

## Wokingham Borough Council

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### Comment text:

It is difficult to make informed comments on this given that the electorate projections are only for 5 years ahead, and the Finchampstead South Ward will be significantly affected by development in the Arborfield Strategic Development location beyond this 5 year period. This development has started, and will be completed - but not within 5 years. The South Wokingham SDL is at an even earlier stage, but its impact on the Wokingham Without Ward may have 'knock on' effects on neighbouring wards including Finchampstead North. The only logical suggestion is to combine Finchampstead North and Finchampstead South wards. However, this makes a very large ward, with only 3 Councillors compared to the 4 at present. The size of the ward may be disproportionate to that of other wards. A new ward could be created to include the Arborfield Strategic Development location - Arborfield Green and Finchwood Park - plus the Hogwood area and additional development to come adjacent to Park Lane. However, this will have a relatively low electorate at present given the stage the SDL is at. If a new ward was created, the remaining part of the Barkham Ward could be combined with Finchampstead North. A small part of the Wokingham Without Ward lies within Finchampstead Parish and forms a small ward within the Parish. The boundary of the Wokingham Without Ward is an anomaly and should be looked at as part of this review.

### Uploaded Documents:

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