds Lane in Garth.

In Priestwood and Garth ward we have many empty office blocks, which are gradually being turned into residential accommodation. I believe it is realistic to factor in many more flats being created in our 'Western Industrial Area' at a constant rate throughout the next period covered by this Boundary Commission's changes.

If, however the Commission believes that more homes should be added to our ward before these changes take place, then it may be sensible to draw in another area that has a vehicular access from Garth's eastern boundary, the Warfield Road. There is a triangular area, currently part of Bullbrook, on the other side of the Warfield Road: with Holly Spring Lane and Gough's Lane as boundaries. It encompasses Lynwood Chase and all roads off it, plus Enbourne Gardens to the west of Gough's Lane.

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