

Comments from ward councillors to be passed to the Boundary Commission

1. Cllr Maxine Gale, Ward Member for Witley & Hambledon

Witley Parish is currently split across three wards (Witley & Hambledon, Milford, and Elstead & Thursley) which means that it is represented on Waverly Borough Councillors by six borough ward councillors. The proposed warding pattern of a new three-Member ward for the Witley Parish area would address this inefficiency in local government representation.

2. Cllr Joan Heagin, Ward Member for Godalming Holloway

The majority of Holloway ward lies within the ecclesiastical parish of Busbridge, and most residents of Holloway ward would describe themselves as living in Busbridge. Busbridge church, Busbridge village hall, Busbridge infant and Busbridge junior schools are all within Holloway ward. It does cause confusion, including Holloway ward residents contacting Bramley, Busbridge and Hascombe (BBH) ward councillors. The ecclesiastical parish map shows that it is really only parts of Bargate Wood that are in Holloway, but not also in the Busbridge ecclesiastical parish -

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Some review of Godalming wards is clearly going to be needed, and as part of that maybe some consideration could be given to a new Busbridge & Holloway ward. There are also some properties within Holloway ward currently that would more logically fit within Ockford & Central. These are:

- bottom of Holloway Hill; Rock Place, Firgrove cottages, Troy House and Holt House
- Harvest Hill
- Hazelwood Cottages
- Bonnybrae and Merryhills in Croft Rd
- random properties at the bottom of Brighton Road; everything north of Latimer Road should be Ockford & Central
- top 3 houses in Grove Road
- Busbridge Sidings (which is up a track off Portsmouth Rd)

3. Cllr Carole Cockburn, Ward Member for Farnham Bourne

Farnham was divided up artificially last time, leading to nine wards that bore little relation to the natural pattern of community.

Part of the Bourne parish was transferred to Firgrove, a concocted ward with no rationale other than size of population. Moor Park was created and had streets north of the bypass added to make up the numbers.

As Farnham is fully parished with strong communities, it makes more sense to start with parishes and look for natural divisions and then to sort out the required number of councillors per ward (possibly 3-councillor wards again in places).

This really came to the fore in the production of local planning documents: nobody spoke up for parts of Farnham, as they didn't realise they lived there!!