## Buckinghamshire Electoral Review - Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) Further Consultation (south-east of county)

## **Summary of Proposals**

Proposed Ward	Rationale	No. of councillors + variance
Chalfont St Peter	LGBC has accepted objections to incorporating part of Gerrards Cross parish into a three-member CSP ward, recognised that this had excluded an "integral part of GX community".	2 members, 10% variance
	Proposing to use Austenwood Common and Kingsway as boundary between Chalfont St Peter and Gerrards Cross; by doing so, "many GX community facilities" would be restored to Gerrards Cross, reflecting community identity. Doing so makes a three-member Chalfont St Peter unviable in variance terms. So now proposing to reduce Chalfont St Peter to two members.	
Farnhams & Stoke Poges	LGBC received support for their previous two-member proposal. However, accommodating Hedgerley and Fulmer (from Gerrards Cross & 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.	3 members, -12% variance
	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.	
	LGBC "consider it a necessity to ward Fulmer [with Farnhams etc.] to achieve even a reasonable level of electoral equality for wards across the	

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	LGBC are "pluralising" the name Farnhams to reflect the distinct identities of Farnham Royal and Farnham Common.	
Gerrards Cross & Denham	Commission remains of the view that linking Gerrards Cross 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 Gerrards Cross & Denham.	3 members, 4% variance
	Restoring New Denham to Gerrards Cross & Denham would create an excess variance. So Hedgerley and Fulmer parishes would now be excluded (and placed within Farnhams & Stoke Poges).	
Iver	Removing New Denham from the previously proposed Iver Ward, would lead to under-representation in three-member ward.	2 members, 2% variance
	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.	