

Local Government Boundary Commission: Wokingham boundary review

Submission in support of majority proposal for (11a) the South ward and against the minority proposal for 11b and 11c.

I largely support the majority proposal for (11a) the 'South' ward. But I have the following points to make:

1. I recommend that the boundary with Shinfield be drawn in the break in settlement between Ryeish Green and Shinfield, as shown in the attached map, because the community of Ryeish Green has, I believe, more affinity with the communities of Spencers Wood and Three Mile Cross than it does to Shinfield. (This would reflect the break between communities in the Shinfield Parish Major Development Plan, as shown in <https://wokingham.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=209ba2e06e0744cab4e954eabe97d505>).
2. I would replace the boundary description with:

The ward is bounded to the north, south and west by the borough boundaries; to the north east, the ward is bounded by the break in settlement between Ryeish Green and Shinfield Village and to the south east the break in settlement between Eversley and Finchampstead; the central part of the eastern boundary follows the boundary with Arborfield Parish except where it skirts round the new Garrison development. *It is important to note that the north-eastern boundary does not follow the current parish ward boundaries between SCW and SDW1, and between SBW and SDW2, which currently cut through the communities of Shinfield Village and Three Mile Cross respectively.*

I would argue against the minority proposal for (11b) Grazeley, Swallowfield and Eversley, and (11c) Spencers Wood/Three Mile Cross:

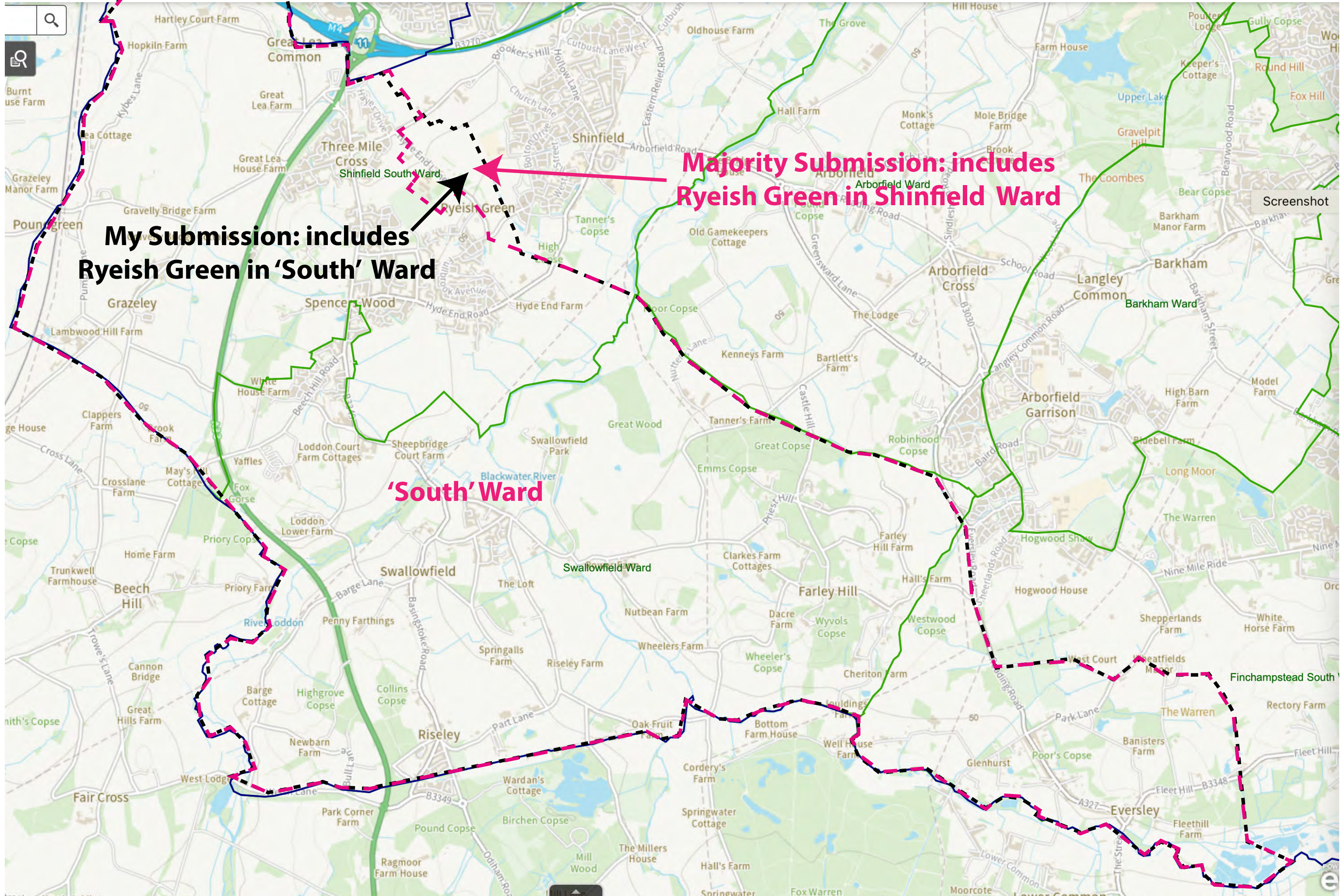
1. The majority proposal is within the recommended voters per councillor and therefore, by definition, cannot be too large to be represented by three councillors. I believe that this large geographical area would be better served by a team of three councillors.
2. As a resident of Spencers Wood for the past 11 years I can testify to the affinity between this area and Swallowfield, and indeed Three Mile Cross, Ryeish Green and Grazeley:
 - a. Children from Swallowfield attend Lambs Lane Primary School in Spencers Wood. Children from Three Mile Cross and Spencers Wood attend Grazeley School.
 - b. The only medical practice in the area is in Swallowfield and many (possibly the majority of) Three Mile Cross and Spencers Wood residents are registered there.
 - c. Basingstoke Road is a through route connecting the communities of Three Mile Cross, Spencers Wood, Swallowfield, and Riseley, with a bus service running along it, and giving access to the M4 and Reading in one direction and the M3 and Basingstoke in the other.
 - d. All the communities (with the exception of Eversley) are within Loddon Reach Benefice, which until recently distributed their magazine to all residents, fostering a sense of community.
 - e. For many years the Swallowfield Show was held in Spencers Wood, and residents of all the communities attend each others' events.
 - f. The nearest bottle bank to much of Spencers Wood is in Swallowfield.

3. To make the numbers work the minority proposal adds Grazeley to Swallowfield, a community with which it has barely any physical connection, whereas the majority proposal includes Grazeley with its nearest neighbours.

Maps

Three maps are attached:

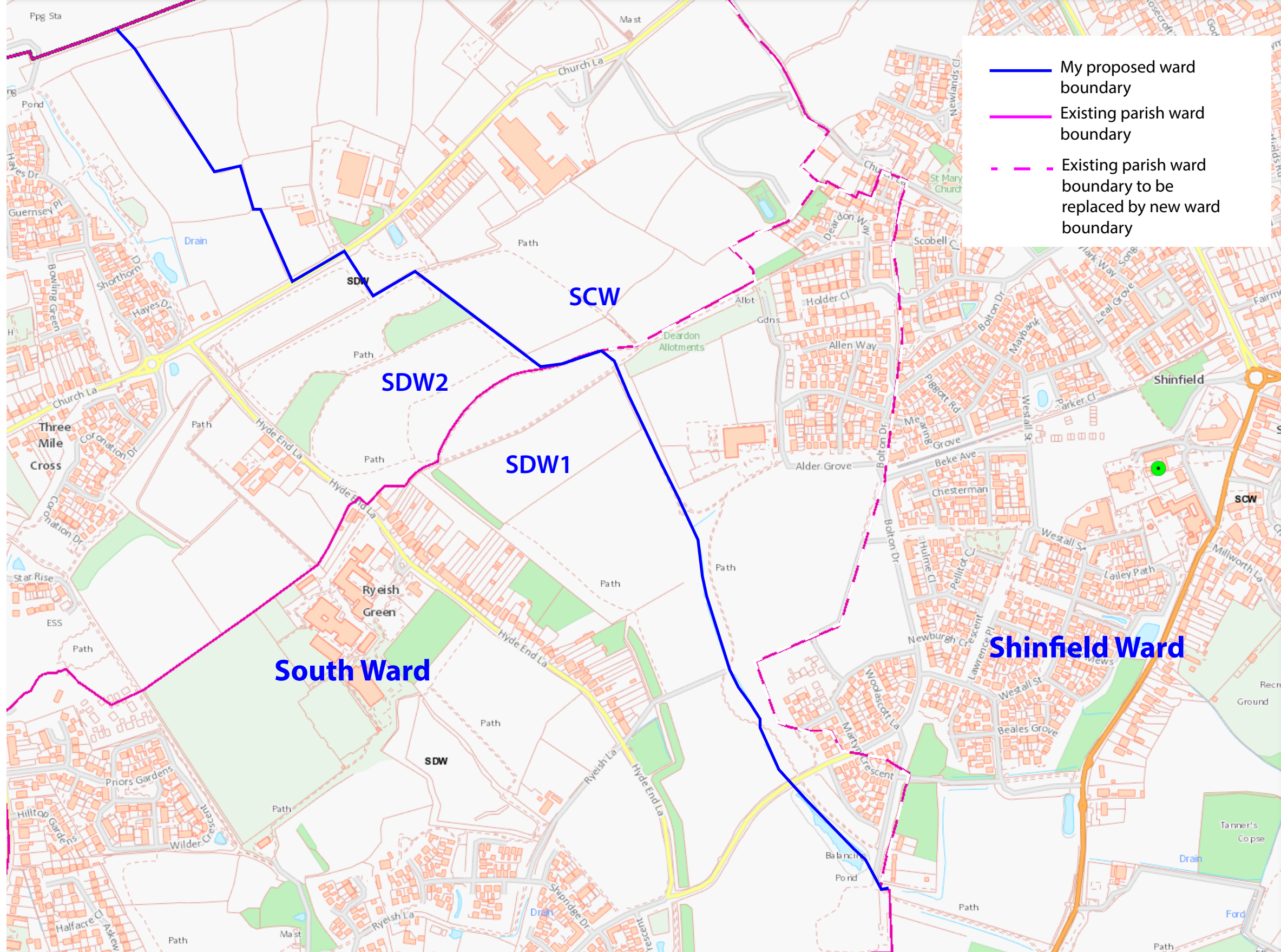
1. My Submission superimposed on the Majority Submission for 11a) South Ward
2. Details of my proposed boundary between South and Shinfield wards.
3. Minority submission for 11b) and 11c)

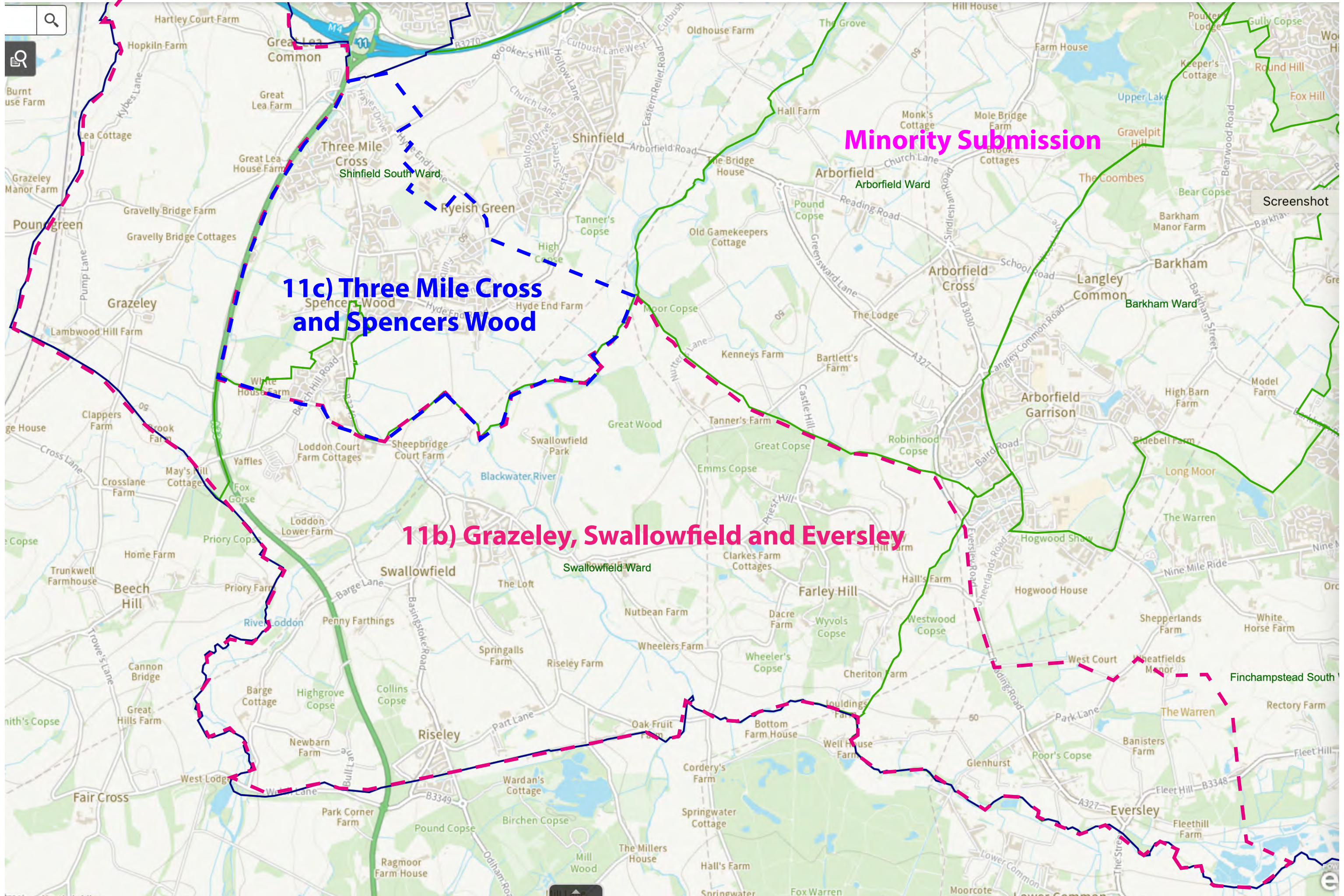


**Majority Submission: includes
Ryeish Green in Shinfield Ward**

**My Submission: includes
Ryeish Green in 'South' Ward**

'South' Ward





**11c) Three Mile Cross
and Spencers Wood**

11b) Grazeley, Swallowfield and Eversley

Minority Submission

Screenshot

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Organisation Name:

Comment text:

I am making a submission concerning the majority proposal for 11a) South Ward and the minority proposal for 11b and 11c. I support the majority proposal for 11a) South Ward with some modifications to the boundary in the area of Ryeish Green. I oppose the minority proposal for 11b and 11c. My submission is contained in the attached file named CG submission on Wokingham Ward Boundaries.pdf

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