

## Wokingham Borough Council

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### Comment text:

I wish to comment on the arrangements for Ward Boundaries for Barkham in the Wokingham Borough where I live. The ward has never had a clear focus due to the inclusion of large areas of the former Arborfield Garrison, whose residents never saw themselves as having links to Barkham. With the massive expansion of housing in the Garrison site to create the "new town of "Arborfield Green" (even though it lies largely within Barkham) has exacerbated this problem. The Ward has also suffered in only having one Councillor for a large number of residents which the growth of the new town has exacerbated. Therefore the situation needs to change. Barkham sits between several other clearly defined wards and centres of population but has no clear single centre itself, but does not sit logically with any of those surrounding centres . I would therefore encourage the Commission to retain a separate "Barkham" Ward, but review the boundaries on all sides and recognise the centring of the Ward around the axes of the Church and village Hall to the South, The Coombes area of Woodland to the North, The School Road/Barkham Road junction to the West and the Leathern Bottel Public House to the East, and the Shop and Post Office on Bearwood Road. This would create a Ward with a more logical focus and recognition by residents as to where they live and can then focus on issues affecting this group more clearly, for example, transport links, amenities, traffic congestion, over development etc. The number of Councillors for the revised Ward would be dependent on the population for which they would be responsible but I would expect some rebalancing across the Borough. Thank You.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded