

Annex 1

Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire Council

Recommendations of the Standards & General Purposes Committee in response to the Commission's warding proposals

The Standards & General Purposes Committee recommends Council to adopt the following as the basis of the Council's response to the Local Government Boundary Commission's consultation on proposed wards for Buckinghamshire Council.

A. Wards on which the Commission specifically invited comment:

Commission's Proposed Ward	Committee Recommendation
Aylesbury North West	No comment - endorse the Commission's proposed ward
Buckingham	<p>Propose to the Commission that their proposal for Buckingham Ward be amended to include Leckhampstead Parish for community identity reasons, the parish having much more in common with Buckingham than Winslow.</p> <p>Even though this would lead to a marginally excessive variance, it would improve the community identity of the Ward overall.</p> <p>Electoral variance (including Leckhampstead): 11.3% for 3 member ward.</p> <p>See plan at Annex 2.</p>
Chiltern Ridges	Propose to the Commission that the following changes be made, in the interests of community identity, all of which give electoral equality. The Council is concerned that the Commission's proposed ward is too large and does not reflect communities.

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Flackwell Heath and the Wooburns	<p>See plan at Annex 2.</p> <p>Comment to the Commission that the important point is to keep Little Marlow Parish whole, in keeping with the Commission's approach generally, as to do otherwise would not reflect community identity. This should be the case even if Little Marlow comes within the proposed ward for Chiltern Villages.</p> <p>See plan at Annex 2.</p>												
Gerrards Cross & Denham	<p>Propose to the Commission that the important point is to keep both Denham and Gerrards Cross Parishes whole, with their boundaries restored, in keeping with the Commission's approach generally, as to do otherwise would not reflect community identity. This should be the case even if variances would be exceeded. The greatest harm would be to split off New Denham from the</p>												

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	<p>parish (New Denham has no connection in practice with Iver Ward) and to compromise the parish boundary for Gerrards Cross.</p> <p>Ask the Commission to revise its proposals in the light of these comments.</p>
Marsh & Micklefield	Endorse the Commission's proposal for Marsh & Micklefield Ward.
Penn, Tyler's Green & Loudwater	<p>Propose to the Commission that certain areas of Penn, Tylers Green & Loudwater actually identify more with Beaconsfield. Recommend the transfer of these streets. This would also have the benefit of eliminating the Commission's otherwise excessive variance for Penn, Tylers Green & Loudwater. The proposed transfer would achieve electoral equality for both wards:</p> <p>Beaconsfield: 10.6% for a two member ward. Penn, Tylers Green & Loudwater: 5.5% for a two member ward.</p> <p>See plan at Annex 2.</p>
Steeple Claydon	<p>Propose to the Commission that their Steeple Claydon and Grendon Underwood Wards be merged to form a single ward with 2 members. This would better reflect community identity; would achieve more effective local governance; and would meet electoral equality.</p> <p>8,584. (-5.1%) for a two member ward. See plan at Annex 2.</p>
Terriers & Amersham Hill	<p>Propose an amendment to the Commission, to improve community identity, creating a three member ward to be called "Terriers & Totteridge" – by transferring the polling districts WG2 and WH2 to a new "Bowerdean" ward, and receiving WW and WX (from the same).</p> <p>-6.8% for a three member ward. NB This also includes moving Terriers Farm to Hazlemere Ward. Hazlemere would have a variance of -3.3% variance for a two member ward. See plan at Annex 2.</p>

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Totteridge & Bowerdean	<p>Propose an amendment to the Commission, to improve community identity, creating a <u>one</u> member ward to be called "Bowerdean" – transferring polling districts WW and WX to the new "Terriers & Totteridge" and receiving WG2 and WH2 from the same.</p> <p>-6% for a one member ward</p> <p>See plan at Annex 2.</p>

B. Ward member proposals recommended by the Committee

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Horwood (1 member, 6%) and Winslow (1 member, 2%)	<p>Propose to the Commission that its potential wards for Horwood and Winslow be merged to form a single two member ward in the interests of community identity. This continues to achieve electoral equality. NB Leckhampstead parish to move into Buckingham as proposed above.</p> <p>2.1% variance for a two member ward (factoring the transfer of Leckhampstead out of Horwood).</p> <p>See plan at Annex 2.</p>
Newton Longville + Quainton (2 member = Newton Longville, 0%; 1 member, Quainton, -5%)	<p>Propose to the Commission that its potential wards of Newton Longville and Quainton be merged to form a single three-member ward with the suggested name of 'Swanbourne and Rural Villages'.</p> <p>-1.2% variance for a three member ward.</p> <p>See plan at Annex 2.</p>