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Little Marlow Parish Council is opposed to the latest draft recommended changes to the Flackwell Heath and Little Marlow ward for the following reasons: 1. The proposal would result in Little Marlow Parish lying in two electoral areas of Buckinghamshire Council – “Chiltern Villages” (22) and “Flackwell Heath & The Wooburns” (26). This is contrary to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, Schedule 2, Paragraph 1.(2).(C) and contrary to paragraph 163 of the LGBCE Guidance on community governance reviews (2010). 2. Little Marlow parish has a homogenous character and a community that shares distinct and common interests. Therefore, it should lie entirely within a single electoral area of Buckinghamshire County so that it can be represented as a whole. 3. Little Marlow village is geographically remote from the core of the Chiltern Villages ward and consequently risks being neglected. 4. The character of Little Marlow and the interests of its community are not sufficiently similar to other parts of the ward to constitute a coherent electoral area that can be effectively represented. 5. The proposal would be detrimental to the representation of the Parish Council within Buckinghamshire Council as it would need coordinate activities with county councillors from two separate wards. Little Marlow Parish Council believes that if the existing ward must be abolished then the interests of its parishioners are most closely aligned with those of the village of Bourne End (within the proposed “Flackwell Heath & The Wooburns” ward) and therefore recommends that the boundaries be redrawn to reflect this and that a suitable new ward name should be coined.

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