

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND  
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007**

**The Wokingham Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community  
Governance) No.1 Order 2026**

**Made:** 27th March 2026

**Coming into force: In accordance with article 1(2)**

Wokingham Borough Council (“the Council”), in accordance with section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (“the 2007 Act”), has undertaken a community governance review and made recommendations dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026.

The Council has decided to give effect to those recommendations and, in accordance with section 93 of the 2007 Act, has consulted with the local government electors and other interested persons and has had regard to the need to secure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community and is effective and convenient.

The Council, in accordance with section 100 of the 2007 Act, has had regard to guidance issued under that section.

The Council makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 86 and 240(10) of the 2007 Act.

**1. Citation and commencement**

(1) This Order may be cited as the Wokingham Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) No.1 Order 2026.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), this Order shall come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026.

(3) For the purposes of local elections this Order shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2026.

(4) For the purposes of Articles 4 and 5:

(i) the calculation of, and provision of a budget for newly created or amended parishes

(ii) proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors for any parish within the borough affected by this Order, to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2026

This Order shall come into force on the day after that on which it is made.

## **2. Interpretation**

In this Order-

“2007 Act” means the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

“borough” means the borough of Wokingham

“existing” means existing on the date this Order is made

“map” means a map set out in Schedule 3 to this Order and deposited in accordance with section 96(4) of the 2007 Act. [Any reference to a map number is a reference to the map which bears that number within the maps in Schedule 3.]

“new parish” means any new parish constituted by Article 5

“ordinary day of election of councillors” has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983

“registration officer” means an officer appointed under section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983

“incidental matters” means the incidental, consequential, transitional and supplementary provision of general application for the purposes of, and in consequence of, reorganisation orders, made by the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008

## **3. Agreements about incidental matters**

This order has effect subject to any agreement made under section 99 (agreements about incidental matters) of the 2007 Act relevant to any provision of this Order.

### **Effect of this Order**

4. No change has been made to community governance arrangements in respect of those parishes and/or their parish groups specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

5. Changes have been made to community governance in respect of those parishes and/or their parish group, town council, parish council specified in Schedule 2 to this Order in the manner described therein.

7. Maps of newly created parishes and any boundary changes to parishes and maps of newly created or reorganised warding arrangements of parishes are produced in Schedule 3 to this Order.

### **Electoral Register**

9. The registration officer for the borough shall make such rearrangement of, or adaption of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

**Transitional Provision**

10. Until the councillors elected to any new or amended parish council specified in Schedule 2 of this Order at the next ordinary day of election of councillors for that parish (whether in 2026 or a subsequent year) come into office, the new or amended parish shall be represented by those persons who immediately before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 are the elected councillors for the existing ward/parishes.

**Order Date**

11. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 is the Order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

Executed as a Deed by

**THE COMMON SEAL of  
WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

hereunto affixed in the presence of:-

*E Taylor*  
**Authorised signatory**      Legal Assistant

**Dated:** 27th March 2026



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## **Schedule 1**

**No changes have been made to community governance arrangements in respect of the following parishes and/or their parish group, town council, or parish council**

- Charvil Parish Council
- Remenham Parish Council
- Ruscombe Parish Council
- Sonning Parish Council
- St. Nicholas Hurst Parish Council
- Wargrave Parish Council
- Wokingham Without Parish Council

## **Schedule 2**

**Changes have been made to community governance arrangements in respect of the following parishes and/or their parish group, town council, or parish council**

Map 1 2026 All Parish Map provides an overview of all Towns and Parishes in Wokingham Borough following this Order.

### **Arborfield and Newland Parish Council**

- The parish name remains as Arborfield and Newland Parish Council
- The number of parish Councillors remains as 10 (unchanged)
- The parish becomes unwarded.
- The ordinary year of election remains as 2026.
- The external boundaries of the parish are as per Map 2 Arborfield and Newland Overview. With detail of the changed boundary in Map 3 Arborfield and Newland and Barkham Boundary Detail.

### **Barkham Parish Council**

- The parish name remains as Barkham Parish Council
- The number of parish Councillors remains as 10 (unchanged)
- The parish remains unwarded.
- The ordinary year of election remains as 2027.
- The external boundaries of the parish are as per Map 4 Barkham 2026 Overview. With detail of the changed boundary in Map 3 Arborfield and Newland and Barkham Boundary Detail.

### **Finchampstead Parish Council**

- The parish name remains as Finchampstead Parish Council
- The number of parish Councillors remains as 17 (unchanged)
- The parish remains warded with detail at Map 7 Swallowfield/Finchampstead and Swallowfield Internal Boundaries (East and West) and Map 8 Swallowfield/Finchampstead Boundary resulting in reallocation of Councillors are per Table 5.1.

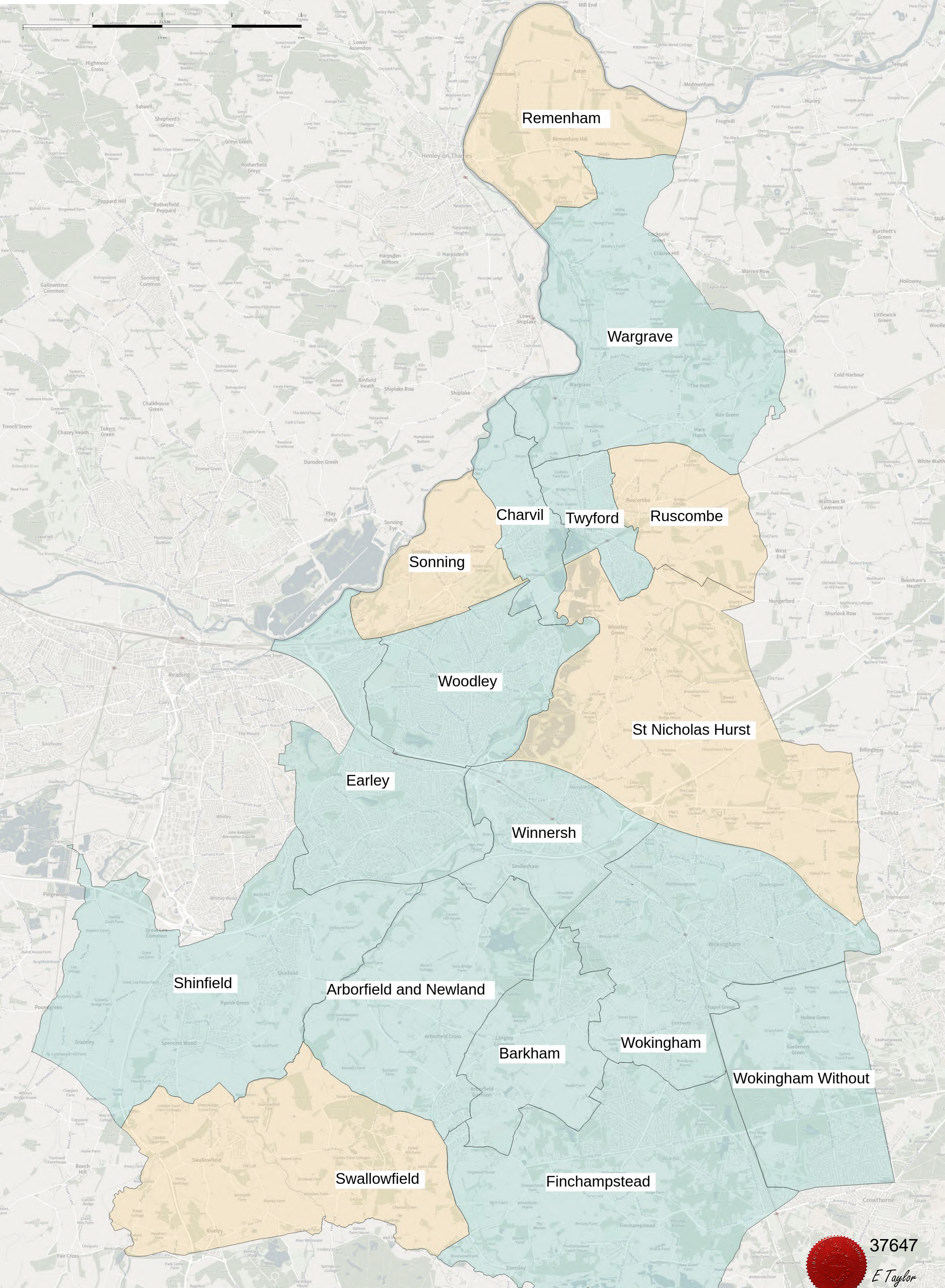
**Table 5.1 Finchampstead Internal Warding Arrangements Councillor Allocations**

Ward	Electorate	Councillors	Councillors per Elector
Finchampstead West	1,627	3	542
Finchampstead South	3,799	6	633
Finchampstead North	4,471	7	639
Lower Wokingham	804	1	804
		17	

- The ordinary year of election remains as 2028.
- The external boundaries of the parish are detailed at Map 7 Swallowfield/Finchampstead and Swallowfield Internal Boundaries (East and West) and Map 8 Swallowfield/Finchampstead Boundary.

### **Swallowfield Parish Council**

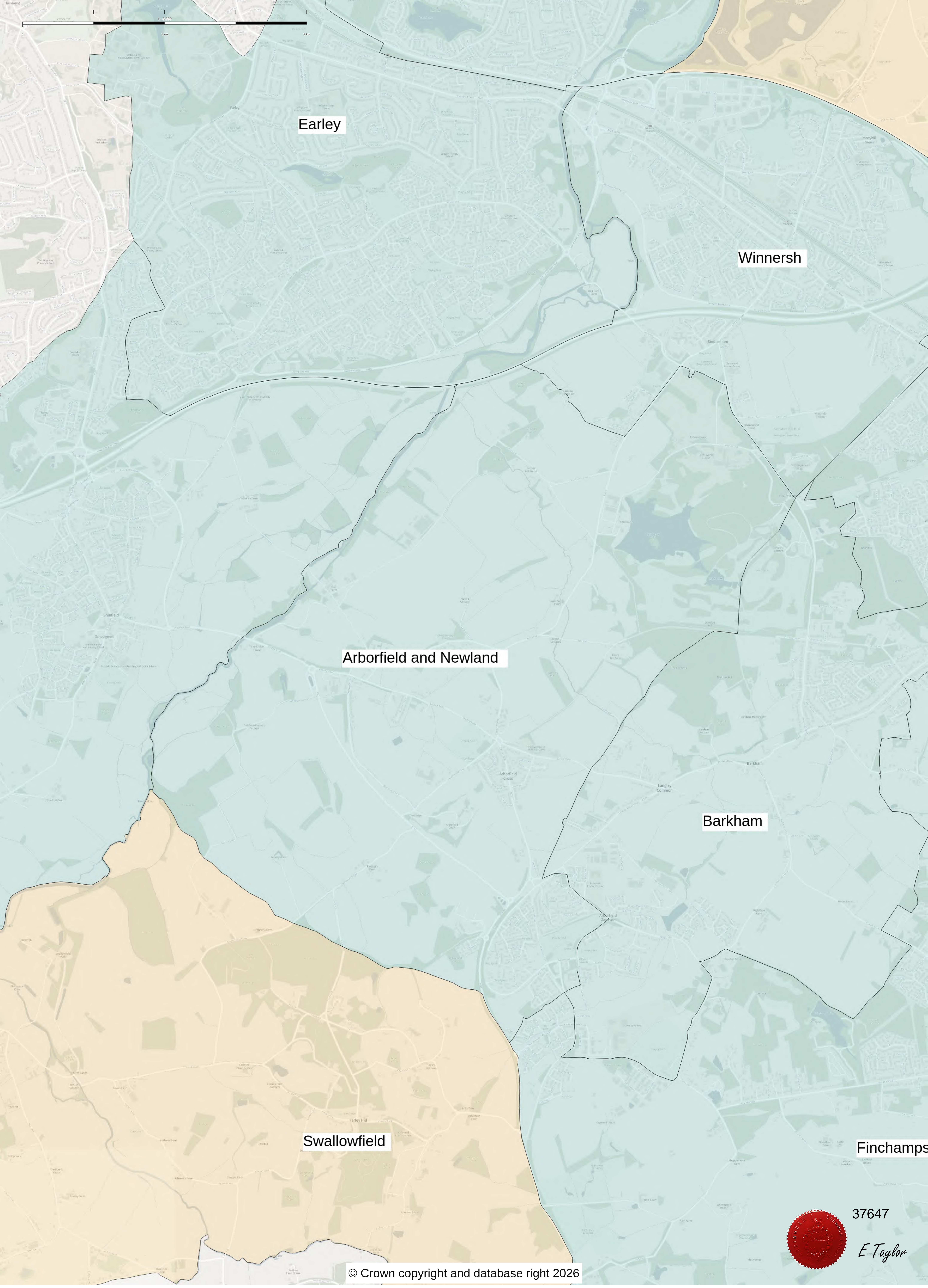
- The parish name remains as Swallowfield Parish Council
- The number of parish Councillors remains as 9 (unchanged)
- The two parish wards (East and West) are implemented with effect from 2026. The boundaries of the parish wards are as per Map 6 Swallowfield Internal Boundaries Overview and Map 7 Swallowfield/Finchampstead and Swallowfield Internal Boundaries (East and West) and Map 8 Swallowfield/ Finchampstead Boundary and Map 9 Swallowfield East/West.
- The ordinary year of election remains as 2026.
- The external boundaries of the parish are as per Map 5 Swallowfield Overview and Map 7 Swallowfield/Finchampstead and Swallowfield Internal Boundaries (East and West) and Map 8 Swallowfield/ Finchampstead Boundary and Map 9 Swallowfield East/West.



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# Map 2 Arborfield and Newland Overview



Earley

Winnersh

Arborfield and Newland

Barkham

Swallowfield

Finchamps



# Map 3 Arborfield and Newland and Barkham Boundary Detail



Arborfield and Newland

Barkham

Swallowfield

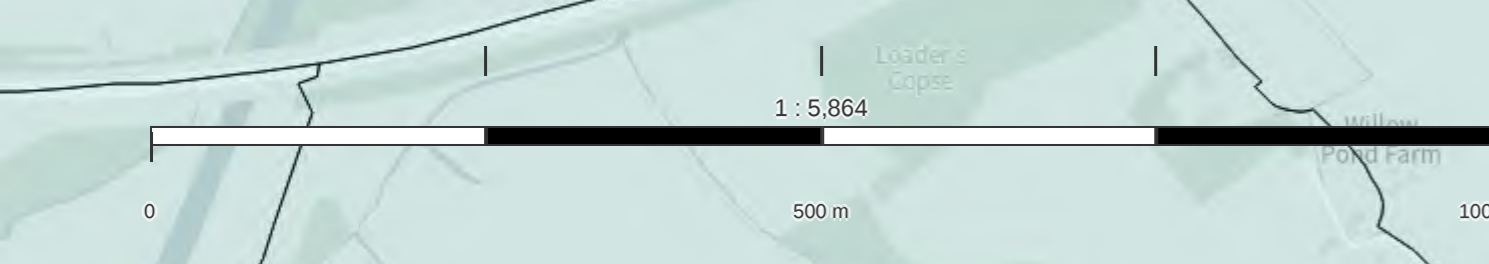
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# Map 4 Barkham 2026 Overview



**Arborfield and Newland**

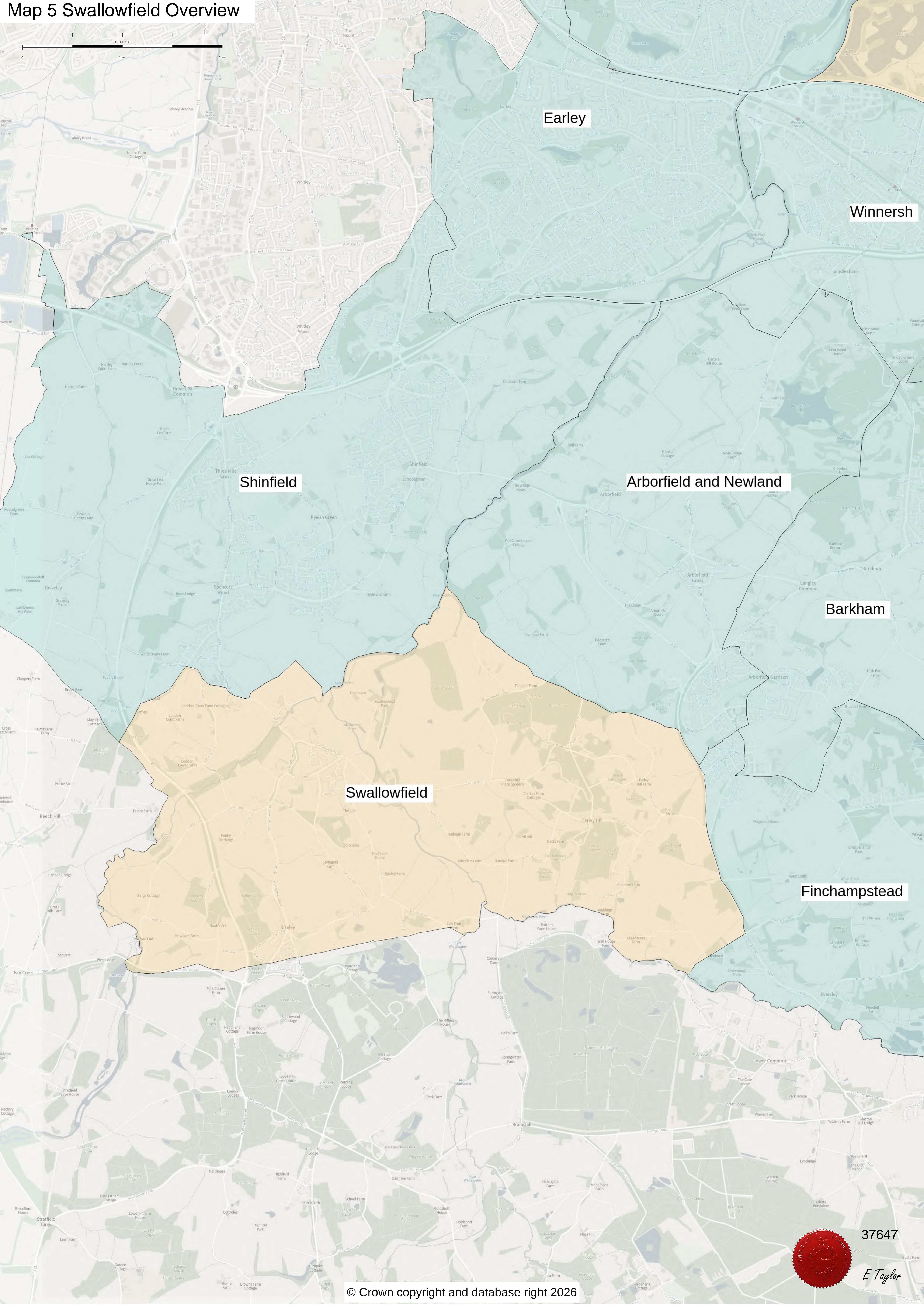
**Barkham**

**Wokingham**

**Finchampstead**



# Map 5 Swallowfield Overview



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Shinfield

Arborfield and Newland

Barkham

Swallowfield

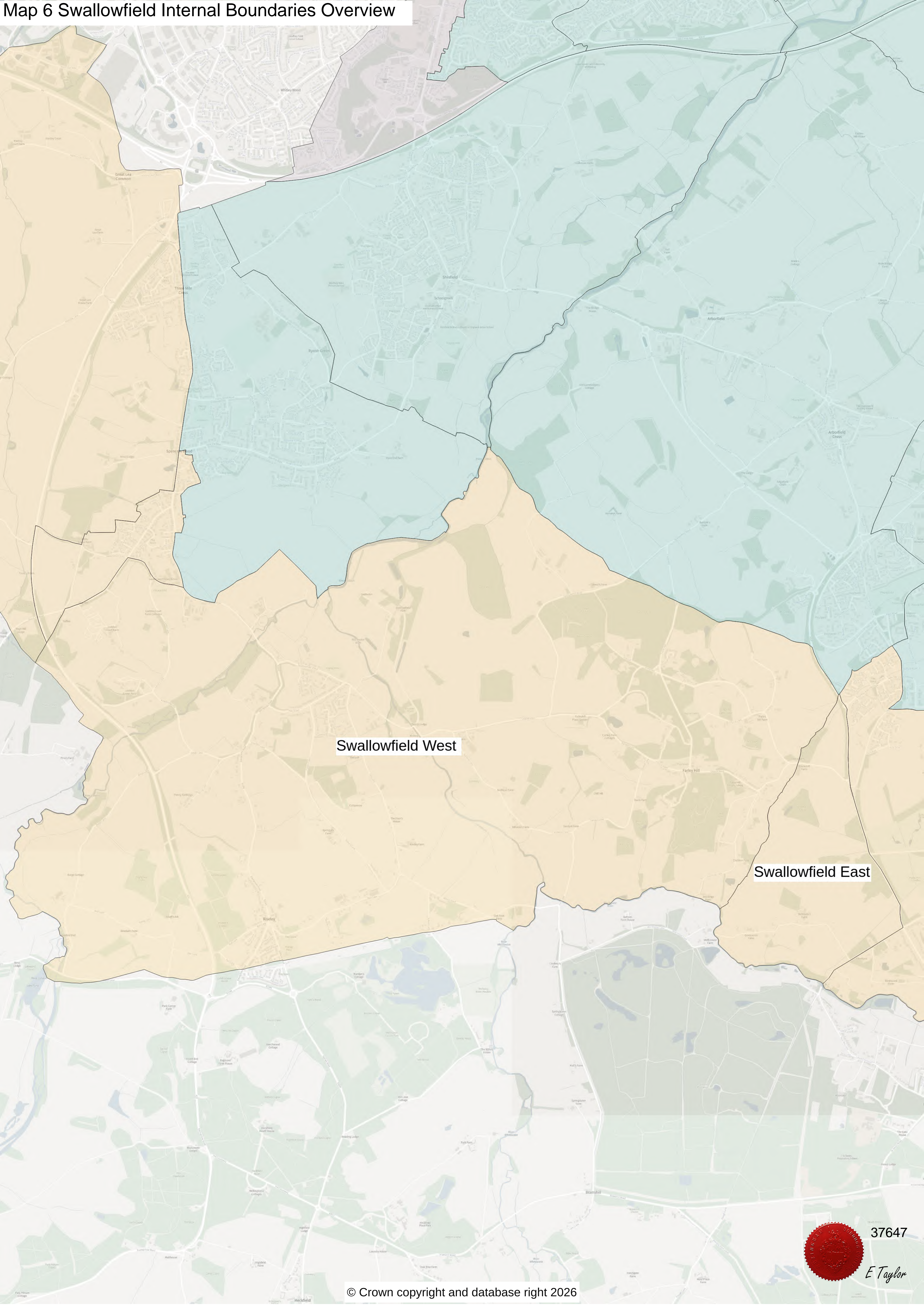
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# Map 6 Swallowfield Internal Boundaries Overview



Swallowfield West

Swallowfield East



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# Map 7 Swallowfield Finchampstead and Swallowfield Boundary (East and West)

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Swallowfield West

Finchampstead West

Swallowfield East



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# Map 8 Swallowfield Finchampstead Boundary Revised

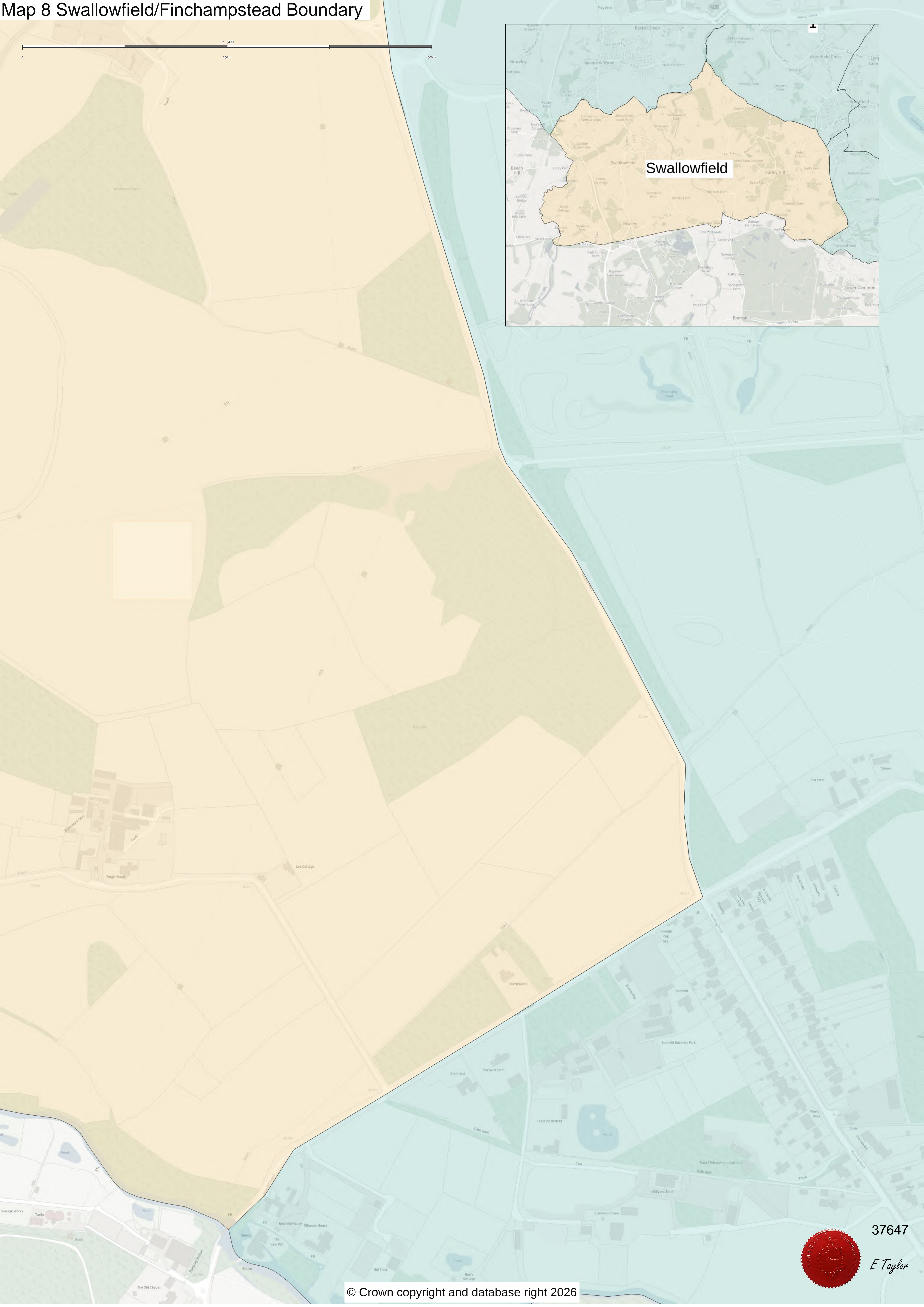
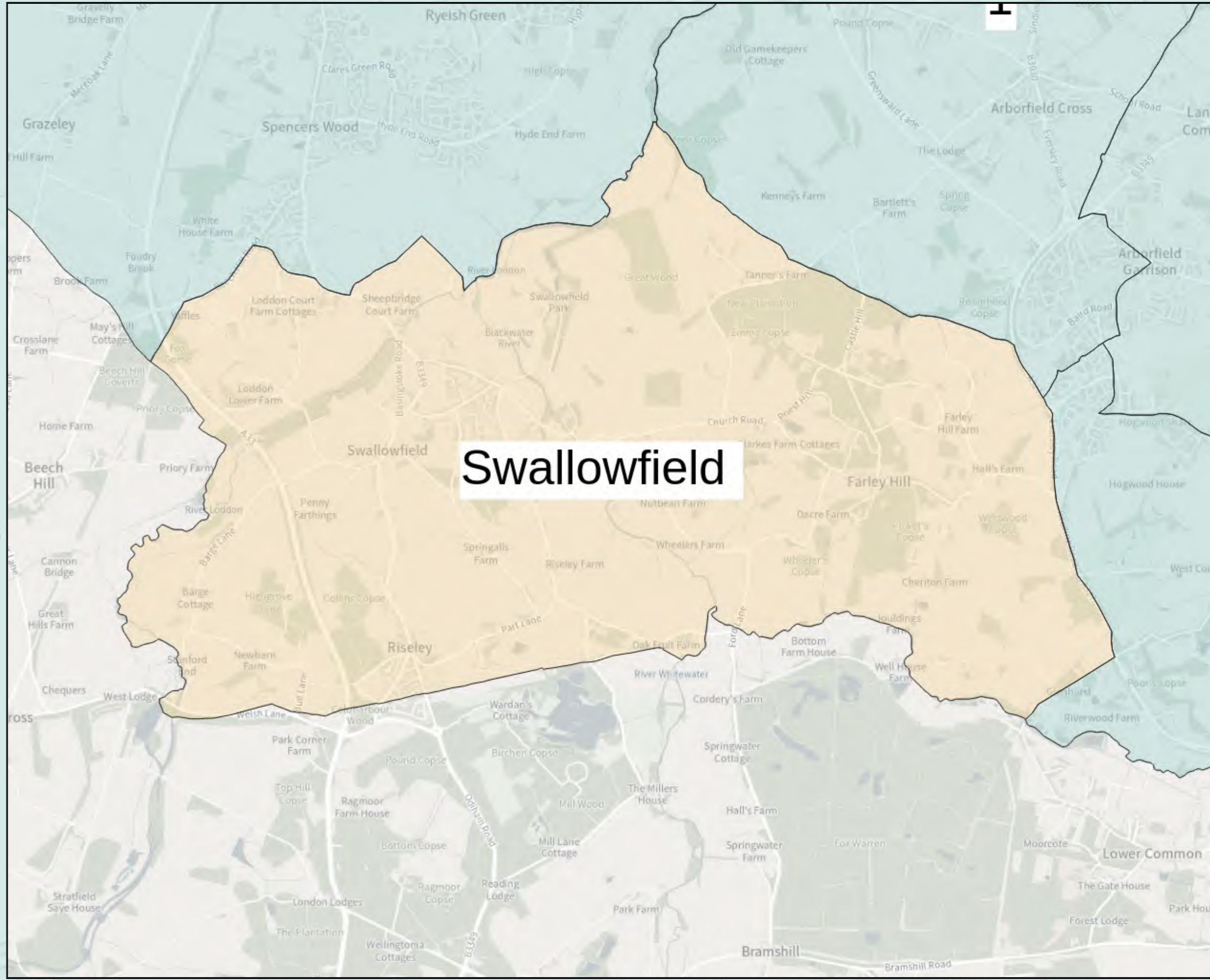
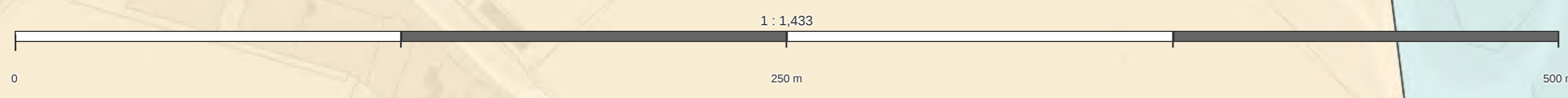
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Swallowfield East

Finchampstead West



# Map 8 Swallowfield/Finchampstead Boundary



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Swallowfield West

Swallowfield East

