

## Buckinghamshire Council

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### Comment text:

Submission of Wycombe Conservative Association (Buckinghamshire).Version 5 This is the view of Wycombe Conservative Association (Buckinghamshire Unitary Authority) formed in consultation with the Conservative elected local Councillors and our Member of Parliament, Steve Baker MP. We agree that the Unitary Authority should accommodate 98 Councillors. We have been able to reduce the Wycombe district seats from 30 to 20. We accept the principle that whenever possible wards within the unparished areas should not extended over the boundary into the parished areas. Hazelmere. We accept the views on Hazelmere. Penn, Tylers Green, and Loudwater. We note the proposal that this forms a new two-councillor ward. The LGBCE invited further observations. We attach the detailed views of local Councillors Katrina Wood and Councillor Thomas. Chiltern Villages. We accept the two-councillor ward. We welcome the inclusion of Piddington, Wheeler End, and West Wycombe. We are very concerned and strongly disagree with the proposal to move Marlow Bottom from this ward and into Marlow. We are advised by Councillor Barnes, the local Councillor and resident of Marlow Bottom, that despite the name, Marlow Bottom has a clear and separate identity from Marlow, has a strong and respected voice to support its residents in the close relationship with Chiltern Villages, and would be in danger of losing both voice and identity if grouped with Marlow. Abbey. We accept that this will be a two-councillor ward. Marsh & Micklefield. We accept the creation of this new two-councillor ward. Sands. We accept the creation of this one-councillor ward. Terriers & Amersham Hill, Totteridge & Bowerdean. We note that the LGBCE welcome further comments on these proposed changes. The LGBCE currently propose each of these to be two-councillor wards. WCA proposed on the advice of Councillor Green and others that there should be a three-councillor ward called Terriers & Totteridge together with a one-councillor ward called Bowerdean. Our calculations are at variance with LGBCE and we are happy to offer the community evidence that LGBCE invite. This evidence has been enlarged by Councillor Green and is appended to this report. Booker & Cressex. We accept the proposed one-councillor ward. Castlefield & Oakridge. WE accept the proposed two-councillor ward. Downley. We are pleased that the proposal to separate the current ward of Downley into two wards, Downley and Disraeli, is accepted by the LGBCE. Councillor Turner, current Councillor for Downley, with our support, adds an appendix for consideration. WCA, November 2022. Appendix 1, Councillor Green. The Commissions view. 206 We were not persuaded to adopt the proposals made by the Wycombe Conservatives and Councillor Green, Tony Green's response. The communities in Terriers & Amersham Hill and Totteridge are very closely linked. Prior to 2003 Terriers and Amersham Hill included the northern part of Totteridge ward and was called Green Hill and Totteridge. The historic settlement of Totteridge was the area around Totteridge Lane, encompassing parts of both Terriers & Amersham Hill ward and Totteridge ward. The local bus route, the number 33 serves both wards, connecting Amersham Hill and Totteridge Road in the Amersham Hill & Totteridge ward and terminating at Tyzack Road, again in the Terriers and Amersham Hill ward after having passed through a considerable part of the Totteridge ward, along Totteridge Road. The residents of Totteridge Road and Totteridge Lane see themselves as part of the same community. The community facilities that are used by the residents of Terriers & Amersham Hill and Totteridge are shared by the residents of both of these areas. Totteridge Community Centre is close to the boundary between these wards and serves both. The only public houses in the area are situated in the Terriers & Amersham Hill ward but are used by the wider community including those who live in Totteridge. Creating this new ward will combine the communities of this area which is connected by the roads Totteridge Road, Totteridge Lane and Hatters Lane. The Kingswood Doctors surgery, the Churches of St Andrews, St Francis and St Wulstans RC and the mosques in Totteridge Road all serve the community that resides in the Terriers & Amersham Hill and Totteridge areas. This is also the case for the local schools that have catchment areas that include parts of both these wards. The Bowerdean area is a discrete community and was a separate ward in Wycombe District Council days. Polling Districts WG2 and

WH2 used to be part of this ward and have more affinity with Bowerdean than with Terriers and Totteridge. The community links for this area are very much contained within the Bowerdean area with a community centre in Arnison Avenue and a mosque in Totteridge Road. The number of electors in the two proposed ward meet the commissions guidelines They are shown below. This would result in a new 3 member ward comprising the current Terriers & Amersham Hill ward less the polling districts of WG2 and WH2 plus the Totteridge polling districts of WW and WX from the current Totteridge & Bowerdean ward, which I would propose is called Terriers and Totteridge which would have a variance of -0.68% if the area of Terriers Farm is included and -7.15% if the area of Terriers Farm is transferred to the Hazlemere ward. The remaining part of the Totteridge and Bowerdean ward with the addition of polling districts WG2 and WH2 would become a single member ward which I would propose is called Bowerdean and would have a variance of 6.02%. Appendix 2. Penn, Councillors K Wood and N Thomas. Penn, Tylers Green and Loudwater The proposed new ward reflects communities' identities in part. Tylers Green and Loudwater are already part of the same Parish of Chepping Wycombe, and share an identity, whereas Penn Parish is much more spread out with different settlements. Tylers Green and the actual Penn village reflect the community identity with both communities sharing pubs, a resident group, WI, a sports club, a village newsletter and numerous community events. The Commission have requested comments on this ward because the electoral variance is 13% by 2028 which is higher than they would normally recommend. The option which local Councillors think provides the best solution is to move the roads to the right of the Penn Road when going towards Penn, up to and including Knottocks Drive into the Beaconsfield Ward. This would mean moving slightly in excess of 600 houses which would result in variances of 10% in the Beaconsfield ward and 6% in the Penn, Tylers Green and Loudwater ward which would put them both within acceptable limits. The area we suggest is part of Knotty Green, originally a hamlet but which has now become contiguous with and has an extremely strong identity and links with Beaconsfield. In responses already made to the Commission, over 25% of total respondents to the initial consultation requested to move Knotty Green from Penn to Beaconsfield. This is because these residents already see themselves as part of Beaconsfield as that is their home address, the schools are all in Beaconsfield, where they shop and where they socialise, and use the community facilities. Churches, public transport, local small businesses, community and resident groups, friendship and social circles are all based in Beaconsfield. Parts of some of these roads are already in the Beaconsfield ward and they do not have any links to Tylers Green or Loudwater. Whilst we acknowledge that this would split this part away from Penn Parish we would strongly argue that moving these few roads would completely reflect the community identity of this area, whilst giving a far more effective and convenient local government service to these residents. There are comments from residents that Penn Councillors find it difficult to resolve their issues as many are town based and not in the Penn ward, therefore moving these roads would help establish a more convenient and effective local government. Appendix 3, Downley, Councillor P Turner 'We received several submissions that related to the current Downley ward. The Wycombe Conservatives, Councillor Turner and five local residents provided persuasive community evidence proposing that we adopt a ward for Downley parish that would separate it from the unparished area of Disraeli in High Wycombe. In principle fully I agree the proposal. The only further comment I have is that I would prioritise the boundary of the proposed Downley ward to be the same as the Parish Boundary for the time being, and for the Parish Council to consider whether they want to change their boundary in the future. At that future time, following any decision by the Parish Council to decide to extend their Parish Boundary, a future boundary review could take that into consideration. Keeping to the present Parish boundary would lead to the proposed Downley Ward having a variance of -14% for the time being. The variance being only 174 in excess of the tolerance of -10%. The proposed 'Disraeli' (unparished) ward remains within the +10% tolerance. If however, the commission wish to keep within the electoral equality criteria, I am happy to fully support the adopted proposal.

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