

Appendix 4: Proposed Community Boards Geographies

The purpose of this paper is to set out an overview of the key issues considered in developing a revised map and boundaries of community boards in response to consultation feedback.

The detail of the proposed map and boundaries can be seen in the accompanying appendices to the Shadow Executive report – Appendices 5 & 6. This report should be read in conjunction to those reports.

Consultation proposal

A key part of the formal consultation was seeking views on all options for the number of community boards, from 0 to 19 plus. Prior to the formal consultation engagement workshops took place with town and parish councils in June 2019. A key discussion topic at those meetings was the possible geographies which informed the consultation proposals.

A preferred option of 14 community boards was identified as the option for consultation, with other potential options and maps published of 11, 12, 14 and 19 community board areas.

The map of 14 community boards was developed with town and parish council boundaries as the basic building block.

Appendix 1 sets out the results and feedback from the consultation including the overall number of community boards and their geographies.

Proposed Consultation Response

As a result of the consultation feedback, it is recommended that 16 rather than 14 community boards are set-up with revised boundaries.

The key feedback taken into account in suggesting these revised boundaries are:

- Taking into account community views from residents, local groups and the respective town and parish councils.
- Minimising the differences between the boundaries of the Primary Care Networks and the community boards where this makes sense to do so.
- Taking into account the views of Thames Valley Police to ensure effective joint working, particularly in regard to the preference for local policing areas to be aligned initially.

The overall factors considered in designing the proposed map and boundaries have been:

- Ensuring that natural communities/settlement are respected and grouped together where this makes sense to do so.

- Engagement views from town and parish councils.
- Consideration of the fit with the boundaries of the newly formed Primary Care Networks and the Thames Valley Police.
- A desire to minimise the number of electoral division splits (so that Buckinghamshire Councillors are in one area).
- Consideration of the resource implications of supporting new structures to ensure sustainability.

The table below provides an overview of all official organisational responses submitted where a specific comment was made on proposed community areas, 29 in total. At the start of the online survey the following statement was included “please note that organisational responses will be shared with decision-makers and identifiable”. This is in order that there is a full understanding and transparency on the issues considered in reaching a view on the boundaries.

The table below is a summary only, and the full details organisational and individual responses has been carefully considered. Non-organisational responses were submitted on an anonymous basis and are therefore not published.

Parish Area	Organisation	Summary of comments on specific boundary issues	Proposed Response
Beaconsfield	The Beaconsfield Society	Would like a separate Beaconsfield Board (same as current LAF boundaries).	Proposal to add an additional community board to cover the existing Beaconsfield local area plus the parishes of Chepping Wycombe, Hazlemere and Penn.
	Beaconsfield Town Council	Any suggestion of combining Beaconsfield with a wider geographical area will result in a reversal of the positive progress made in the last two years. Strongly opposed therefore to supporting any proposal that combines Beaconsfield with 8 other civil parishes.	A single board area for Beaconsfield town was considered however on balance felt to be better to include other surrounding areas to enable a strategic conversation for the new Council with rural, as well as town areas. In addition, it will help avoid confusion between the respective role of an individual town council and the different role of the community board (which is to enable Buckinghamshire Council, and its councillors, to maintain strong connections with communities).
Buckingham Park	Buckingham Park Parish Council	Would like to be in the same board area as Aylesbury Town and Coldharbour PC.	Buckingham Park Parish Council area included within Aylesbury Community Board.
Chepping Wycombe	Chepping Wycombe Parish Council	Would like to be with Penn Parish Council.	The new proposed map includes revised areas to ensure that the areas of Penn, Hazlemere, Penn and, Tylers Green are together within a new area called 'Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye'.
Chesham	Chesham Town Council	Amersham and Chesham should in different board areas.	Amersham and Chesham are in different board areas.
Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards	Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish Council	Felt that the Chesham & Villages board should include The Lee but not Chenies.	The Lee is included within the Chesham and Villages board. Consideration was given to Chenies being in alternative boards, however it is proposed to be in Chesham & Villages board based on other feedback from local stakeholders and in recognition of the existing electoral division boundaries this was felt to be better placed.
Denham	Denham Parish Council	Did not support the larger CB area which included Beaconsfield and the Chalfonts and would favour keeping the existing LAF areas.	Decision was taken to make the board area smaller than the consultation preferred proposal and not include Beaconsfield, however based on other consultation responses it was decided to still include the Chalfonts with Gerrards Cross and Denham.
Foscott	Foscott Parish Meeting	Buckingham should not be included with Winslow.	Separate boards for Winslow and Buckingham.
Fulmer	Fulmer Parish Council	Would like Fulmer to be in the same board area as Hedgerley. Favours retaining current LAF boundaries.	Fulmer will be in the same board area as Hedgerley as well as Denham, Gerrards Cross and the Chalfonts.
Great Missenden	Great Missenden & Prestwood Revitalisation	With regard to Great Missenden Parish, the current LAF area is about right. Knotty Green and Penn Street should be part of the Beaconsfield board.	Proposal to reduce the Mid Chilterns community board area to the same geography as the existing Missendens LAF area.

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Hazlemere	Hazlemere Parish Council	Would like a smaller area for the community board in which Hazlemere Parish Council area would sit to ensure greater commonality of issues.	The new proposed map includes revised areas to ensure that the areas of Penn, Hazlemere, Penn and, Tylers Green are together within a new area called 'Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye'.
The Ivers	The Ivers Parish Council	Board specifically covering Iver.	Proposal to retain the two southernmost local areas as two separate community boards. Wexham & Ivers and Beeches.
	Iver Village Residents Association.	Would like a focus on Iver.	
	Richings Park Residents Association.	Whatever number is chosen, Wexham and Iver should be together but not Iver and Burnham as they are too far from each other and very different.	
The Lee	The Lee Parish Council	Needs of its residents are more closely identified with other local rural and semi-rural parishes and doubts whether its residents' needs are in fact closely aligned to residents' needs in more distant communities in, for example, Flackwell Heath, Loudwater and Forty Green.	The Lee to be included in the Chesham & Villages CB area.
Little Chalfont	Little Chalfont Parish Council	Would like to ensure that the community board boundary reflects and respects the parish boundary. Happy with the idea of being with Amersham and Chesham Bois.	Little Chalfont Parish Council to remain in the Amersham Community Board (all consultation proposals were based on not splitting individual parish boundaries so no change required).
	Little Chalfont Community Association.	Also shared concerns about parish boundaries.	
Little Marlow	Little Marlow Parish Council	Little Marlow Parish council to be in the same area as Marlow, Great Marlow, Marlow Bottom, Wooburn and Bourne End.	Proposal for Little Marlow and Wooburn & Bourne End parish councils as well as Hedsor parish meeting to join the South West Chilterns and Marlow Community Board area.
Oakley	Oakley Parish Council	Oakley Parish Council said that they wanted Berryfields parish to be in the Aylesbury community board area (and not with the Haddenham & Waddeson area).	Berryfields Parish Council joined the Waddesdon Local Area informally joined two years ago and have expressed their wish to remain part of that area. There are many synergies and examples of joint working across the Waddesdon and Haddenham LAFs.
Penn	Winchmore Hill Residents Association. Penn	Would like the parish to be in with the Amersham Board not mid-Chilterns.	The new proposed map includes revised areas to ensure that the areas of Hazlemere, Penn and Tylers Green are together within a new area called 'Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye'.
	Penn Parish Council	Preference for inclusion in the Amersham Board.	
	Penn and Tyler's Green	Would like Penn and Tyler's Green to be in the same board area.	

	Residents Association.		separation of Tylers Green and Penn which also have a natural affinity.
Steeple Claydon	Steeple Claydon Parish Council	Steeple Claydon appears to be closer to/ have more links with Buckingham than Winslow	Steeple Claydon, Middle Claydon and East Claydon Parish Councils are proposed to be included within the Buckingham community board area.
Taplow	Taplow Parish Council	Suggest that Wexham and Ivers have a separate board to the Beeches area.	Revised proposal to retain the two southernmost local areas as two separate community boards. Wexham & Ivers and Beeches.
Wendover	Wendover Parish Council	WPC suggests the current LAF boundaries are maintained.	Revised map of 16 community boards proposed which includes a smaller community board around Wendover. This revision also includes alignment with the local policing area boundary, and a better alignment with the PCN Boundaries.
West Wycombe	West Wycombe Parish Council	Preferred the option of joining the NW Chilterns CB as they already work with other parish and town councils from West Wycombe to Princes Risborough and they are all affected by planning and highway decisions along the route.	West Wycombe Parish Council area is proposed to be placed in the North West Chilterns Community Board.
General	Thames Valley Police	Thames Valley Police (TVP) feedback: It would be very difficult for them to engage with Community Boards in terms of both reporting and also officer engagement if they span more than one Local Police Area (LPA). The 3 LPAs, which are based on district boundaries, Aylesbury Vale, Wycombe and Chiltern & South Bucks (the latter two districts being one LPA) cover the county and could change in the future but not before the 1 st April 2020.	Where possible it is proposed to avoid crossing LPA boundaries. However the proposed board for Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye will cross the existing LPA boundary. This is because the first factor has been to design board areas that align to 'natural communities' over and above organisational administrative boundaries. It is recognised that this may present an initial operational challenge for the police in terms of participation in board activity in this specific area. We are committed to working with the police to make it as easy for them to participate as possible.
	Primary Care Networks	There was concern from the Primary Care Networks (PCNs) that the boundaries for community boards were very different to their boundaries.	It has not been possible to propose the same footprint as Primary Care Network boundaries as the 12 PCNs are based upon GP surgeries and do not align with parish boundaries, and in many cases split natural settlements such as towns and villages. However, the revised map of 16 community boards will provide a better alignment in terms of reducing the differences. In addition, we are committed to working with PCNs flexibility to ensure that the health & wellbeing needs of local communities are understood and action taken. Community boards will be empowered to work flexibility with partners on issues, including pan-board working.
	Chiltern CAB	Amersham and Chesham should in different boards.	Amersham and Chesham are in different board areas.