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My comments relate to the inclusion of the Quelm Park estate within the Priestwood and Garth ward. I disagree with this proposal for the following reasons. I have lived in this area for over 15 years and Quelm Park has always been considered a part of the community of Warfield. Both of the feeder roads into Quelm Park are from Harvest Ride which is part of the Warfield Parish. There are no access links to the Priestwood/Garth area of Bracknell other than a wooded alleyway meaning that residents of Quelm Park use the facilities of Warfield. It is impossible to drive directly from Quelm Park into the Priestwood/Garth area of Bracknell and therefore residents use Warfield shops and amenities. The residents of Quelm Park identify themselves as Warfield residents, most of the children on the estate go to Warfield schools, the majority of people use the Tesco in Warfield for their shopping and use the facilities and amenities of Warfield (doctors, dentists, parks, library and churches). There are close community links to Warfield, the children go to school in Warfield, go to Scouts in Warfield, attend the community groups of Warfield. Quelm Park residents are active members of the Warfield community. Woodhurst Park, which is directly opposite Quelm Park (and no closer to the centre of Warfield) is proposed to remain part of Warfield. This would appear illogical. The Northern parishes of Warfield and Binfield have a very strong identity and the residents of Quelm Park are very much a part of this community. Warfield and Harvest Ride Warfield are currently part of the Windsor and Maidenhead constituency and are therefore represented by a different MP to the rest of Bracknell. If the proposed changes mean a constituency change for Quelm Park it would mean that the small number of Quelm Park residents would be served by a different MP to every other Warfield resident, even those living the other side of Harvest Ride. It would make very little sense for Quelm Park to be represented by a different councillor to the rest of Warfield, the residents of Quelm Park share the same issues and concerns as those of other Warfield residents. Priestwood is an entirely separate area with residents who probably gave different concerns and interests. In summary I believe that all of the estates which feed off of Harvest Ride should be considered part of the same ward. The Harvest Ride estates all have a collective identity and form a part of the wider Warfield community.

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