

Bracknell Forest Borough Council

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I agree with almost all the proposals in your the changes except for the inclusion of Quelm Park into Priestwood and Garth. The reasons are included here. I also support almost all of the proposed changes recommended by Bracknell Forest Council, to be voted on Sept 9. However, there is one area of change, which does not affect any electors, I cannot support. details are given in my submission. the shortness of the timescale demands that Details are also included here.

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

I have been a resident of Great Hollands for over 45 years, Bracknell Town Councillor for 35 years and Bracknell Forest Councillor for 9 years

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**

I support the draft proposal to make Great Hollands one ward with three Councillors. I have served this ward for over 34 years as a Town Councillor and 9 years as a Borough Councillor.

We have one shopping centre, one community centre, one medical centre, one library and one pub.

The Commission's recommendation therefore reflects Great Hollands as being one community.

As Chair of the Great Hollands Community Centre, I am responsible for the quarterly magazine called Great Hollands Matters, and this is distributed to all houses in Great Hollands both north and south as its contents reflect the common interests.

Jennett's Park was added on to Great Hollands North and, as you point out, it has little in common with the older and established estate. I have always produced a different Councillor Newsletter to cover Jennett's Park, as the residents' concerns are very different. There is only an unused bus lane that links the two.

However, Jennett's Park is now an excellent community in its own right with a community centre, school and shop shared with Wykery Copse. I am not in favour of a single member ward but Jennett's Park and Wykery Copse would be well served by such. The A329M is a huge barrier to close links between these communities and Binfield.

I agree with most of the other draft proposals except for the inclusion of Quelm Park into Priestwood and Garth. The considerations of 'Community' are not met by this inclusion.

Just as there is no road link from Great Hollands to Jennett's Park, so there is no road access from Priestwood and Garth to Quelm Park. The residents of Quelm Park can only enter from the north in Warfield. The children in Quelm Park do not go to Bracknell Schools but to Warfield Primary schools and now to

the new King's Academy in Binfield. The residents identify and look north to Warfield, not south to Bracknell.

The rest of Kennel Lane was included into Priestwood and Garth, removed from Warfield, in your draft recommendations and this makes sense, as Kennel Lane cannot be accessed from the north, only through Garth from the south. The access argument applies to Quelm Park; it should be included in the ward from which it can be accessed.

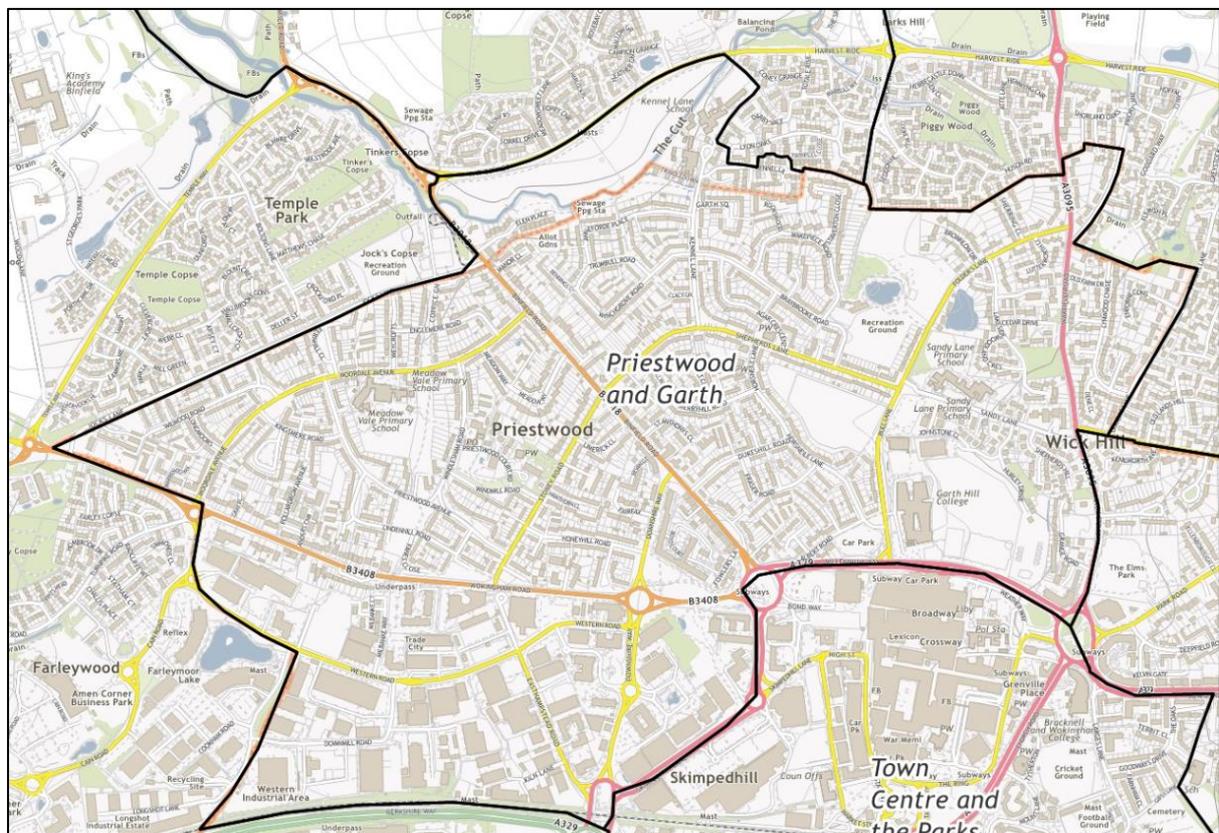
I therefore support the splitting of Quelm Park into two, the west part becoming part of 'Binfield North and Warfield West' and the east part joining 'Warfield East'. The community interests and local identities are thus preserved, residents are still linked with Warfield.

To ensure equality of representation, I accept that other residents must be included in Priestwood and Garth if Quelm Park is removed.

I suggest the two triangles that are already included in Bracknell Town Council area, to the right of Warfield Road, that include Lynwood chase and Priory Lane, are added to Priestwood and Garth.

These residents already identify with Bracknell.

The third triangle of houses around the Elms recreation ground, should remain part of Bullbrook, which is their current borough and Town Council ward.



I support the draft recommendation that the houses identified as 'north Lake' should be added to Hanworth but strongly oppose any redrawing of the ward boundary to include any of the recreational land to the south of these roads. This land is maintained by the Bracknell Town Council and is part of the Bracknell Town Council ward of Old Bracknell (Easthampstead)

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 keeping 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.

I appreciate that no electors would be affected by this boundary redrawing, but I 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 I 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.

I support the amendment to have a two-member ward for the Town Centre ward, with the inclusion of the Parks from Bullbrook.

I support the other draft proposals.

Mary Temperton

Appendix showing area maintained by Bracknell Town Council in present 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