

Buckinghamshire Electoral Review - LGBC Further Consultation (south-east of county)

Summary of Proposals

Proposed Ward	Rationale	No. of councillors + variance	Local Member View
Chalfont St Peter	<p>LGBC has accepted objections to incorporating part of GX parish into a three-member CSP ward, recognised that this had excluded an “integral part of GX community”.</p> <p>Proposing to use Austenwood Common and Kingsway as boundary between CSP and GX; by doing so, “many GX community facilities” would be restored to GX, reflecting community identity. Doing so makes a three-member CSP unviable in variance terms. So now proposing to reduce CSP to two members.</p>	2 members, 10% variance	<p>Cllrs Darby, Rush and L Smith BEM are not supportive of the Commission’s proposal and queried both the loss of an area to Gerrards Cross & Denham, and also the proposed reduction from three members to two.</p>
Farnhams & Stoke Poges	<p>LGBC received support for their previous two-member proposal. However, accommodating Hedgerley and Fulmer (from GX & Denham) now requires a three-member arrangement to achieve good variance. While this still creates an excess variance (-12%), it represents the “best balance” of criteria.</p> <p>LGBC noted comments that Fulmer may not have strong links with the Farnhams. However, LGBC say that the links are “by no means weak”. The proposal also avoids dividing Fulmer between wards.</p>	3 members, -12% variance	<p>Cllrs Anthony and Naylor support</p> <p>Cllrs Bagge and Egleton support</p>

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	<p>LGBC “consider it a necessity to ward Fulmer [with Farnhams etc.] to achieve even a reasonable level of electoral equality for wards across the south-east of Buckinghamshire”.</p> <p>LGBC are “pluralising” the name Farnhams to reflect the distinct identities of Farnham Royal and Farnham Common.</p>		
Gerrards Cross & Denham	<p>Commission remains of the view that linking GX and Denham gives electors here a vote of broadly equal weight with other communities in Buckinghamshire. Accepted that New Denham had no community links with Iver and should remain in GX & Denham.</p> <p>Restoring New Denham to GX & Denham would create an excess variance. So Hedgerley and Fulmer parishes would now be excluded (and placed within Farnhams & Stoke Poges).</p>	3 members, 4% variance	<p>Gerrards Cross and Denham Members supportive</p> <p>[NB Cllr Broom, as Chairman of the Working Group and Committee has not expressed a personal view].</p>
Iver	<p>Removing New Denham from the previously-proposed Iver Ward, would lead to under-representation in three-member ward.</p> <p>Achieving an acceptable variance for Iver involves reverting to Buckinghamshire Council’s original proposal for a two-member Iver Ward i.e. following the Iver parish boundary and so coterminous with it.</p>	2 members, 2% variance	Cllrs Griffin, Matthews and Sullivan support