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Related subject: Barkham and Arborfield

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your proposals. I support the principle of rebalancing the boundaries to reflect the development and planned developments in Wokingham. However, I have concerns over your draft proposals for the Barkham area.

a) The proposal sees an odd mix of existing residential areas in Barkham, Arborfield (outside of the new garrison development) and Eversley.

These do not automatically fit obviously together, especially with the part of the proposal in the very south of the Borough.

b) The logic to move all of the new garrison development into a new ward is obvious, but there is too much potential for this to "dominate" the rest of the proposed ward. It is suggested that this is separated out into its own ward, even if this necessitates an increase in the overall number of Councillors in Wokingham Borough. The remaining elements of Barkham, Arborfield and Eversley (if the latter still makes sense), can be a separate Barkham and Arborfield Ward.

c) If the decision is taken to retain the draft proposals, it is recommended that the name be "Barkham and Arborfield" reflecting the fact that the majority of the residents actually are part of the existing Barkham Ward.

Thank You

Attached Documents:

None attached