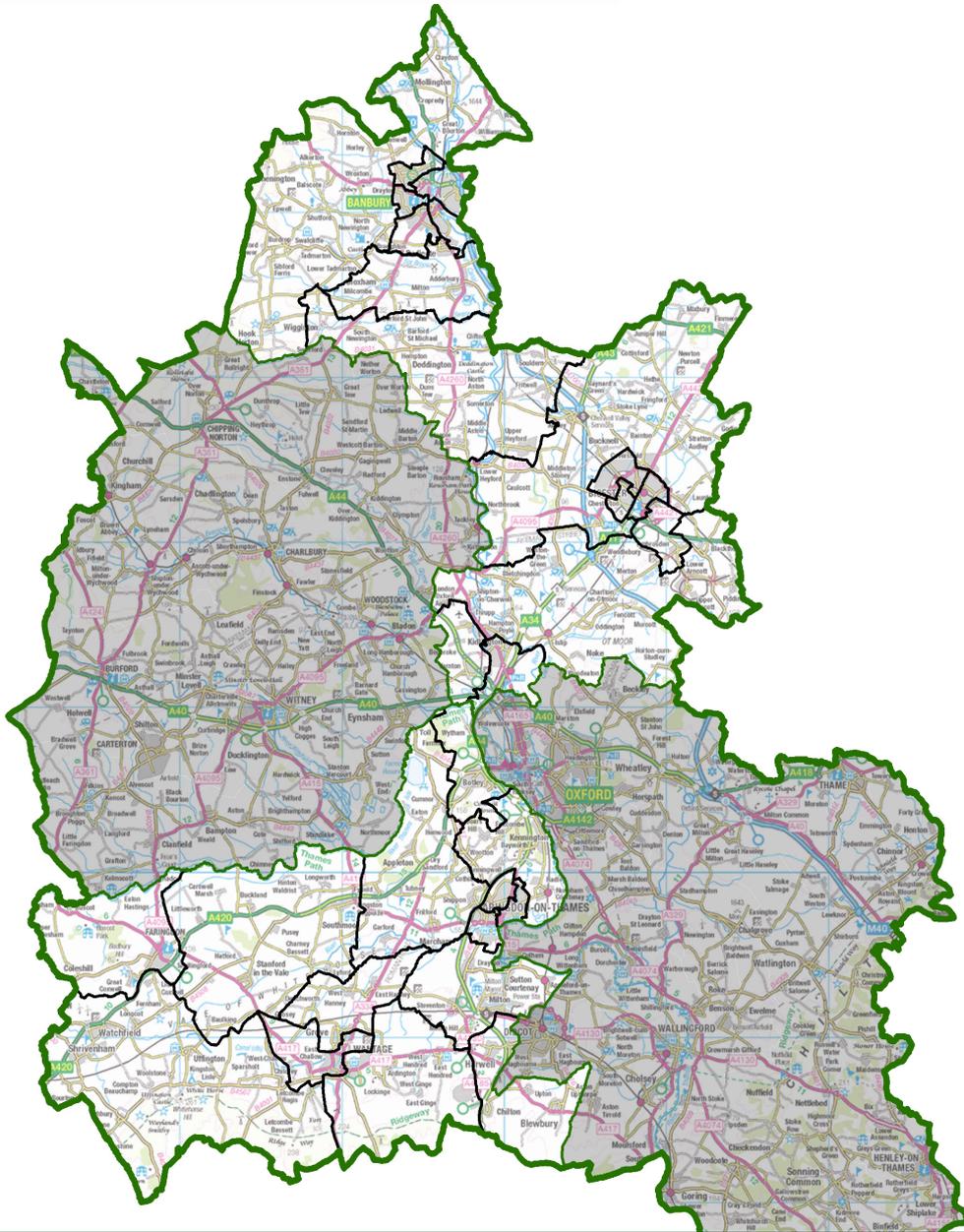


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Analysis and further draft recommendations in Cherwell and Vale of White Horse

1 Following our consultation on the draft recommendations for Oxfordshire, the Commission has decided to hold a period of consultation on further draft recommendations in the areas of Cherwell and Vale of White Horse, prior to publication of its final recommendations. The Commission believes it has received sufficient evidence relating to the rest of the county to finalise its recommendations, so this consultation is focused on Cherwell and Vale of White Horse.

2 During consultation on the draft recommendations, which were published on 3 October 2023, we received 41 representations, most of which commented on our proposals for divisions in Cherwell and Vale of White Horse. A significant majority of these submissions expressed opposition. Many respondents provided a great deal of evidence describing their community to substantiate their opposition to our proposals.

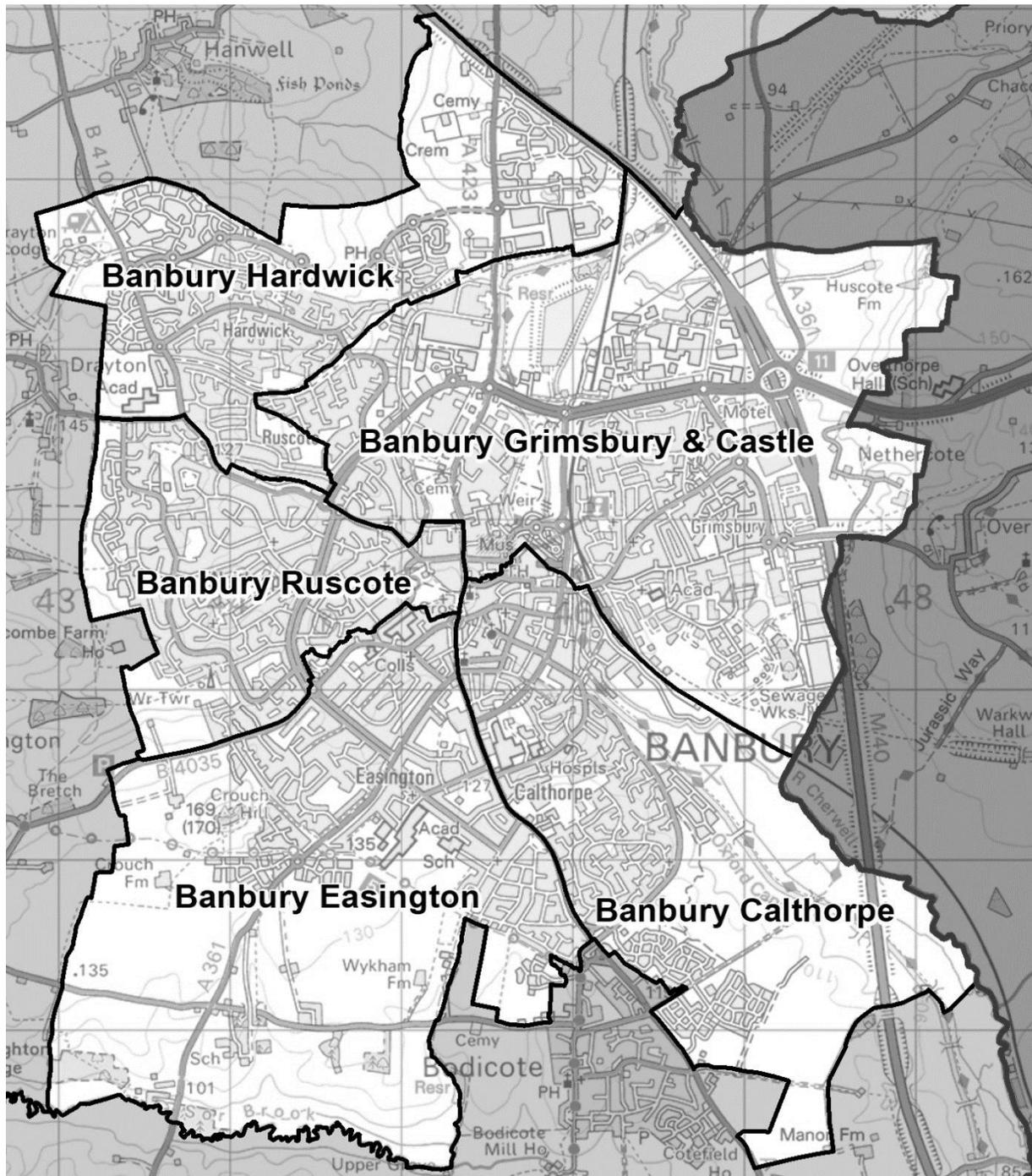
3 Accordingly, we were persuaded to amend our proposals and publish further draft recommendations for all divisions in Cherwell and most in Vale of White Horse. We are now inviting further views in these areas.

4 We welcome all comments on these proposals, particularly on the location of the division boundaries and the names of our proposed divisions. This stage of consultation begins on 27 February 2024 and closes on 22 April 2024. Please see page 19 for more information on how to send us your response.

5 The tables and maps on pages 2–16 detail our further draft recommendations for Cherwell and Vale of White Horse. They detail how the proposed division arrangements reflect the three statutory criteria of:

- Equality of representation
- Reflecting community interests and identities
- Providing for effective and convenient local government

Banbury



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2029
Banbury Calthorpe	1	9%
Banbury Easington	1	-10%
Banbury Grimsbury & Castle	1	8%
Banbury Hardwick	1	3%
Banbury Ruscote	1	8%

Banbury Calthorpe, Banbury Easington, Banbury Grimsbury & Castle, Banbury Hardwick and Banbury Ruscote

6 We received eight submissions in response to our draft recommendations for Banbury, the majority of which were critical, and which urged us to instead adopt the Council's original proposals. A number of the submissions also pointed out that our draft recommendations had not taken account of a Community Governance Review (CGR) which is due to come into force this year. This CGR incorporates part of Drayton and Bodicote parishes into the parish of Banbury to reflect urban overspill developments.

7 As described in our draft recommendations report, our division scheme for Cherwell aimed to maximise coterminosity with the existing district wards while balancing this against our statutory criteria of electoral equality, community identity and effective and convenient local government. As the 16 county councillors for which Cherwell was eligible matched the number of district wards, our proposed divisions were based closely on the existing district wards.

8 However, it became clear during the consultation that these proposed divisions did not accurately reflect local communities in Cherwell. We are also mindful that the district wards are scheduled to be reviewed in the near future, with new wards scheduled to be implemented in 2027. We were therefore receptive to looking again at the Council's original proposals.

9 We received submissions from Oxfordshire County Council, Banbury Town Council, Cherwell District Council, Oxfordshire Labour Group, and councillors Mark Cherry (twice), Andrew Crichton and Kieron Mallon. Most requested that the CGR be taken into account and all but the Labour Group and Councillor Crichton supported the original Council scheme for Banbury. While the Labour Group and Councillor Crichton supported the Council's scheme for the rest of Cherwell, they supported the creation of a Banbury Cross division in our draft recommendations as providing a voice to town centre residents.

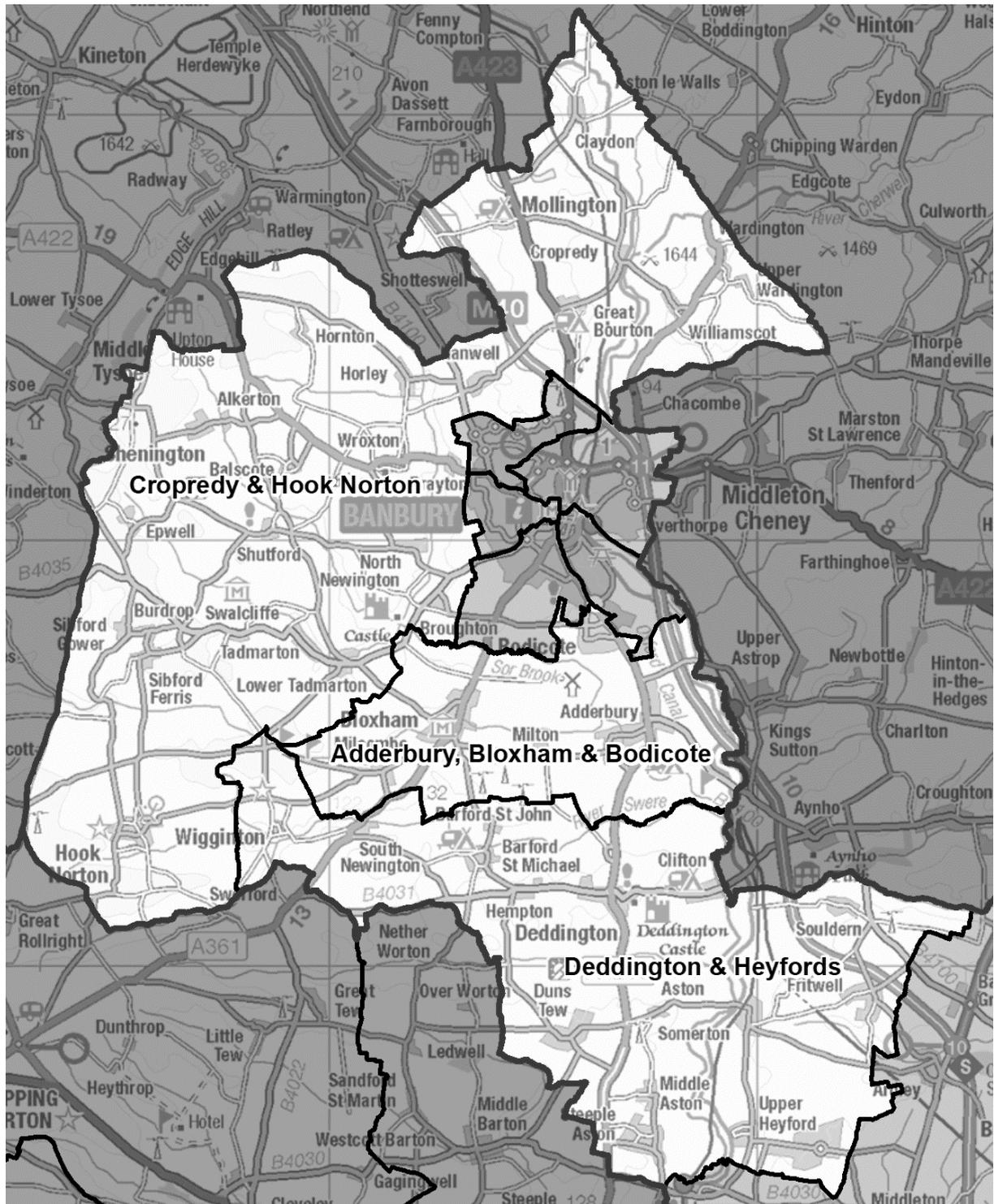
10 However, this position was contradicted by the other submissions. For example, Councillor Mallon said: 'Banbury has historically been split along defined areas, most of which are along clearly defined arterial roads. It has been described as one would cut a round cake or pizza; radiating out from Banbury Cross.' The submission from Banbury Town Council supported this position, adding that these historical hamlets continue to form the basis of the town's communities to this day, with local amenities arranged accordingly.

11 We also received submissions with concerns that the proposed divisions of Banbury Ruscote and Banbury Calthorpe did not adequately reflect community identity in the town. For example, Councillor Cherry opposed the inclusion of many Ruscote residents east of Orchard Way in Banbury Cross division while

incorporating a large wedge of Easington west of Bloxham Road. Councillor Mallon also argued strongly for the distinct identities of Easington and Calthorpe, and against the inclusion of a part of Calthorpe in Banbury Grimsbury division, as in our draft recommendations.

12 Consequently, we were persuaded to base our new draft recommendations for Banbury on the Council's original scheme. We have, however, made a minor adjustment to the boundary between Banbury Calthorpe and Banbury Grimsbury & Castle, as the latter has an electoral variance of 17% in the Council's scheme. To improve this we have extended the boundary of Banbury Calthorpe northwards to the railway line, across Bridge Street then along Oxford Canal. The boundary would then run around the back of Castle Quay Shopping Centre and the rear of Parson's Street then down Horse Fair to the Banbury Cross monument. This brings the forecast variances of Banbury Grimsbury & Castle and Banbury Calthorpe to 8% and 9%, respectively.

Upper Cherwell



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2029
Adderbury, Bloxham & Bodicote	1	-9%
Cropredy & Hook Norton	1	0%
Deddington & Heyfords	1	1%

Adderbury, Bloxham & Bodicote, Cropredy & Hook Norton and Deddington & Heyfords

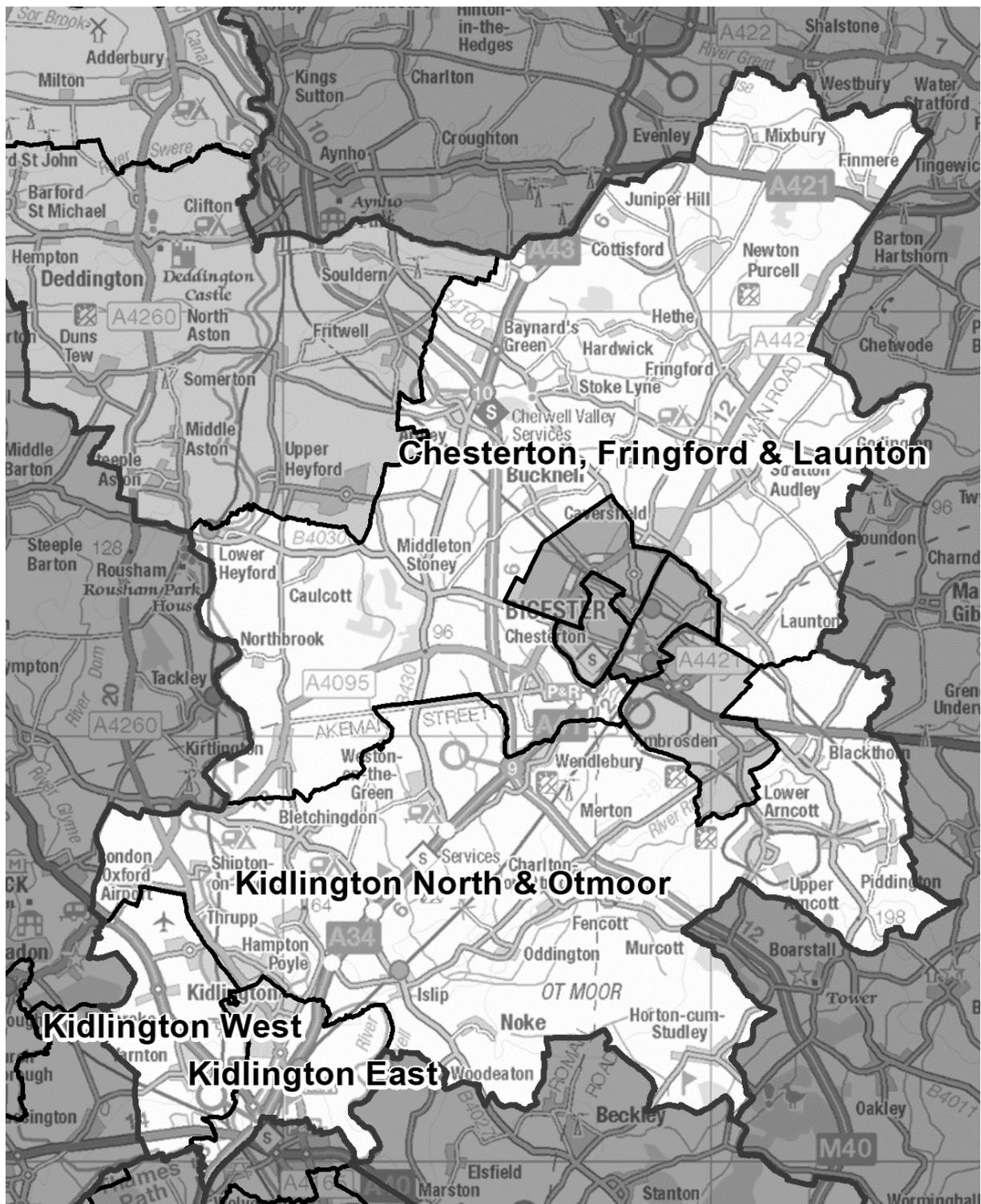
13 Under our original draft recommendations, incorporating the boundaries flowing from the recent Community Governance Review (CGR) for Banbury would result in poor electoral equality in Cropredy & Wroxton and Adderbury, Bloxham & Bodicote divisions. Both of these proposed divisions would have forecast electoral variances of -16%. This was also the case in the Council's original submission and resolving the issue required making changes to the rural divisions in Cherwell.

14 Adding Milcombe parish to Adderbury, Bloxham & Bodicote improved the forecast electoral equality in the division to -9%. However, if this parish was taken from our draft Deddington division, this would be left with a variance of -16%. Furthermore, if it was transferred from the Council's Cropredy & Wroxton division, this division's variance would be increased to -22%. In turn, moving Hook Norton parish into Cropredy & Wroxton division improved this variance to 0% but left Deddington & Hook Norton division with a variance of -28%. To alleviate this we joined Heyford Park parish with Upper Heyford in Deddington & Hook Norton division, resulting in a minimal forecast electoral variance to 1%.

15 In order to reflect these changes and better represent the communities within these divisions, we have renamed them Cropredy & Hook Norton and Deddington & Heyfords. We would be particularly interested to hear from residents about whether they think these division names adequately represent their communities.

16 We received a submission from Councillor David Hingley about the boundary between Adderbury, Bloxham & Bodicote and the divisions of Banbury Easington and Banbury Calthorpe. Councillor Hingley was concerned that the maps being used by Oxfordshire County Council to inform their proposals did not adequately take into account the CGR changes to Bodicote parish and provided detailed maps to illustrate this. We are grateful to Councillor Hingley for this and have used this information for our proposed Adderbury, Bloxham & Bodicote boundary.

Lower Cherwell



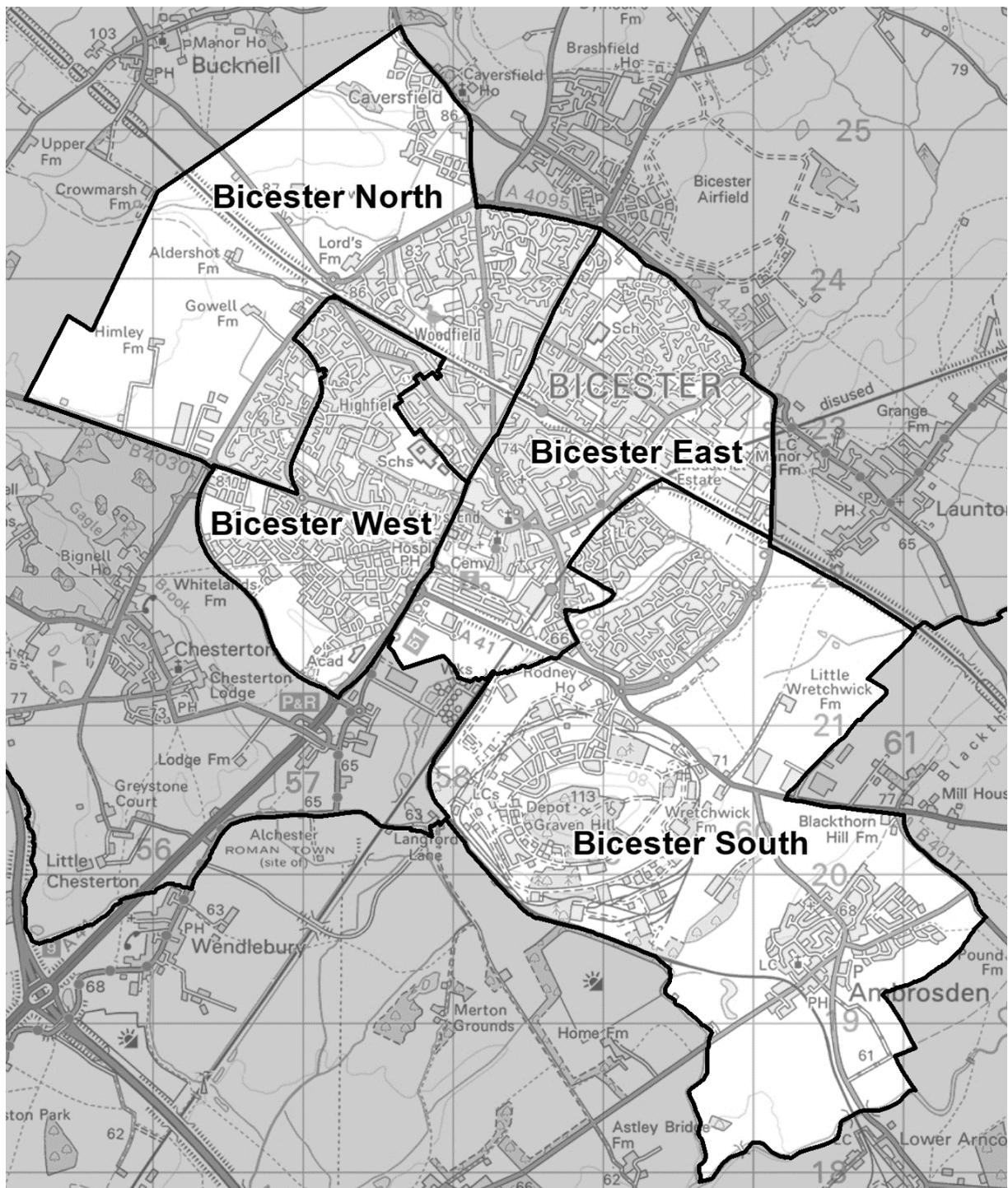
Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2029
Chesterton, Fringford & Launton	1	-4%
Kidlington East	1	6%
Kidlington North & Otmoor	1	-12%

Chesterton, Fringford & Launton, Kidlington East, Kidlington North & Otmoor and Kidlington West

17 Excluding Heyford Park parish from our proposed Fringford & Heyfords division increased its forecast variance to -31%. To compensate for this we moved Caversfield and Launton parishes into the division from Bicester North and Kidlington North & Otmoor, respectively. This does result in an electoral variance of -12% for Kidlington North & Otmoor but we consider this is justified and provides the best balance of our statutory criteria. To reflect these changes we have proposed renaming Fringford & Heyfords division 'Chesterton, Fringford & Launton'.

18 We did not receive any submissions regarding Kidlington East or Kidlington West, and our proposals for these divisions remain unchanged from our original draft recommendations.

Bicester



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2029
Bicester East	1	-8%
Bicester North	1	-2%
Bicester South	1	-8%
Bicester West	1	-9%

Bicester East, Bicester North, Bicester South and Bicester West

19 In proposing a set of new draft recommendations for Bicester we have made adjustments to our original draft recommendations while incorporating an element of the Council's initial scheme. This is because our draft recommendations were themselves very similar to the Council's scheme, though we made changes to improve electoral equality in the Council's proposed Bicester East and Bicester West divisions, which had variances of -12% and 13%, respectively.

20 We received a submission from county councillors Donna Ford, Les Sibley and Michael Waine which made several suggestions for our proposed Bicester divisions. However, we believe these would result in higher electoral inequality in Bicester if applied. For example, the councillors proposed that 'Elements of the Bicester North and Caversfield Division which are in the Bicester West District Ward should be moved into the Bicester West Division. This will allow for the growth the Bicester North and Caversfield ward expected at NW Bicester.' However, doing so would create electoral variances of -17% in Bicester North and 22% in Bicester West.

21 Likewise, the councillors proposed 'moving the Cherwell District Ward of Kingsmere from the Bicester West Division to the Bicester South Division that would include the Cherwell District and Bicester Town wards of Langford Village Graven Hill and Kingsmere.' However, our understanding is that this would create variances of 36% for Bicester South and -41% for Bicester West.

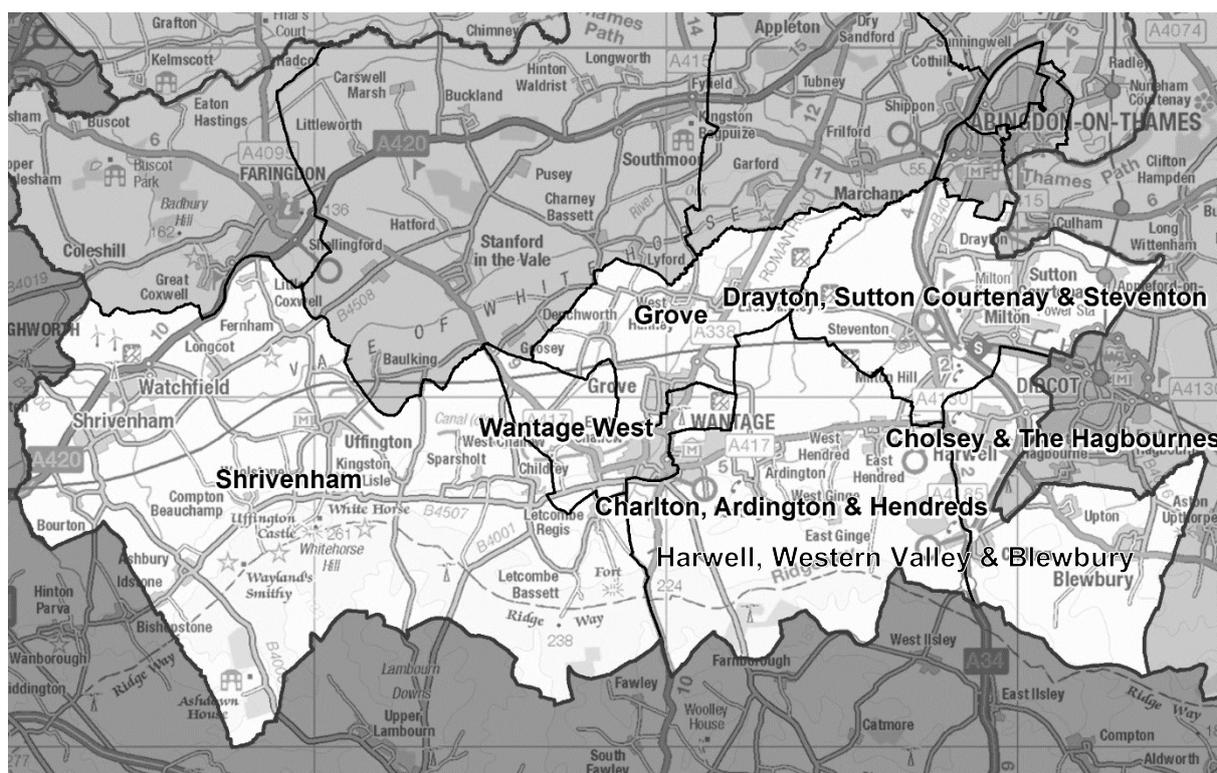
22 We have instead modified our draft recommendations for Bicester to take into account the changes proposed elsewhere in the district. As moving Caversfield parish into Fringford & Heyfords division increases the variance of Bicester North to -13%, we have included the area of Highfield which the Council placed in Bicester North into the division resulting in a variance of -2%. This would further result in an electoral variance for Bicester West of -9%. This involves the transfer from Bicester West to Bicester North of Almond Road, The Approach, Barry Avenue, The Crescent, Crockwell Close, East Street, George Street, Graham Road, Hamilton Close, Hudson Street, Rowan Road, Stoneburge Crescent, West Street, and parts of Bucknell Road and Banbury Road.

23 We also received submissions from Cherwell District Council and Bicester Town Council regarding our proposed parish wards for the Town Council. The Town Council argued that there should be only four equal-sized parish wards – East, North, South and West – while Cherwell District Council argued that the boundary of our proposed Village parish ward should be extended north to the railway line while our proposed Greenwood and West parish wards should be amalgamated.

24 We are, however, unable to do any of these things because we are required by law to create parish wards wherever district ward and county division boundaries intersect a parish. It was necessary to create the Greenwood parish ward, for

example, because this area lies between the district ward boundary of Bicester West and our proposed county division boundary of Bicester West. Likewise, the northern boundary of our proposed Village parish ward cannot be moved because this is the southern boundary of the Bicester East district ward. We have therefore declined to rename the Village parish ward 'Bicester Town' as suggested by Cherwell District Council, as we assume this was contingent on the boundary being moved north, but we would welcome feedback from the District Council on whether this was the case.

Vale of White Horse South



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2029
Charlton, Ardington & Hendreds	1	0%
Drayton, Sutton Courtenay & Steventon	1	2%
Grove	1	10%
Harwell, Western Valley & Blewbury	1	10%
Shrivenham	1	0%
Wantage West	1	-2%

Charlton, Ardington & Hendreds, Drayton, Sutton Courtenay & Steventon, Grove, Harwell, Western Valley & Blewbury, Shrivenham and Wantage West

25 Our new draft recommendations for Vale of White Horse are in response to a large number of submissions objecting to our proposed divisions in the Wantage area. Of the 18 we received for the district, 14 wrote to oppose our draft recommendations in Wantage. These submissions primarily opposed the inclusion of the Charlton area of the parish in a division with the rural parishes of Ardington, Blewbury, Chilton, East Hendred, Lockinge and West Hendred. Respondents felt passionately that Charlton was an integral part of Wantage which has little in common with the abovementioned rural parishes.

26 Under the existing arrangements, the entire Wantage parish is in a Grove & Wantage county division with Grove parish. However, this division would now have an electoral variance of 144%, so is no longer viable. Councillor Andrew Crawford

proposed a division arrangement which would result in a Wantage West division with a variance of 0% made up of the parishes of Kingston Lisle, Sparsholt, Childrey, Letcombe Bassett, Letcombe Regis, East Challow, West Challow, the Segsbury parish ward of Wantage and the Grove Brook parish ward. This would also include a Wantage East division with a variance of 25% incorporating Wantage Charlton parish ward and the parishes of Lockinge, Ardington, West Hendred, East Hendred and Chilton.

27 The scheme also included a Harwell & Valley Park division with an electoral variance of 2% and including Harwell, Upton and Blewbury parishes. Milton parish would be added to Drayton, Sutton Courtenay & Steventon, but this is a non-contiguous division, which we cannot adopt. This can be resolved by moving Chilton into Wantage East, which then has a variance of 10%, but Harwell & Valley Park's would increase to 17%. Councillor Crawford also proposed a Grove North & Hanneys division made of Grove North parish ward as well as East Hanney, West Hanney, Denchworth, Goosey and Charney Bassett parishes, though this has a variance of 14%. The scheme also leaves the surrounding divisions of Shrivenham and Kingston & Stamford with electoral variances of -18%.

28 However, Wantage Town Council submitted a scheme which appeared to address Charlton residents' concerns while also mostly providing for good electoral equality. This proposal was centred around a Wantage West division with a variance of -2% comprised of East Challow and West Challow parishes, Segsbury parish ward, Grove Brook parish ward and an area of Wantage within the B4507. This was complemented by a Charlton, Ardington & Hendreds division with a variance of 0% formed of the remainder of Wantage Charlton parish ward, Lockinge, Ardington, West Hendred and East Hendred parishes. Neighbouring this is the same Harwell, Valley Park & Blewbury division proposed by Councillor Crawford. To the north the Town Council proposed a Grove division with a variance of 12% made up of Grove North parish ward, and Goosey, Denchworth, East Hanney and West Hanney. The scheme leaves Shrivenham division with a variance of 0%.

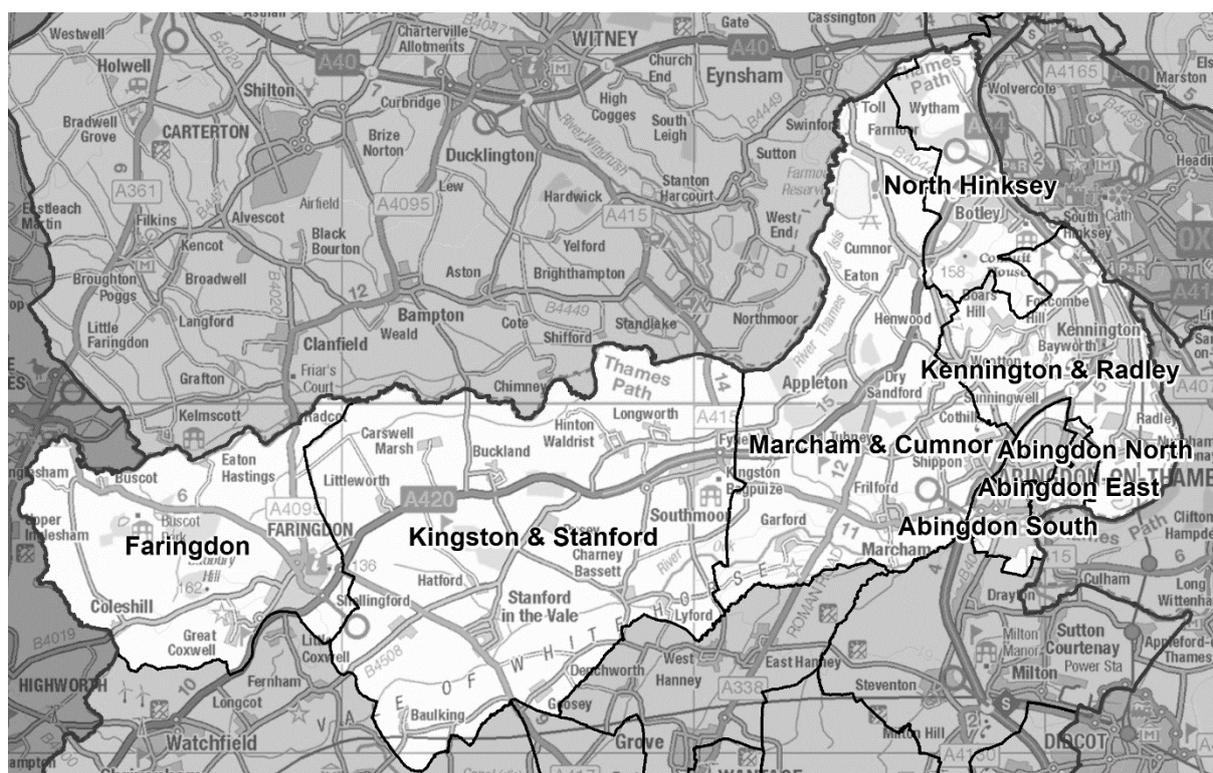
29 We observed some discrepancies in the submission between the written account of the scheme and the map provided. The description spoke in terms of whole polling districts so, for example, while the written account of the boundary between the divisions of Wantage West and Charlton, Ardington & Hendreds placed it on the boundary of Segsbury parish ward – that is, Letcombe Brook – the map showed it following the B4507. Likewise, while the description of Charlton, Ardington & Hendreds placed all of Wantage Charlton parish ward in the division, the map drew the line down the middle of Manor Road. In applying this scheme we have used the most beneficial interpretation. For example, the Letcombe Brook boundary leaves Wantage West division with a variance of -19% and Charlton, Ardington & Hendreds with 10%, so we have opted to use the B4507 as a boundary. Likewise, it seemed to us unwise to draw the boundary down the middle of Manor Road when

most of the electors in this area live either side of it. It therefore appeared to be a focus for a community rather than a dividing line.

30 In Grove division, the variance could easily be brought down to 10% by including Goosey parish in Kingston & Stanford division. For the non-contiguous Harwell, Valley Park & Blewbury division, we have included all of Chilton parish east of the A4185/A34 while including the west side in Charlton, Ardington & Hendreds. This produces electoral variances of 10% and 0%, respectively, and has the benefit of uniting the Oxford University campus, which straddles the Chilton and Harwell parishes, under one division. As well as residents of Wantage, we would be particularly keen to hear from residents of Chilton about these proposals.

31 We received a submission from a resident requesting that we change the name of the proposed Harwell & Valley Park division to 'Harwell & Western Valley' because 'Valley Park is the marketing name used by the developer' but that the new parish – carved out of Harwell parish between the A34 and the A4130 – will be named 'Western Valley'. We have therefore named our proposed division Harwell, Western Valley & Blewbury.

Vale of White Horse North



Division name	Number of councillors	Variance 2029
Abingdon East	1	2%
Abingdon North	1	9%
Abingdon South	1	2%
Faringdon	1	-9%
Kennington & Radley	1	5%
Kingston & Stanford	1	-12%
Marcham & Cumnor	1	-14%
North Hinksey	1	-9%

Kingston & Stanford and Marcham & Cumnor

32 Our draft recommendations in the north of district were unaffected by the changes described above, as these were wholly self-contained. However, we have made adjustments to the boundaries of Kingston & Stanford and Marcham & Cumnor based on the evidence submitted by a resident, which we believe greatly simplifies the division boundaries while better reflecting local communities.

33 The resident argued that the parish of Longworth would be better served in the Kingston & Stanford division than in Marcham & Cumnor, as in our original draft recommendations, as its community connections are very much to the west and south rather than to the east. Examples given by the resident include Longworth's inclusion in the Benefice of Cherbury with Gainfield along with the villages of

Buckland, Charney Bassett, Hinton Waldrist, Littleworth, Lyford and Pusey, for which there is a local newsletter. Other examples given by the resident are the HALF educational charity and Longworth & District Historical Society which serve both Longworth and Hinton Waldrist. The resident recommended offsetting this change by moving the parishes of Frilford and Garford into Marcham & Cumnor division, as he notes both parishes are already part of the ecclesiastical parish of Marcham. This has the effect of 'flipping' the variances of the divisions from -14% in Kingston & Stanford and -12% in Marcham & Cumnor to -12% and -14%, respectively. This also greatly simplifies the boundary between the two divisions, becoming akin to a straight line.

Abingdon East, Abingdon North, Abingdon South, Faringdon, Kennington & Radley and North Hinksey

34 Our proposed changes in Kingston & Stanford and Marcham & Cumnor do not affect these divisions and we did not receive any submissions in response to our draft recommendations there. We are therefore proposing to carry forward our original draft recommendations into our new draft recommendations.

Parish electoral arrangements

35 As part of an electoral review, we are required to have regard to the statutory criteria set out in Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (the 2009 Act). The Schedule provides that if a parish is to be divided between different divisions it must also be divided into parish wards, so that each parish ward lies wholly within a single division. We cannot recommend changes to the external boundaries of parishes as part of an electoral review.

36 Under the 2009 Act we only have the power to make changes to parish electoral arrangements where these are as a direct consequence of our recommendations for principal authority warding and division arrangements. However, Oxfordshire County Council has powers under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to conduct community governance reviews to effect changes to parish electoral arrangements.

37 As a result of our proposed division boundaries and having regard to the statutory criteria set out in schedule 2 to the 2009 Act, we are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Banbury, Bicester and Wantage.

38 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Banbury parish.

Further draft recommendations

Banbury Town Council should comprise 22 councillors, as at present, representing 12 wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Blackwell Drive	1
Broughton Road	1
Calthorpe North	1
Calthorpe South	2
Easington South	3
Grimsbury	3
Hardwick	4
Neithrop North	1
Neithrop South	1
Park Road	1
Ruscote	3
Town Centre	1

39 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Bicester parish.

Further draft recommendations

Bicester Town Council should comprise 22 councillors, as at present, representing eight wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Brookside	1
East	5
Greenwood	1
North	4
South East	4
South West	3
Village	1
West	3

40 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Wantage parish.

Further draft recommendations

Wantage Town Council should comprise 16 councillors, as at present, representing three wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Charlton	6
Segsbury	6
Wantage	4

Have your say

41 The Commission has an open mind about its further draft recommendations. Every representation we receive will be considered, regardless of who it is from or whether it relates to the whole county or just a part of it.

42 If you agree with our recommendations, please let us know. If you don't think our recommendations are right for Oxfordshire County Council, we want to hear alternative proposals for a different pattern of divisions.

43 Our website has a special consultation area where you can explore the maps and draw your own proposed boundaries. You can find it at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk

44 Submissions can also be made by emailing reviews@lgbce.org.uk or by writing to:

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45 The Commission aims to propose a pattern of divisions for Oxfordshire County Council which delivers:

- Electoral equality: each local councillor represents a similar number of electors
- Community identity: reflects the identity and interests of local communities
- Effective and convenient local government: helping your council discharge its responsibilities effectively

46 A good pattern of divisions should:

- Provide good electoral equality, with each councillor representing, as closely as possible, the same number of electors
- Reflect community interests and identities and include evidence of community links
- Be based on strong, easily identifiable boundaries
- Help the council deliver effective and convenient local government

47 Electoral equality:

- Does your proposal mean that councillors would represent roughly the same number of electors as elsewhere in Oxfordshire?

48 Community identity:

- Community groups: is there a parish council, residents' association or other group that represents the area?
- Interests: what issues bind the community together or separate it from other parts of your area?
- Identifiable boundaries: are there natural or constructed features which make strong boundaries for your proposals?

49 Effective local government:

- Are any of the proposed divisions too large or small to be represented effectively?
- Are the proposed names of the divisions appropriate?
- Are there good links across your proposed divisions? Is there any form of public transport?

50 Please note that the consultation stages of an electoral review are public consultations. In the interests of openness and transparency, we make available for public inspection full copies of all representations the Commission takes into account as part of a review. Accordingly, copies of all representations will be placed on deposit at our offices in Westminster (London) and on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk. A list of respondents will be available from us on request after the end of the consultation period.

51 If you are a member of the public and not writing on behalf of a council or organisation we will remove any personal identifiers, such as postal or email addresses, signatures or phone numbers from your submission before it is made public. We will remove signatures from all letters, no matter who they are from.

52 In the light of representations received, we will review our further draft recommendations and consider whether they should be altered. As indicated earlier, it is therefore important that all interested parties let us have their views and evidence, **whether or not** they agree with the further draft recommendations. We will then publish our final recommendations.

53 After the publication of our final recommendations, the changes we have proposed must be approved by Parliament. An Order – the legal document which

brings into force our recommendations – will be laid in draft in Parliament. The draft Order will provide for new electoral arrangements to be implemented at the all-out elections for Oxfordshire in 2025.

Equalities

54 The Commission has looked at how it carries out reviews under the guidelines set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. It has made best endeavours to ensure that people with protected characteristics can participate in the review process and is sufficiently satisfied that no adverse equality impacts will arise as a result of the outcome of the review.

Appendices

Appendix A

Further draft recommendations for divisions in Oxfordshire County Council

Division name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2023)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2029)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
CHERWELL							
1	Adderbury, Bloxham & Bodicote	8,057	8,057	7%	7,684	7,684	-9%
2	Banbury Calthorpe	7,215	7,215	-5%	9,172	9,172	9%
3	Banbury Easington	6,156	6,156	-19%	7,617	7,617	-10%
4	Banbury Grimsbury & Castle	8,586	8,586	14%	9,109	9,109	8%
5	Banbury Hardwick	7,996	7,996	6%	8,713	8,713	3%
6	Banbury Ruscote	8,670	8,670	15%	9,105	9,105	8%
7	Bicester East	7,349	7,349	-3%	7,801	7,801	-8%
8	Bicester North	7,830	7,830	4%	8,322	8,322	-2%
9	Bicester South	5,909	5,909	-22%	7,757	7,757	-8%

Division name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2023)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2029)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
10 Bicester West	1	7,109	7,109	-6%	7,715	7,715	-9%
11 Chesterton, Fringford & Launton	1	7,449	7,449	-2%	8,071	8,071	-4%
12 Cropredy & Hook Norton	1	8,364	8,364	11%	8,411	8,411	0%
13 Deddington & Heyfords	1	7,229	7,229	-4%	8,530	8,530	1%
14 Kidlington East	1	7,043	7,043	-7%	8,953	8,953	6%
15 Kidlington North & Otmoor	1	7,365	7,365	-3%	7,442	7,442	-12%
16 Kidlington West	1	4,829	4,829	-36%	8,966	8,966	6%
VALE OF WHITE HORSE							
1 Abingdon East	1	8,398	8,398	11%	8,614	8,614	2%
2 Abingdon North	1	7,896	7,896	4%	9,186	9,186	9%
3 Abingdon South	1	8,587	8,587	14%	8,598	8,598	2%
4 Charlton, Ardington & Hendreds	1	6,939	6,939	-8%	8,420	8,420	0%

Division name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2023)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2029)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
5 Drayton, Sutton Courtenay & Steventon	1	7,724	7,724	2%	8,603	8,603	2%
6 Faringdon	1	7,086	7,086	-6%	7,701	7,701	-9%
7 Grove	1	6,686	6,686	-12%	9,313	9,313	10%
8 Harwell, Western Valley & Blewbury	1	6,134	6,134	-19%	9,308	9,308	10%
9 Kennington & Radley	1	8,448	8,448	12%	8,851	8,851	5%
10 Kingston & Stanford	1	7,211	7,211	-5%	7,402	7,402	-12%
11 Marcham & Cumnor	1	6,156	6,156	-19%	7,275	7,275	-14%
12 North Hinksey	1	7,578	7,578	0%	7,703	7,703	-9%
13 Shrivenham	1	7,799	7,799	3%	8,436	8,436	0%
14 Wantage West	1	8,280	8,280	9%	8,313	8,313	-2%

Source: Electorate figures are based on information provided by Oxfordshire County Council.

Note: The 'variance from average' column shows by how far, in percentage terms, the number of electors per councillor in each electoral division varies from the average for the county. The minus symbol (-) denotes a lower than average number of electors. Figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

Appendix B

Submissions received

All submissions received can also be viewed on our website at:

www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/oxfordshire

Local Authority

- Oxfordshire County Council
- Cherwell District Council

Political Groups

- The Labour Group on Witney Town Council
- Oxfordshire Green Party
- Oxfordshire Labour Group

Councillors

- Councillor A. Beere (Cherwell District Council)
- Councillor M. Cherry (Oxfordshire County Council)**
- Councillor A. Crawford (Vale of White Horse District Council and Wantage Town Council)**
- Councillor A. Crichton (Cherwell District Council)
- Councillor D. Ford (Oxfordshire County Council)*
- Councillor D. Green (East Hanney Parish Council)
- Councillor D. Hingley (Cherwell District Council)
- Councillor K. Mallon (Oxfordshire County Council)
- Councillor L. Sibley (Oxfordshire County Council)*
- Councillor M. Waine (Oxfordshire County Council)*

* Contributed to a single submission

** Made two submissions

Parish and Town Councils

- Banbury Town Council
- Bicester Town Council
- Thame Town Council
- Wantage Town Council
- Witney Town Council

Local Residents

- 21 local residents

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