

## Rushcliffe Borough Council

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### Comment text:

The Parish Council sets out below its response to the Commission's electoral review of Rushcliffe Borough Council. The comments relate to the villages which currently comprise part of the Nevile and Langar Ward. Local Links The Parish of Kinoulton forms part of Rushcliffe Borough Council's Nevile ward in past history encompasses the parishes of Hickling, including Hickling Pastures, Upper Broughton and Owthorpe. The Ward is reflective of a rural ward where there has been a loss of local service facilities over a long period of time. The limited facilities within the villages comprise the following: • Kinoulton – Public house, village hall, school with a joint use play area, church, a chocolatier, tea shop and florist and cricket ground. A post office operated on a part time basis from St Luke's Church. • Hickling - Public house, church, village hall, play area, tea rooms on the Wharf, and cricket ground. • Upper Broughton – Public house, church, village hall, tennis club and cricket ground. • Owthorpe - church and village hall The village halls in each village or hamlet provide a key role in providing a centre for local groups and activities. Wider local services in terms of shops and leisure centres are provided at the larger villages/towns of Keyworth and Cotgrave although a number of residents will also utilise the facilities at West Bridgford and Melton Mowbray in the neighbouring county of Leicestershire. There are no GP or Dental practices in the ward with the majority of local people in Kinoulton utilising the GP's at Cropwell Bishop, Keyworth or Long Clawson in Leicestershire. There is a very limited bus services supported by the County Council which at the time of writing the service provides access for residents of Kinoulton, and Hickling to Nottingham. However, Kinoulton is conveniently located in terms of road access to a number of major towns and cities including, Nottingham, Leicester, Newark. Loughborough, Grantham and Melton Mowbray. This combined with its rural environment has made it an attractive place to live and this is reflected in relatively higher house prices when compared against many Parishes in Nottinghamshire. Kinoulton and Hickling have traditionally had strong links with each other for many years. The Grantham Canal provide a major link between the villages flowing through the centre of Kinoulton and the northern end of Hickling, with the Plough Inn providing a source of refreshments before the walk back to Kinoulton. The local cricket teams have experienced local rivalries, for many years they played for the Woolley Cup before league cricket superseded the annual fixture. The local Saturday football team, Hickling FC, drew on player from the respective villages. An allotment has in the last three years been developed in the parish of Kinoulton and the allotments holders come from both villages. The chocolatier, tea shop and florist located at a farm on Kinoulton Lane between Kinoulton and Hickling is used by residents from both villages. Similarly, the part time post office in St Luke's Church, Kinoulton is supported by residents from both Kinoulton and Hickling. The links between Kinoulton, Hickling and Upper Broughton are reinforced by the fact that the primary school at Kinoulton serves these three villages. The Grantham Canal together with a number of footpaths also provides an important recreational link with the parish of Hickling and Owthorpe. Past electoral reviews have included Colston Bassett and Langer within the Nevile Ward. In the 2012 Review, Colston Bassett Parish Council set out that "Colston Bassett has no link whatsoever with Kinoulton and surrounding villages in Nevile ward". (Colston Bassett now falls within the catchment of Kinoulton Primary School). Kinoulton Parish Council would agree with this response and considers that there has been no change in these circumstances. Similar we have no links to Langar. Therefore, the Parish Council is supportive of a ward where the links between Kinoulton, Hickling, Upper Broughton and Owthorpe are maintained.

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