

## **Bracknell Forest Borough Council**

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We live in Faithfull Close, **QUELM PARK, Warfield**. In the Ward of **Warfield Harvest Ride**, under Bracknell Forest Borough Council.

It is proposed to move **Warfield Harvest Ride** and put it in the **Priestwood & Garth Ward**.

We oppose this proposal.

While it seems a simple transfer to an adjoining ward, this is not the case.

Quelm Park is in Warfield, under Warfield Parish Council, in the Parliamentary Constituency Of Windsor.

Priestwood & Garth is in Bracknell, under Bracknell Town Council, in the Parliamentary Constituency of Bracknell.

So, presumably, the move of ward boundaries actually means moving town & constituency as well.

Our identity in Quelm Park is completely tied to being a part of Warfield. There are **NO** road connections at all between Quelm Park & Bracknell. When Quelm Park was built in the 1990's it was as part of Warfield, total distinct & unconnected from Bracknell Town. The 2 roads in/out of Quelm Park (Newport Drive from Quelm Park Roundabout on Harvest Ride and Totale Rise) are to our North. There are no road connections at all South to Bracknell. This would have been a conscious decision at the planning stage, giving a very clear message that we're Warfield NOT Bracknell.

Council Tax rates would RISE if we are moved. For Band E the current Council Tax is £2055.57 In Warfield but is £2112.47 in Bracknell. Warfield Parish Council has a good history of having a lower precept than Bracknell Town.

Changing Bracknell boundary north to Harvest Ride looks good on a map, but ignores communities. Our amenities are all to our North. From Quelm Park roundabout is Sopwith Road, with our new local allotments and our new Primary School (Warfield C of E Primary). Our Local Open space. Lark's Hill is opposite, with our Community Orchard.

Along Harvest Ride is our Community Centre, with TESCO, our only local shop & petrol station. On the same Community site are our doctors surgeries, our library, Community Hall and Warfield Parish Council Office. Our local pub & restaurants are in Newell Green, while the Warfield Parish Church is Nearby – our roads in Quelm Park being named after past Vicars, including our own Faithfull Close.

If there is a need for change, then our proposal would be this : A large new development, Woodhurst Park, has been built in Warfield, which needs to be incorporated into a ward.

We suggest you incorporate Warfield Harvest Ride with Woodhurst Park to form a new ward called QUELM WOODHURST.