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Dear Richard

FER in Wokingham unitary: warding arrangements: naming of wards
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The identity of Wokingham council (Wua) is based upon Civil Parishes (CP). Each new ward must have its own distinct parish or town identity and where necessary to be with a CPs' own compass-point aspect suffix ...!

An 18 (eighteen) ward council, to replace an extant 25-ward salad, each with a triple (3) member wards' respect for their own CP-identity. A third of councillors retiring annually, except during 'the fallow year', that would allow a simple whole council consultation of all the electorate in Woking'm unitary authority ...!

The extant arrangement uses – a standard format – parishes' name with a compass point suffix locator ...! Across the south East region this is standard usage except within the single district of HASTINGS, in East Sussex ...!

Each ward needs its own clear physical identity rather than compass only:

- ... the draft's proposed eastern ward is to be **'Twyford & Hurst ward'**: also, please note, that the hamlet of Ruscombe is Twyford-centric;
- Northern ward – to be a quartet of CPs - along river Thames east-bank: please note, Reading Council's 'Thame ward' spans the river Thames. may we suggest a clearer identity **"Thames-side ward"**;
- Southern ward – Swallowfield CP and most of Shinfield CP - we suggest a clear identity **"Shinfield West & Swallowfield ward"**.

We've respected the district of Wokingham's particular parish (town) character. We prefer – a standard format – parishes' name with compass point locator e.g.

- **"Woodley East ward"** a compass-point suffix aspect;
- **"Earley South-West ward"** a clearer compass-point suffix aspect;
- **"Wokingham Norreys ward"** a parish-ward distinct identity; and,
- **"Shinfield East ward"** rather than vague as proposed 'Shinfield ward' ...!

Wokingham council's CPs need a compass-point aspect suffix as necessary ...!

Yours sincerely

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- a rider to my recent letter: the parish wards (PW) are each a bouquet of neighbourhood identities within Woodley town and Earley town respectively;
- Woodley's growth anticipated the M4 motorway during 1960s, RAF Woodley evolved to be an Essex=plan housing neighbourhood in 1980s;
- Earley's growth - south of Maiden Erleigh - only takes-off after 1971 when Berkshire CC & Wokingham-RDC jointly commissioned a leading town planning consultancy - Shanlin Cox - to design 'Lower Earley - the largest housing development in western EUROPE ...!
- Lower Earley PWs date from the-2002's PER:
Hawkedon and Hillside PWs are 2-of-7 PWs - created 20-y ago - within Lower Earley ...!
- please accept this rider regarding PWs identities in Woodley and Earley ...!

Attached Documents:

- 23-iv-07_Wua_ward-names.docx