

# Oxfordshire

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Chilton and surrounding parishes

Although I am a town councillor in nearby Didcot, I am making this submission in a personal capacity as it does not relate to that area. I do not live in Chilton, but I have various ties to it through employment and voluntary work.

Firstly I would like to draw your attention to a factual error you have made in your report - the Harwell Science and Innovation Campus is not a campus of the University of Oxford as you state, rather it's history lies in the UK Atomic Energy Authority (and before that the RAF).

More substantively, I do not support the proposed division boundary along the A34. I commend the desire for the campus to fall in one division, however I do not believe this should come at the cost of splitting the population centres of Chilton parish. The majority of the residents of Chilton live either immediately south of the campus (West of the A34) in a newer housing estate (and a few older buildings around this) or east of the A34 in the old vilage. The residents would benefit from a single resident. To that end I propose either:

- A. The boundary is moved to include the Chilton Fields development south of the campus in the Harwell ward
- B The boundary is moved to run north of the old vilage of Chilton (A4185) , but not follow the north boundary of the parish.

I have indicated roughly what is meant by this on the attached map.

Largely this problem is a result of the boundary between South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse making little sense in the light of modern development and would be resolved more easily if this were moved (western valley would sit more naturally alongside one of the Didcot divisions).

Additionally I would like to comment on the proposed parish ward name of "Upper Farm". I do not think this will be easily recognised by Chilton residents as it is not what the area is commonly described as . I propose either:

A. The two parish wards be named "West Chilton" and East Chilton" or

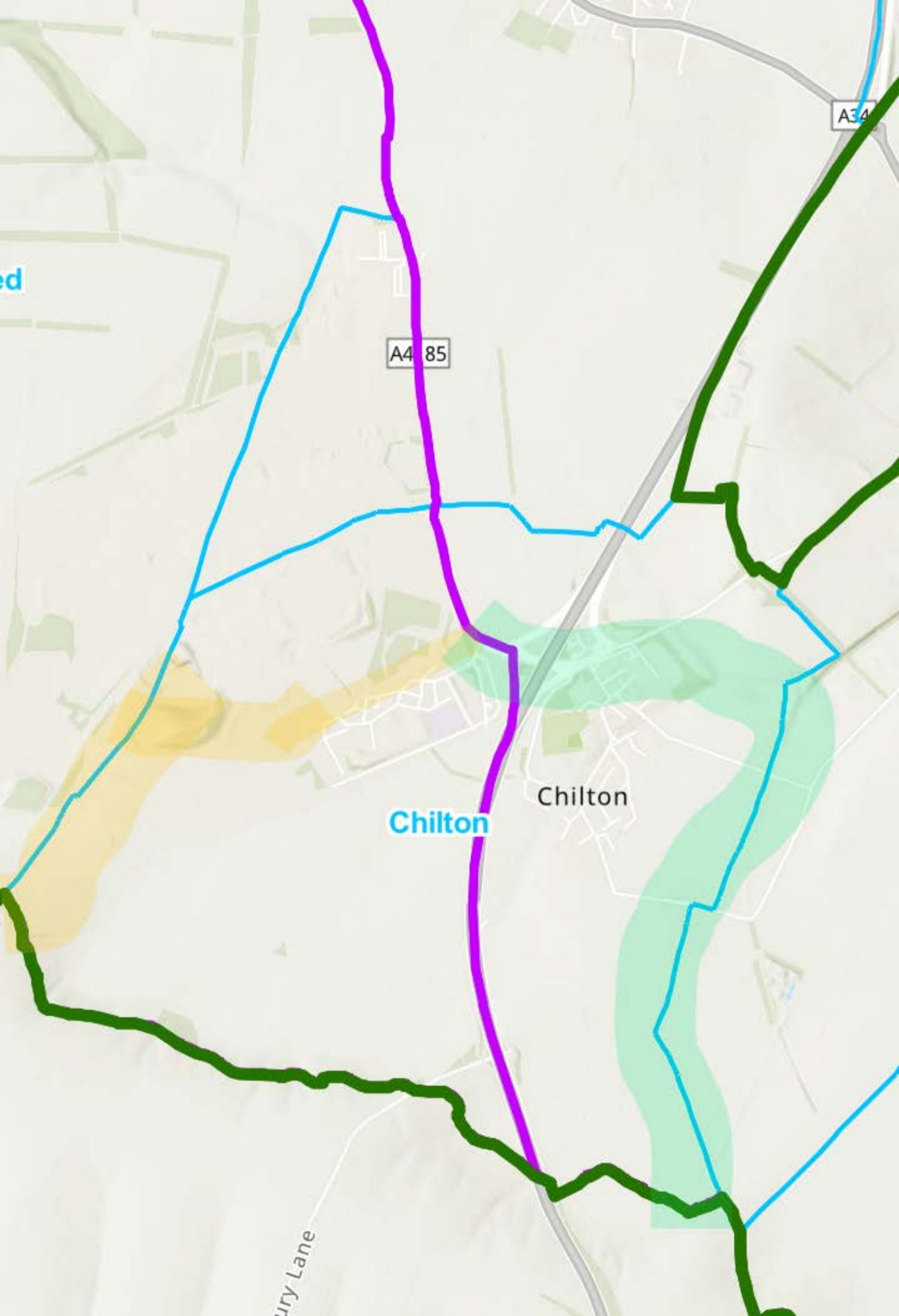
B. Upper Farm Ward is instead named "Chilton Fields", the name of the development comprising the majority of housing in that ward and the area it is known as. Or

C. Upper Farm ward is instead named "Campus"

Thanks for your consideration

## **Attached Documents:**

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