

Waverley Borough Council

Community Governance Review

Final Recommendations

1. Introduction

Waverley Borough Council is undertaking a Community Governance Review (CGR) of all the parishes within the Council area. In this review, the Council will be guided by the relevant legislation in Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, [the Guidance on Community Governance Reviews](#) that the government and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England have issued (the Guidance), and the [Terms of Reference](#) for the review that were adopted by the Full Council on 14 December 2021.

This CGR relates to the whole of the Waverley Borough Council area and gives consideration to changes to parish areas and parish electoral arrangements. These changes include the alteration, merging, creation and abolition of parishes; the naming of parishes, and the adoption of an alternative style for new parishes. They may also involve changes to the council size (the number of councillors to be elected to the council), and whether to divide the parishes into wards for the purposes of elections. The general principles for the proposals that the Council is making along with the different types of recommendations are outlined below.

Town and parish councils are the first tier of local government and they are statutory bodies. They serve their electorates; they are independently elected by their local government electors, and they raise their own precept. Town and parish councils work towards providing local services and improving community well-being. The National Association of Local Councils describes their activities as falling into three main categories: representing the local community; delivering services to meet local needs, and striving to improve the quality of life and community well-being within their area

Waverley Borough Council is responsible for CGRs within the Council area, and it is considered good practice to review community governance every 10-15 years. The Council received requests from two Town Councils to review the size of their respective councils, and it was deemed appropriate to undertake a review of the whole principal council area rather than dealing with review requests piecemeal.

On 17 January 2022, the Council commenced a 6 week period of consultation requesting initial submissions from parish and town councils, the Surrey Association of Local Councils, Residents' Associations, voluntary and community organisations, Waverley County Councillors and Members of Parliament. The CGR was publicised through the Council's website and social media.

The Council received a number of submissions from parish and town councils and one individual. On 26 April 2022, Full Council agreed the criteria on which to evaluate the

submissions and the proposals that meet these criteria were taken forward into the draft recommendations.

Following the resolution of Full Council on 26 April 2022, a period of 6 weeks consultation was undertaken between 3 May and 6 June 2022. This consultation stage provided parish councils, electors and other interested persons or bodies with an opportunity to indicate whether they supported or opposed the proposals. It was also possible to make the case for alternative proposals to those in the draft recommendations.

Any alternative cases submitted, needed to demonstrate that any alternative proposals were in line with the general principles of the Community Governance Review, as they are laid down in the legislation and the Guidance. The Council has endeavoured to make decisions based on the analysis of all the evidence that is received or further information it collects. Therefore, consultees were asked to provide submissions that were well argued and backed by credible evidence. The Council has given careful consideration to all submissions and alternative proposals that it received alongside the legislation, the Guidance and the Council's Terms of Reference.

On 19 July 2022, Full Council will consider the Final Recommendations in this review, which will form the basis of a new Waverley Borough Council (Electoral Arrangements) Order. It is likely that some of the proposed changes will need consent from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) and this will be sought at the appropriate time.

The CGR does not include the electoral arrangements for Waverley Borough Council or Parliamentary constituencies. This is the responsibility of the LGBCE and the Boundary Commission for England respectively.

2. General Principles and types of recommendation

The Review must make a series of recommendations based on the following topics, some of which are dependent upon and relate to each other:

- (a) Parish areas
 - Creating, merging and abolishing parishes;
 - Alternative styles for any new parishes;
 - Lesser boundary alterations between existing parishes;
 - Changes to parish names
 - Grouping parishes under a common council
- (b) Electoral arrangements
 - Whether to have a parish council or not;
 - The size of the council;
 - Whether to ward the parish or not;
 - Drawing up appropriate ward boundaries;
 - Allocating councillors to wards.

Parish areas

Parish areas and their boundaries

The Council has begun its review by giving consideration to the parish areas and their boundaries. In particular, the Council has sought to ensure that each parish:

- (a) Reflects the identities and interests of different communities in the area.
- (b) Is effective and convenient.
- (c) Takes into account any other arrangements for the purposes of community representation or community engagement.

Names and styles

The Council has sought to defer to local views with regard to the names of parishes and parish wards, taking into account the history, local connections or the preservation of local ties, making a pressing case for the retention of distinctive traditional names.

Electoral Arrangements

Size of the Council

The Council is required by law to consider any change in the number or distribution of the local government electors which is likely to occur in the period of five years beginning with the day when the Review started. The draft recommendations take into account the projected electorate to 2027.

Parish warding arrangements

The Council has considered representations made in respect of the current warding arrangements of the parish councils. In considering whether a parish should be divided into wards for the purposes of elections to the parish council, the Council is required to consider the following:

- Whether the number, or distribution, of the local government electors for the parish would make a single election of councillors impracticable or inconvenient;
- Whether it is desirable that any area or areas of the parish should be separately represented on the council.

Warding arrangements should be clearly and readily understood by and should have relevance for the electorate in a parish; they should reflect clear physical and social differences within a parish, whether urban or rural. In addition, ward arrangements should have merit; not only should they meet the two tests laid down in the legislation, but they should also be in the interests of effective and convenient local government. The additional costs of multiple ward elections should not be wasteful of a parish's resources.

Allocating Councillors to wards

The Council has been mindful of the government's Guidance that 'it is an important democratic principle that each person's vote should be of equal weight so far as possible, having regard to other legitimate competing factors, when it comes to the elections of councillors' to a parish council.' While there is no provision in legislation that each parish ward councillor should represent, as nearly as may be, the same number of electors, the Council concurs with the Guidance that it is not in the interests of effective and convenient local government, either for voters or councillors, to have significant differences in levels of representation between different parish wards. The Council has therefore attempted to ensure that the ratio of electors to councillors across the different wards of a parish is equitable insofar as that is practical.

3. Evidence used to support recommendation & evaluation

The Council has taken into account key data for each parish and parish ward. The range of data used is as follows:

Electorate size and housing development data: Analysis of the present sizes of parish councils in the area together with the 5 year projected electorate. The 5 year projected electorate has been calculated using information about the scale and exact locations of expected future housing developments within the Council area. It is also based on the Council's housing development plans as set out in the Local Plan

Responses to these Draft Recommendations: Responses to the proposals contained in these Draft Recommendations in a consultation period that will run from 3 May 2022 to 6 June 2022 will be carefully considered.

Council size: The legal minimum number of parish councillors for each council is five (Section 16, Local Government Act 1972). The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) considers that a council of no more than the legal minimum of five members is inconveniently small, and it considers that a practical working minimum should be seven (NALC Circular 1126/1988). The government's Guidance makes the point that "the conduct of parish council business does not usually require a large body of councillors" (Guidance, paragraph 157).

There is no requirement in legislation that the number of councillors should be proportional to electorate size. The view given in the Guidance is as follows: "In considering the issue of council size, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England is of the view that each area should be considered on its own merits, having regard to its population, geography and the pattern of communities. Nevertheless, having regard to the current powers of parish councils, it should consider the broad pattern of existing council sizes. This pattern appears to have stood the test of time and, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, to have provided for effective and convenient local government." (Guidance, paragraph 156).

With regard to parish wards, the Guidance adds another consideration, which is that the levels of representation and the ratios of electors to parish councillors should be broadly equitable. This report has already noted the emphasis in the Guidance "that each person's vote should be of equal weight so far as possible, having regard to other legitimate competing factors, when it comes to the election of councillors" (Guidance, paragraph 166).

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has recently published the final recommendations for Waverley Borough Council wards. A number of submissions in the first stage of consultation were received that would result in parishes being divided by the new Borough Ward boundaries. The Guidance is clear that this should be avoided as far as reasonably practicable. These submissions have been considered alongside the final recommendations for the Borough Ward boundaries and, where practicable, consent will be sought to amend the Borough ward boundary, so they are coterminous.

The Council has evaluated responses based on whether:

1. there is agreement between affected parishes
2. it makes it more logical for the residents
3. it requires consent from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England
4. there are any positive or negative impacts on the electorate
5. there are wider implications if the change is made
6. there is likely to be support from the wider community.

4. Final Assessment and draft recommendations

Recommendation 1- Alfold

Alfold Parish Council currently has 7 Councillors for 919 electors. The Parish council was uncontested in 2019. However, the electorate figures in the parish area are projected to increase considerably as a result of new housing and in particular, the Dunsfold Park

Garden Village development. The projected electorate number for 2027 is 2,934. The Parish Council would like to increase the size of their council to accommodate the growth in electorate ,.

The 1972 Local Government Act (as amended) specifies that each parish council must have at least 5 councillors; there is no maximum number. The government's Guidance states that the typical parish council representing between 501 and 2,500 electors had 6 to 12 councillors. In the National Association of Local Councils Circular 1126; the Circular suggested that the minimum number of councillors for any parish should be seven and the maximum 25.

Given the projected electorate number for 2027 is 2934, and comparing similar sized parishes within Waverley, an increase in the size of the Council to 9 is considered to be appropriate.

Based upon the evidence currently available, Waverley Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change would:

- help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community;
- help to secure a more effective and convenient governance of the area.

Draft Recommendation: Waverley Borough Council's draft recommendation is to change the current governance arrangements of Alfold Parish Council to increase the size of the Council from 7 to 9.

During the second stage of consultation two online survey responses were received in support of the recommendation.

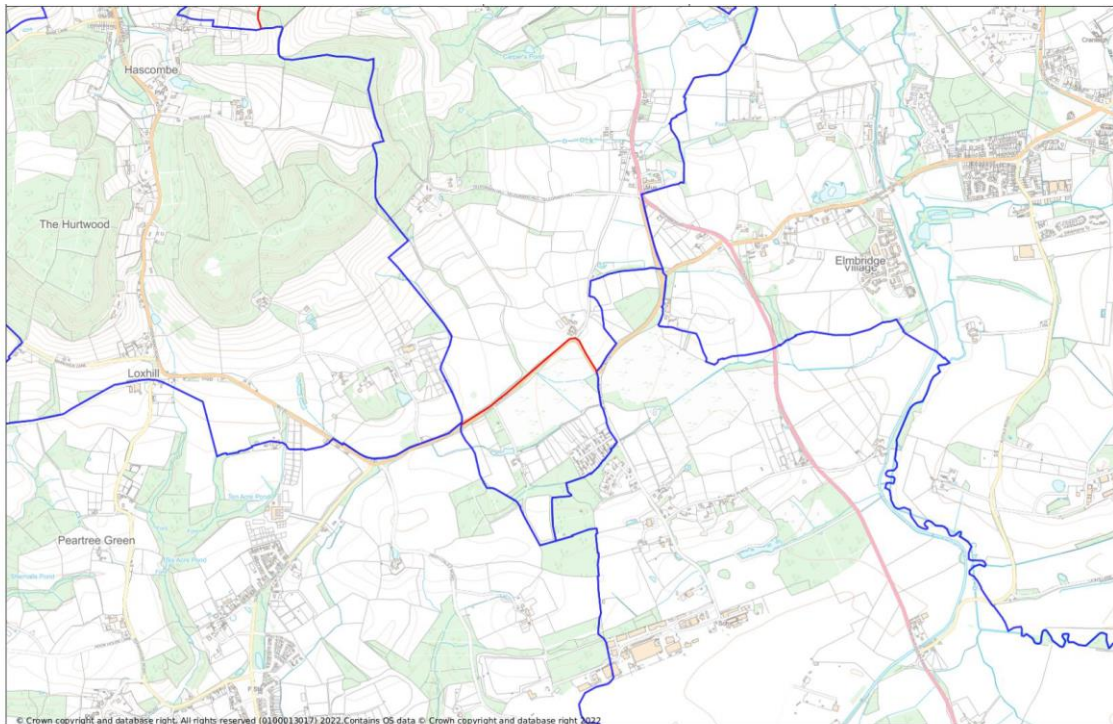
Final Recommendation: to change the current governance arrangements of Alfold Parish Council to increase the size of the Council from 7 to 9.

Recommendation 2- Southern area of Bramley Parish to the south of Dunsfold including Lydia Park

The Council received a submission from Bramley Parish Council to transfer the southern extent of the Parish to the south of Dunsfold Road including Lydia Park to Alfold Parish Council.

In their submission they stated that "*The area sits on the fringes of the Dunsfold aerodrome and will become a marginal area of the new Dunsfold Park estate when it is developed. The inconsistency of having the New Acres site in Alfold parish to the south and Lydia Park in Bramley to the north is clear – both logically should sit in the same parish. Lydia Park is 7.5km south of the main Bramley settlement but only 3km northwest of Alfold village, 3.5km from the centre of Cranleigh and 3km northeast of Dunsfold village.*"

The proposed new boundary is in red. Blue lines are existing parish boundaries.



The existing boundary runs along the current Borough ward boundary and is consistent with the LGBCE's final recommendations for the boundary in this area. Any alteration to the parish boundary at the parish council area would mean that the Parish and Borough ward boundaries would not be coterminous. The government Guidance states that this should be avoided where possible.

In considering this proposal, Waverley Borough Council does not feel that a sufficient case has been made for this alteration and, in addition, there is no indication that Alfold Parish Council are in favour of this change.

Based upon the evidence currently available, Waverley Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change would:

- NOT help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community;
- NOT help to secure a more effective and convenient governance of the area.

Draft Recommendation: Waverley Borough Council's draft recommendation is to make no change to the current governance arrangements.

No responses were received during the second stage of consultation.

Final Recommendation: to make no change to the current governance arrangements.

Recommendation 3 - Bramley Parish and Hascombe Parish - area east of The Street in Hascombe

Representations were submitted from Bramley Parish Council and Hascombe Parish Council to amend their boundary to the east of The Street in Hascombe.

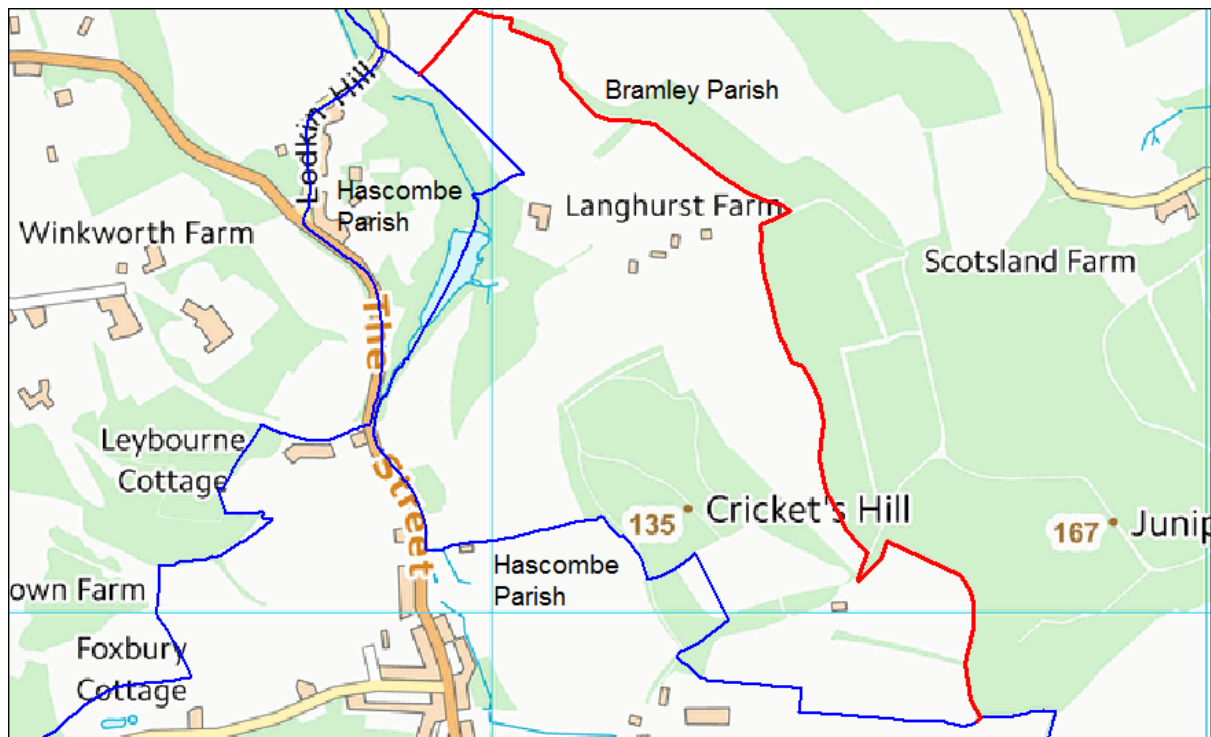
In Bramley Parish Council's submission, they stated that:

“The southwest part of the parish to the east of The Street in Hascombe more naturally sits with Hascombe parish. The area around Langhurst farm is less than 1km from the centre of Hascombe but nearly 5km from the centre of Bramley as the crow flies and far further by road.”

In Hascombe Parish Council’s submission, they stated that:

“The logic behind this that Langhurst valley and “High Hascombe (east)” are very close to Hascombe centre and a long way from other parish centres.

The Langhurst valley is rural, as is most of Hascombe parish, so they have more common interests. Vigilance over the AONB - both small additional areas are within the Surrey Hills AONB. All of Hascombe is in the AONB which the parish is keen to protect and be vigilant about. Also planning applications in these areas affect Hascombe more than other parishes. Topography - the Langhurst valley, Cricket’s Hill, High Hascombe, etc, face Hascombe, so it makes sense for them to be within Hascombe Parish. The new boundaries pass close to the ridge line of the hills surrounding the village. The inhabitants of the two areas tend to see Hascombe Parish Church as “their church”, if/when they engage with the church.”



The current boundary runs along the Borough ward boundary as set out by the LGBCE. Any alteration to the parish boundary would mean that the Parish and Borough ward boundaries would not be coterminous and this alteration would need LGBCE consent. The government Guidance states that this should be avoided where possible.

However, the proposal is logical with Langhurst Farm being accessed by the Street and both Parish Councils are in support of this alteration to their boundaries.

Based upon the evidence currently available, Waverley Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change would:

- help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community;

- help to secure a more effective and convenient governance of the area.

Draft Recommendation: Waverley Borough Council’s draft recommendation is to change the current governance arrangements to achieve better governance of the area and request consent from the LGBCE to amend the Borough and parish boundary.

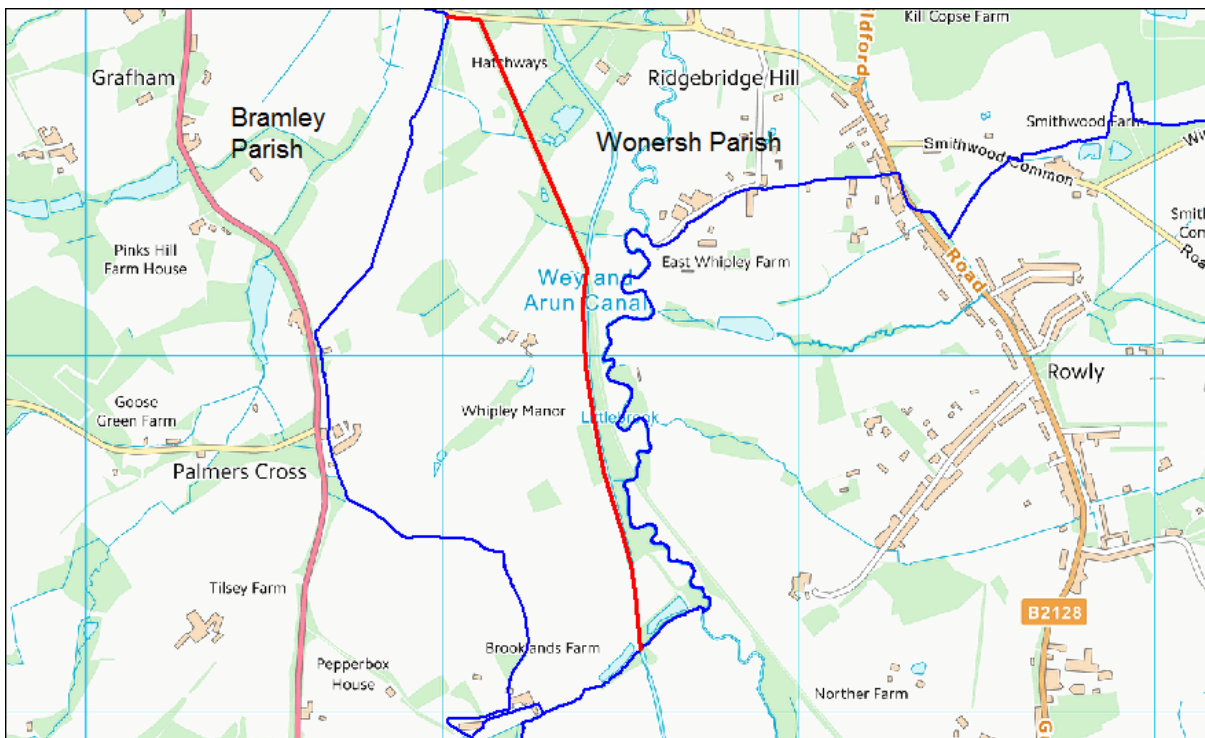
No responses were received in the second stage of consultation.

Final recommendation: to change the current governance arrangements to achieve better governance of the area and request consent from the LGCBE to amend the Borough and Parish boundary.

Recommendation 4 – Bramley Parish - Whipley Manor Farm

A representation was received from Bramley Parish Council to amend the boundary between Bramley Parish Council and Wonersh Parish Council to transfer the area around Whipley Manor Farm to Bramley. In their submission they stated that:

“Whipley Manor Farm is part in Bramley and part in Wonersh Parish. Palmer’s Cross, the associated settlement, is identified as Bramley but all the shops are in Wonersh parish, which are accessed from the A281 in Bramley. We think it could be sensible to move Whipley Manor Farm and its associated shops and businesses to Bramley Parish. Additionally, making this change will tidy up anomaly that exists around the parish boundary at Pepperbox Lane and Brooklands Farm. Pepperbox Lane and Brooklands are currently within Bramley parish, but Brooklands Farm and Brooklands Farm Cottages, which are both access from Pepperbox Lane, are within Wonersh parish.”



The current boundary runs along the Borough ward boundary as set out by the LGBCE. Any alteration to the parish boundary would mean that the Parish and Borough ward boundaries

were not coterminous. The government Guidance states that this should be avoided where possible. Consent for this alteration would be required from the LGBCE.

However, the proposal has merit in rectifying an anomaly around Pepperbox Lane and Brooklands Farm and brings together Whipley Manor Farm and its associated shops. The proposal has the support of Wonersh Parish Council on the basis that Brooklands Farm be transferred to Bramley in its entirety, provisionally along the line of the old canal.

Based upon the evidence currently available, Waverley Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change would:

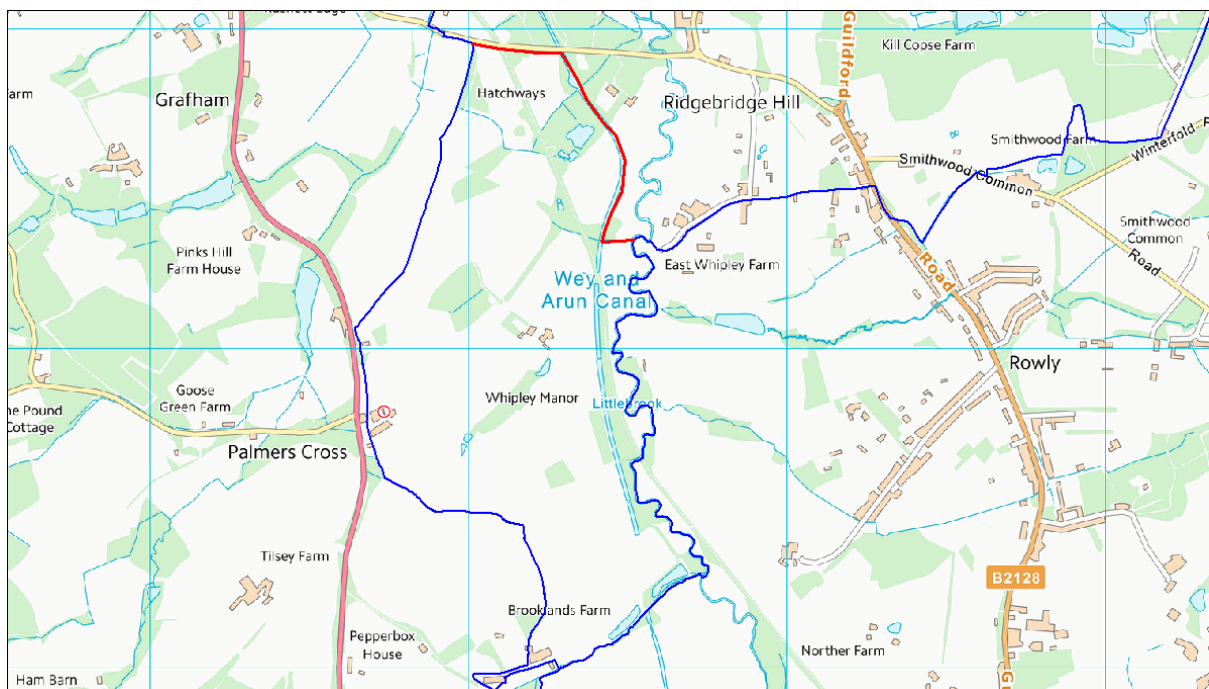
- help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community;
- help to secure a more effective and convenient governance of the area.

Draft Recommendation: Waverley Borough Council’s draft recommendation is to change the current governance arrangements and to request consent from the LGBCE to amend the Borough and Parish boundary.

One response was received from the Clerk of Wonersh Parish Council supporting the proposal:

“Wonersh Parish Council resolved to approve this (proposed by Cllr Band) but suggested Brooklands Farm be transferred to Bramley in its entirety, provisionally along the line of the old canal. This appears not to be the case from the map.”

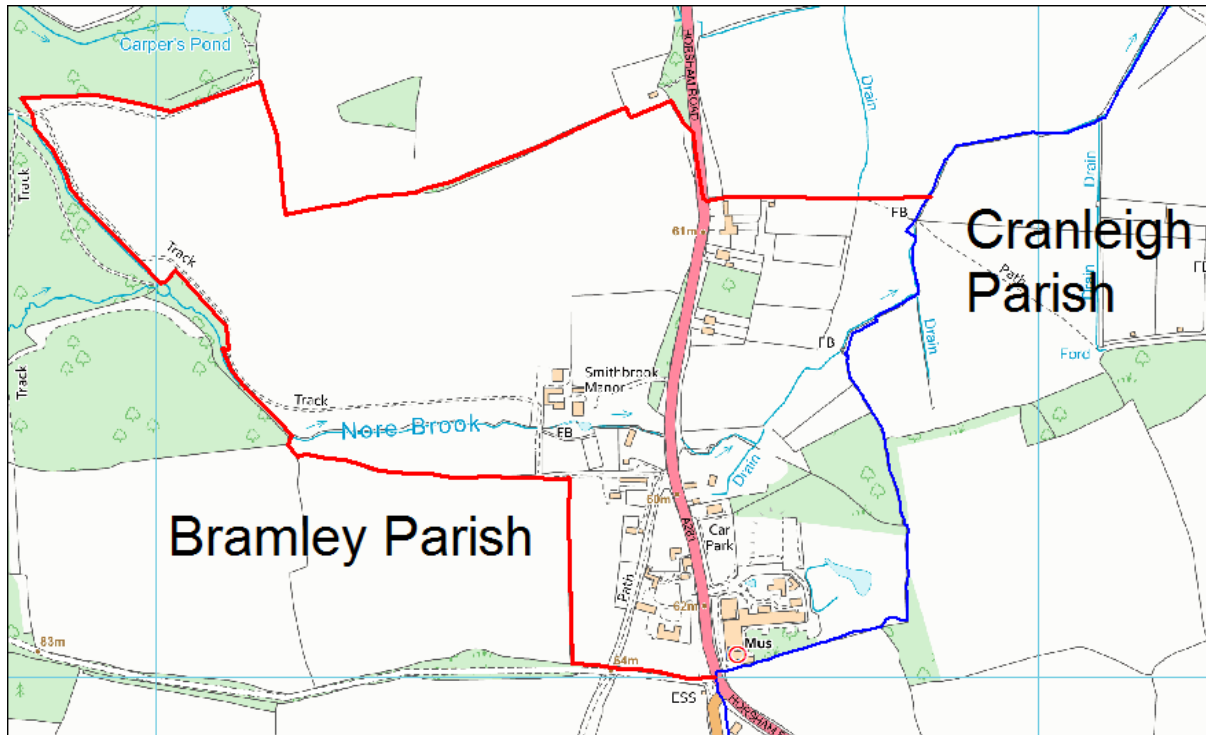
As a result of the response, the Council has amended the boundary to include Brooklands Farm in its entirety as shown below.



Final Recommendation: to change the current governance arrangements and to request consent from the LGBCE to amend the Borough and Parish boundary.

Recommendation 5 – Bramley Parish - Smithbrook

A representation was received from Bramley Parish Council to transfer the Smithbrook area from Bramley parish Council to Cranleigh Parish Council. The addresses in this area include Cranleigh in their address, and the parish have said that this indicates that the residents may have more affiliation with Cranleigh than Bramley.



The current boundary runs along the Borough ward boundary, and it will therefore be necessary to seek consent from the Local Government Boundary Commission for this amendment. Consideration has been given to amending only the parish boundary, but the government's guidance stated that this should be avoided where possible and it would lead to impractical electoral arrangements.

Based upon the evidence currently available, Waverley Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change would:

- help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community;
- help to secure a more effective and convenient governance of the area.

Draft Recommendation: Waverley Borough Council's draft recommendation is to change the current governance arrangements to better reflect the local identities of the community and to request consent from the LGBCE to amend the Borough and parish boundary.

During the second stage of consultation, one response was received via the online survey in support and one email was received from Cranleigh Parish Council opposing the proposal.

Their submission states:

"The Parish Council has reviewed the draft recommendations of the Community Governance Review at its meeting on 26 May 2022 and would like to object to Recommendation 5 – Bramley Parish – Smithbrook.

The Parish Council does not support the inclusion of the Smithbrook area within the parish and borough ward boundaries of Cranleigh."

As both affected parishes are not in agreement and no substantial evidence have been provided supporting the proposal, the Council considers that, on balance, the boundary should not be amended.

Final Recommendation: to make no change to the current governance arrangements.

Recommendation 6 – Bramley Parish - Gosden Common

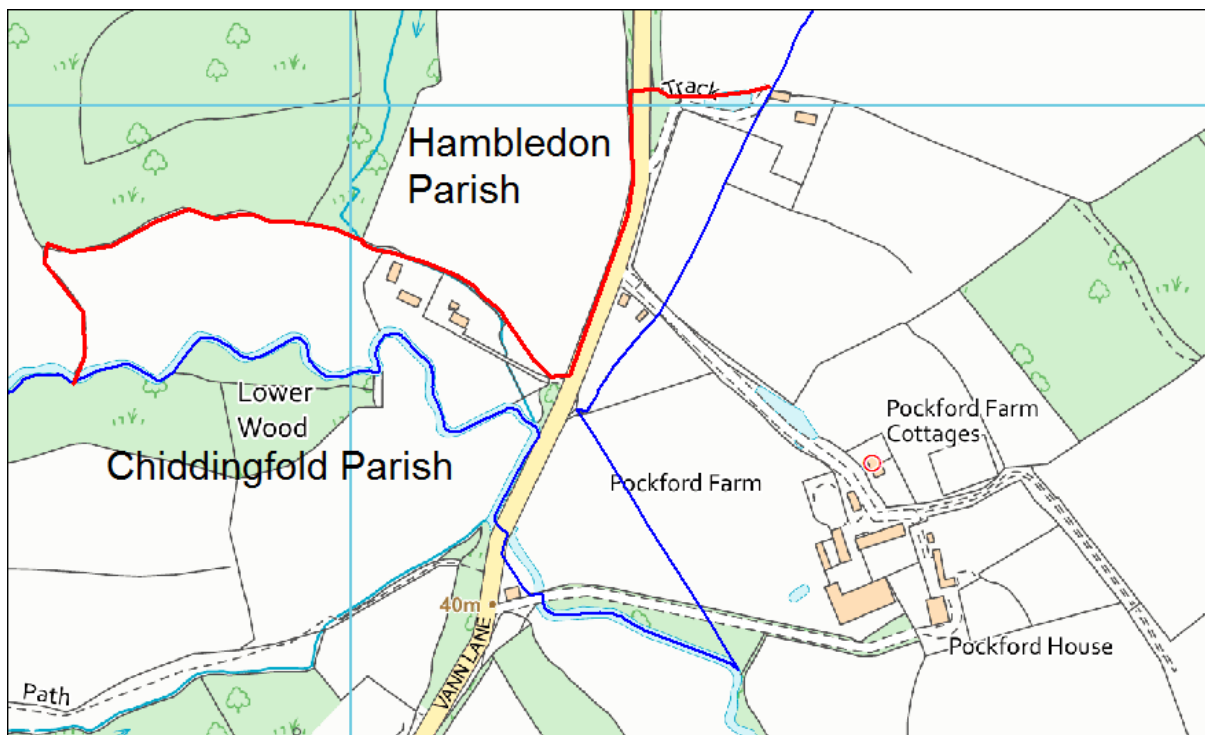
One representation was received relating to the Gosden Common area from Bramley Parish Council. This area is outside the Waverley Borough Council area and therefore out of scope.

Final Recommendation: to make no change to the current governance arrangements.

Recommendation 7- Chiddingfold Parish - Pockford Farm

A representation was received from Chiddingfold Parish Council to change the parish boundary between Chiddingfold and Hambledon Parish. Their submission states:

"The boundary is awkwardly shaped and operates to exclude one of the Pockford Estate cottages while Pockford Farm and Pockford house and 2 other estate cottages are in Chiddingfold Parish. The farm estate is historically associated with Chiddingfold and its division across two parishes is without any clear benefit. There is no logical reason that one of the estate cottages should be separated from the estate and included within Hambledon Parish. In addition, Brookside should be incorporated into Chiddingfold as property is set within a cluster Chiddingfold properties and is linked to Chiddingfold via the adjacent public footpath. An adjustment would enable all the estate accommodation to fall within one parish, which is a sensible outcome."



The current boundary runs along the Borough ward boundary and it will be necessary to seek consent from the Local Government Boundary Commission for this amendment. Consideration has been given to amending only the parish boundary but the government's guidance stated that this should be avoided where possible and it would lead to impractical electoral arrangements.

Based upon the evidence currently available, Waverley Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change would:

- help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community;
- help to secure a more effective and convenient governance of the area.

Draft Recommendation: Waverley Borough Council's draft recommendation is to change the current governance arrangements to better reflect the local identities of the community and to request consent from the LGBCE to amend the Borough and parish boundary.

In the second phase of consultation, a total of four responses were received. Three were from the online survey; two from individuals supporting the proposal and one from the Chair of Hambledon Parish Council opposing it: *"As chairman of Hambledon Parish Council, we have requested, but not received, more information before we can support this change to our boundary"*.

The Chair of Hambledon Parish Council also sent an email stating:

"Parish boundaries reflect, in many cases, ancient affiliations and connections, and we do not simply wish to sign away this boundary, and the three household involved, without knowing why, in detail, this is being proposed [...] We have tried to get more detail from Chiddingfold PC, with limited success. Its locum clerk has simply confirmed that the request came from the parish council and not from any residents. And this is the root of our concern: the householders are currently Hambledon parish residents, and it would be remiss of us to sign them away to another parish without knowing their views. Have they even been informed? It seems that they are tenants of a landlord whose majority landholding is within Chiddingfold. They may, for all we know, wish to remain in Hambledon.

Until we have had an opportunity to hear their views, and have more detail about what purpose lies behind this request, we oppose this proposal [...] The residents are not known to me, and may well not care less about the boundary change, but their views should be the primary concern. Perhaps we will need to knock on their door and ask, given that we have been provided with no more detail."

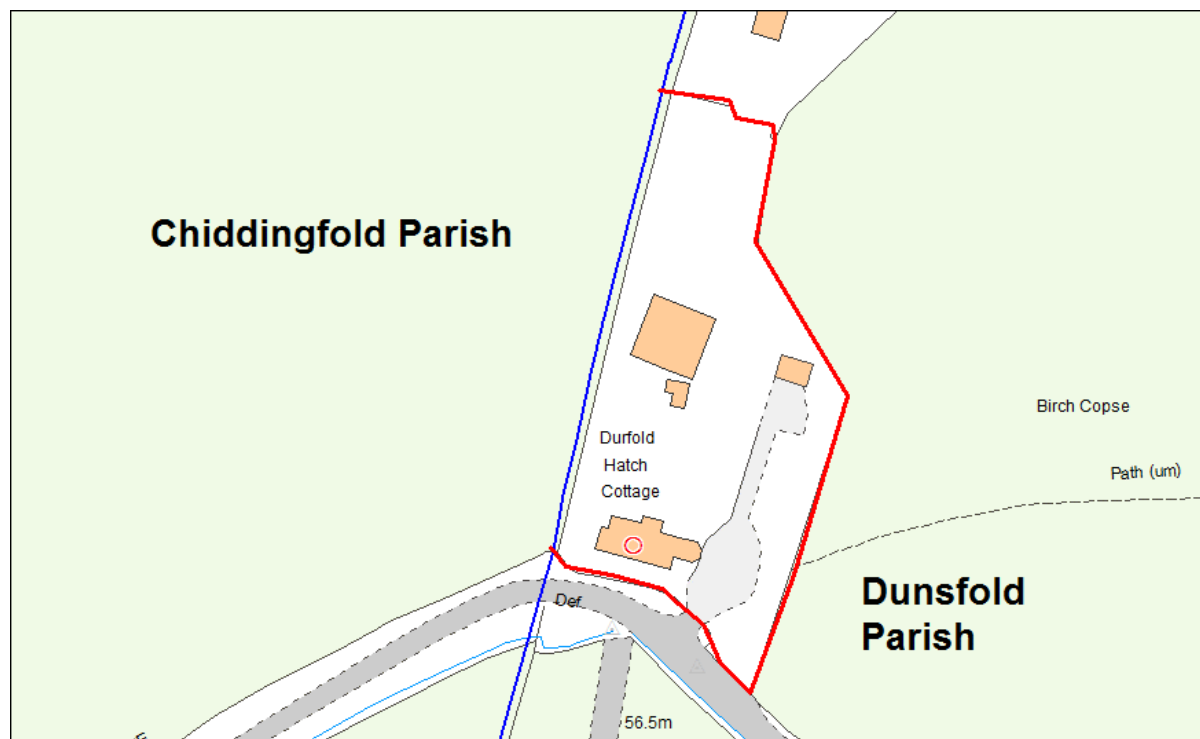
The Council has considered the responses and the available evidence and, on balance, considers that amending the boundary would help to better reflect the local identities of the community and help to secure a more convenient governance of the area due to the close proximity to the main estate in Chiddingfold.

Final Recommendation: to change the current governance arrangements to better reflect the local identities of the community and to request consent from the LGBCE to amend the Borough and Parish boundary.

Recommendation 8 – Chiddingfold Parish - Durfold Hatch

A representation was received from Chiddingfold Parish Council to amend the boundary between Chiddingfold Parish Council and Dunsfold Parish Council to include Durfold Hatch. Their submission states:

“Durfold Hatch Cottage lies just into Dunsfold Parish, but is close to the residential properties in Chiddingfold at Fisher Lane (the nearest residential neighbouring properties). The residents at Durfold Hatch have established associations with Chiddingfold village and wish to be included within Chiddingfold Parish. The address is covered by the Chiddingfold Good Neighbours scheme.”



Dunsfold Parish Council have supported the proposal in initial conversations.

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One response was received via the online survey in support of the recommendation.

Final Recommendation- to change the current governance arrangements to better reflect the local identities of the community and to request consent from the LGBCE to amend the Borough and Parish boundary.

Recommendation 9 – Witley Parish and Chiddingfold Parish - Coopers Place

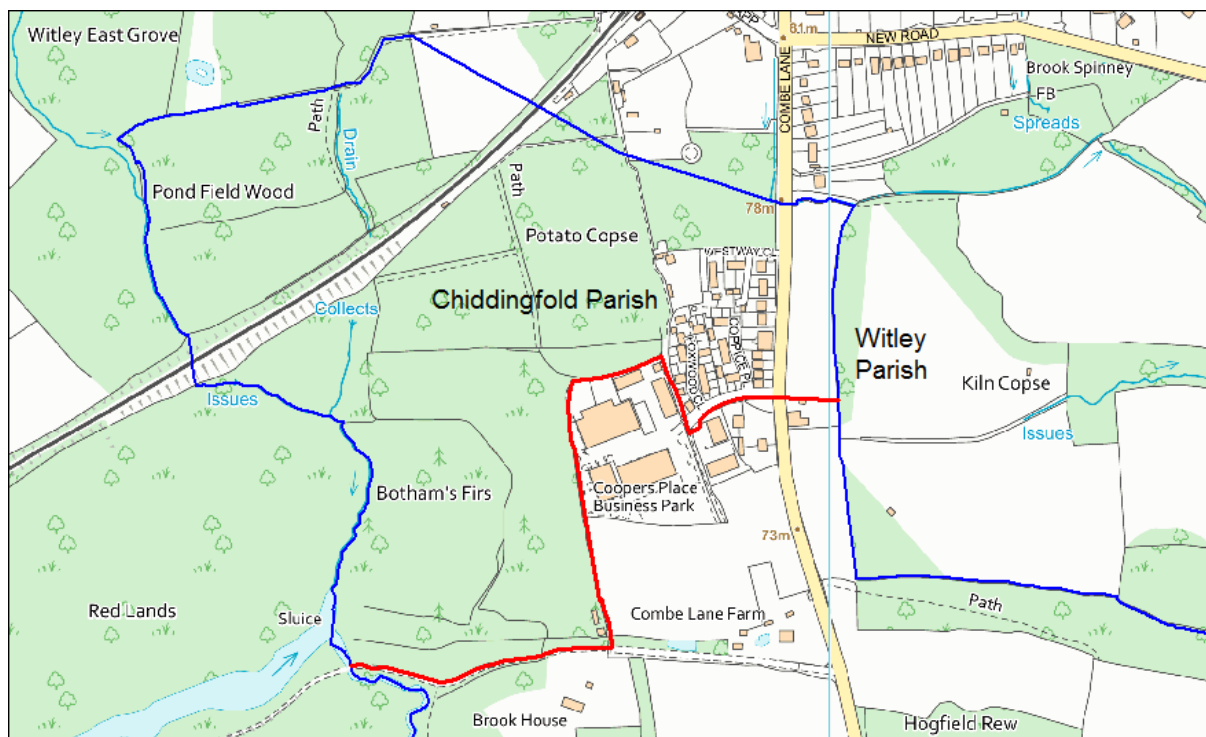
A submission was received from both Witley Parish Council and Chiddingfold Parish Council to amend the boundary to transfer the new residential development to the north of Coopers Place to Witley Parish Council.

Chiddingfold Parish Council's submission states:

"The area is closely located to the settlement at Wormley, within Witley Parish. The Parish Council wish to retain Coopers Place, the site of historic walking stick manufacturing, for which the parish was known, and the properties Combe Lane Farm, Bungalow, Lodge and Cottage as they form part of the large and historically significant Combe Court estate further South in the parish. However, the newer residential development just to the north, does not have the historic connections to Chiddingfold and it is accepted that residents there may feel more closely aligned to the community and services in Witley and may benefit from a boundary adjustment. Although the adjustment is fairly sizeable, the residential property is all located in one small area. This northern section of the parish is isolated from Chiddingfold especially the land North of the railway line, this land is the only part of Chiddingfold Parish north of the railway and so this is a significant feature. Witley Parish have also raised the possibility of transferring some land from Chiddingfold to Witley in this area."

Witley Parish Council's submission states:

"Witley PC proposes to absorb, from Chiddingfold parish, the residential roads between the Coopers Yard industrial estate and the existing parish boundary. The area is closely located to the settlement at Wormley and has much more obvious links with Wormley than Chiddingfold. Residents there are likely to feel more closely aligned to the community and services in Witley and would likely benefit from a boundary adjustment. This area is currently extremely isolated from Chiddingfold."



The current boundary runs along the Borough ward boundary and it is necessary to seek consent from the Local Government Boundary Commission for this amendment.

Consideration has been given to amending only the parish boundary but the government's guidance stated that this should be avoided where possible and it would lead to impractical electoral arrangements.

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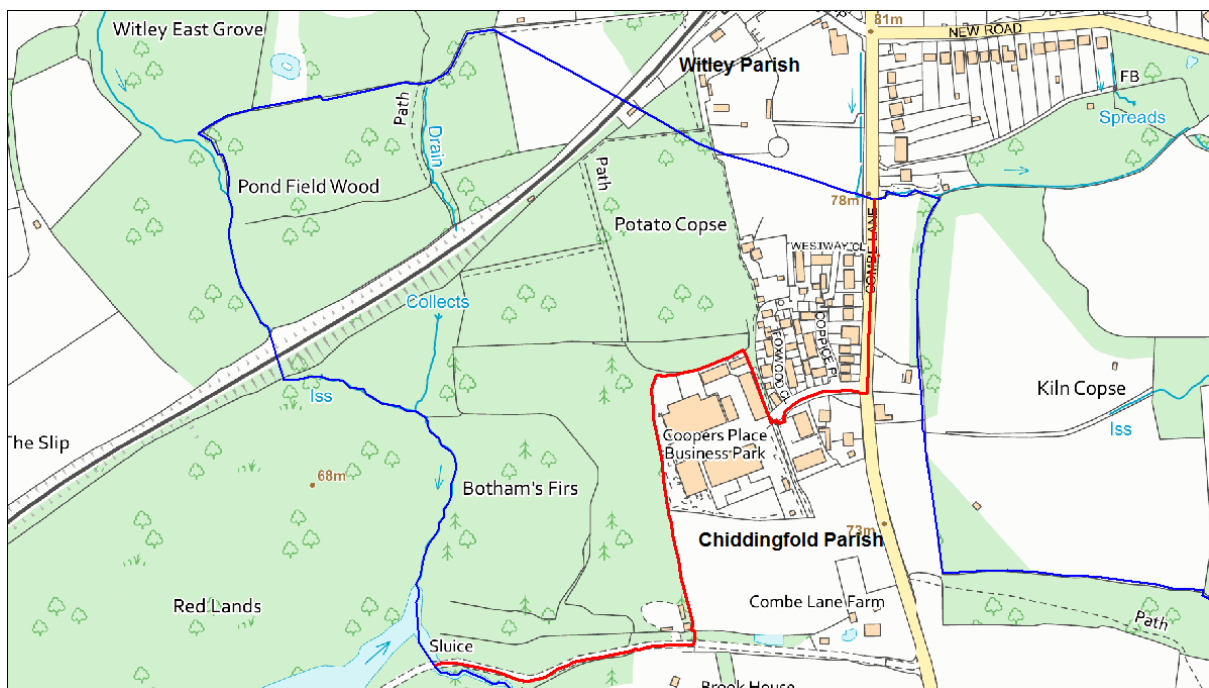
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During the second stage of consultation, three responses were received. Two were from individuals via the online survey in support of this proposal. An email was received from a resident requesting an amendment to the boundary change:

"[We...] have noted that the proposed changes to the boundaries would cut across our property, resulting in part of our land (specifically the field to the north of [...]) being in Witley and the house and the field to the south of the house being in Chiddingfold.

It would seem sensible and easier from an administrative point of view not to mention more logical for the whole property to be in same parish please- this would seem one of the main considerations when undertaking such changes as referred to on your website ("does the change have merit in making the areas concerned more logical for residents"). Bearing in mind the more rural nature of our property and the fact that the current proposal would in any event leave our house in Chiddingfold, it may make sense for the whole property to remain in Chiddingfold."

The Council considers the submission in the second phase of consultation amending the proposed boundary would better reflect the local identity and interests of the community. The final recommendation is to amend the boundary as shown in the map below.

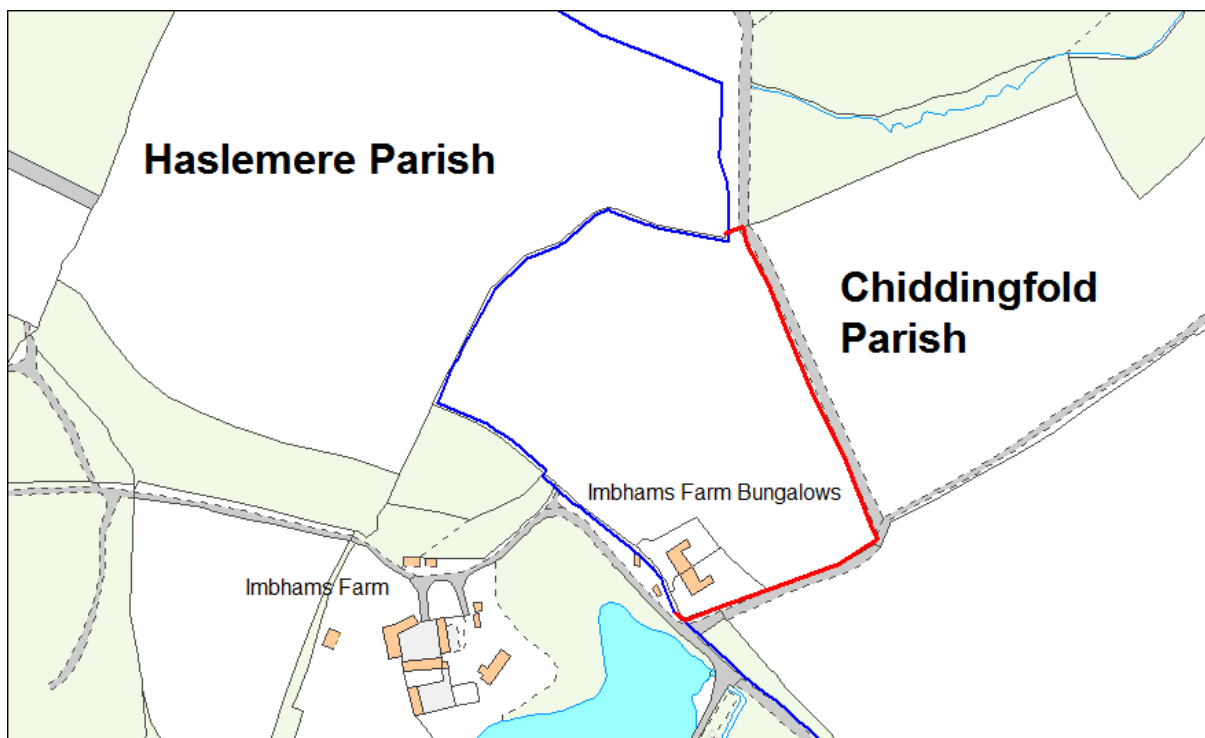


Final recommendation- to change the current governance arrangements to better reflect the local identities of the community and to request consent from the LGBCE to amend the Borough and Parish boundary.

Recommendation 10 – Chiddingfold Parish - Imbhams

A representation was received from Chiddingfold Parish Council to amend the boundary between Chiddingfold Parish Council and Haslemere Town Council in the area of the Imbhams Farm Estate. In their submission they stated that:

“A change is proposed here to remove the bungalows that are farm workers cottages from Chiddingfold Parish and place them within Haslemere Parish with the rest of the Imbhams Farm estate. This would be a logical adjustment.”



The current boundary runs along the Borough ward boundary and it is necessary to seek consent from the Local Government Boundary Commission for this amendment. Consideration has been given to amending only the parish boundary but the government’s guidance stated that this should be avoided where possible and it would lead to impractical electoral arrangements.

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Two responses were received from individuals via the online survey in support of this proposal.

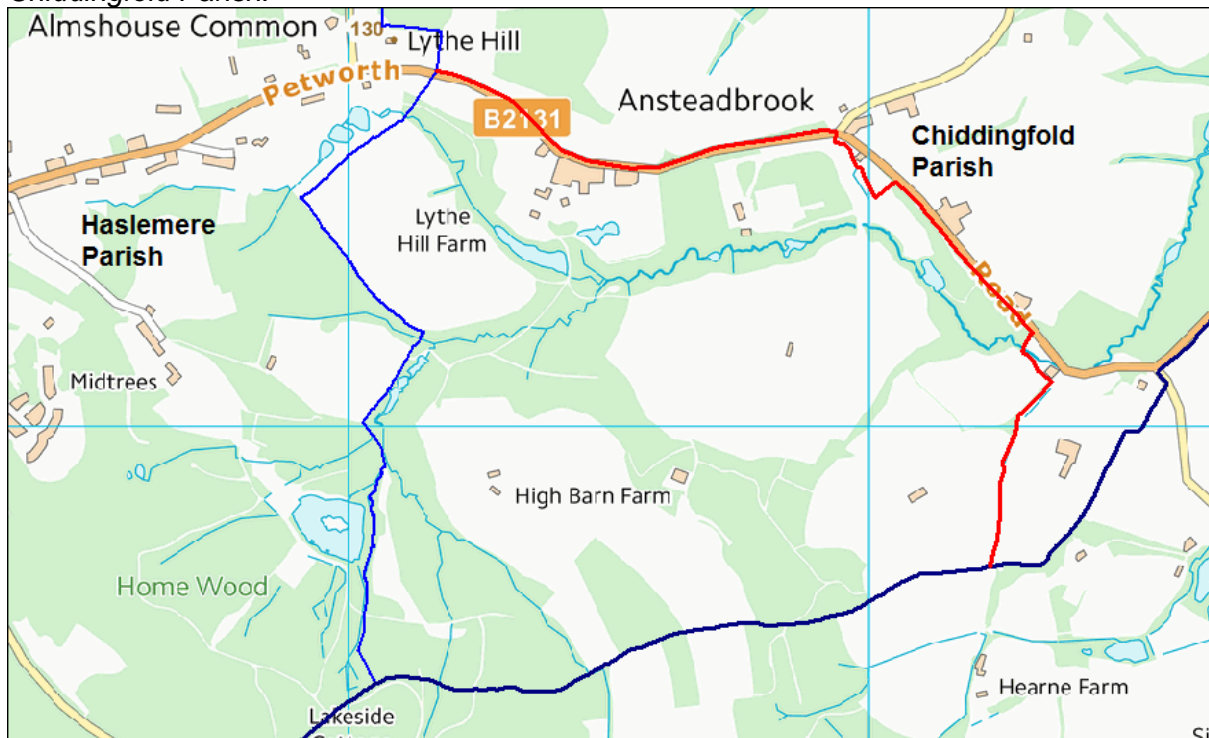
Haslemere Town Council has confirmed that it supports this recommendation.

Final Recommendation: to change the current governance arrangements to better reflect the local identities of the community and to request consent from the LGBCE to amend the Borough and parish boundary.

Recommendation 11- Chiddingfold Parish - Lythe Hill

A representation was received from Chiddingfold Parish Council to amend the boundary between Chiddingfold Parish Council and Haslemere Town Council to transfer the area of the Lythe Hill Hotel to Haslemere Town Council. Their submission states:

“The Lythe Hill Hotel and the adjacent Cortium Sports sit at the far South West end of Chiddingfold Parish (with no other development between it and the parish boundary to the West). Locally, the hotel is associated in the minds of residents with Haslemere town and parish, which is its postal address. It is isolated by location from the rest of the Parish and more naturally connected to Haslemere town and Parish by geography and infrastructure. It is proposed that The Lythe Hill estate and High Barn Farm, which is only accessible through the Lythe Hill estate and extremely isolated from the rest of Chiddingfold Parish, along with the Cortium Sports site, be included as part of Haslemere Parish. Although this is a fairly large adjustment, only 3 sites are involved. The residential properties at Ansteadbrook are felt to function well together as a defined community and should be retained within Chiddingfold Parish.”



The current boundary runs along the Borough ward boundary and it is necessary to seek consent from the Local Government Boundary Commission for this amendment. Consideration has been given to amending only the parish boundary but the government's guidance stated that this should be avoided where possible and it would lead to impractical electoral arrangements.

Based upon the evidence currently available, Waverley Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change would:

- help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community;
- help to secure a more effective and convenient governance of the area.

Draft Recommendation: Waverley Borough Council's draft recommendation is to change the current governance arrangements to better reflect the local identities of the community and to request consent from the LGBCE to amend the Borough and parish boundary.

Two responses were received from individuals via the online survey in support of this proposal.

Haslemere Town Council has confirmed that it supports this recommendation.

Final Recommendation: to change the current governance arrangements to better reflect the local identities of the community and to request consent from the LGBCE to amend the Borough and parish boundary.

Recommendation 12 - Reduce number of parish wards for Cranleigh Parish Council

A representation was received from Cranleigh Parish Council to reduce the number of parish wards from 5 to 2.

The current structure of Cranleigh Parish Council is 5 parish wards.

Cranleigh East 5 Councillors

Cranleigh West 4 Councillors

Cranleigh Elmbridge 1 Councillor

Cranleigh Rural 1 Councillor

Cranleigh North 1 Councillor

In May 2019 Cranleigh North, Rural and Elmbridge had uncontested elections.

The Parish Council has set out, in the table below, the electorate data for 2020 and projected data for 2027 for Cranleigh.

Polling District	Parish /Town	Parish Ward	No of Cllrs	Electorate 2020	Projected Electorate 2027	No of Electors per Cllr 2027
ACEB	Cranleigh	Elmbridge	1	340	362	362
ACEC	Cranleigh	Rural	1	83	91	91
CEA/CEB	Cranleigh	East	5	5175	6168	1234
CWA	Cranleigh	West	4	3430	4165	1041
SGCB	Cranleigh	North	1	247	575	575

The Parish Council has carefully considered electoral equality, as some parish wards are currently significantly overrepresented in Cranleigh.

The Parish Council would like to propose reducing the number of parish wards from 5 to 2 utilising the same ward boundaries as the Borough Boundary Review for the Cranleigh

Borough wards. This has the benefit of being simpler for members of the public to understand their local representation at Parish and Borough Council level

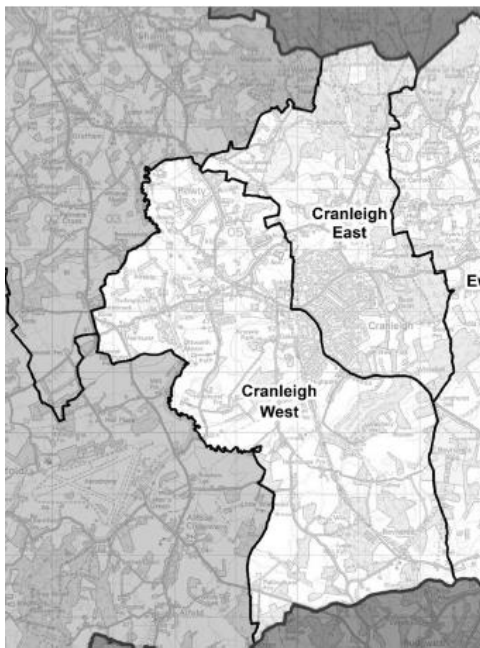
To reduce the parish wards, the Parish Council recommends:

- Adding Elmbridge and Rural to Cranleigh West
- Adding Cranleigh North to Cranleigh East

The impact of these changes can be seen below on representation:

Polling District	Parish /Town	Parish Ward	No of Cllrs	Electorate 2020	Projected Electorate 2027	No of Electors per Cllr 2027
CEA/CEB	Cranleigh	East	7	5422	6743	963
CWA	Cranleigh	West	5	3853	4618	923

The resulting wards would be Cranleigh East with 7 Parish Councillors and Cranleigh West with 5 Parish Councillors. These wards would align with the Borough ward boundaries for Cranleigh East and Cranleigh West.



Based upon the evidence currently available, Waverley Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change would:

- help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community;
- help to secure a more effective and convenient governance of the area.

Draft Recommendation: Waverley Borough Council’s draft recommendation is to change the current governance arrangements to better reflect the local identities of the community.

Three responses were received from individuals via the online survey. Two supported the proposal and one opposed it.

Final Recommendation: to change the current governance arrangements to better reflect the local identities of the community.

Recommendation 13 - Reduction of the size of Farnham Town Council from 18 to 16

A submission has been received from Farnham Town Council to reduce the size of the Town Council from 18 to 16.

Based upon the evidence currently available, Waverley Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change would:

- help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community;
- help to secure a more effective and convenient governance of the area.

Draft Recommendation: Waverley Borough Council's draft recommendation is to change the current governance arrangements to better reflect the local identities of the community and to request consent from the LGBCE.

A total of ten responses were received via the online survey. Nine responses supported the proposal (8 were from individuals and 1 from the Town Clerk), an additional respondent asked: "Why do we need two councillors per ward? Sure one per ward is more than adequate, reducing to one would also reduce the running costs."

The Council has considered this question and, if recommendation 14 below was not agreed, one councillor per ward would lead to an unequal elector to councillor ratio. If recommendation 14 below was agreed, the number of electors to councillors would double and lead to a much higher workload for each elected representative. The Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), specifies that each parish council must have at least 5 councillors; there is no maximum number. The National Association of Local Councils Circular 1126 recommends that a Council size of 8 would be suitable for councils with up to 1,400 electors.

Final Recommendation: to change the current governance arrangements to better reflect the local identities of the community and to request consent from the LGBCE.

Recommendation 14 - Alignment of Farnham Town Council Wards and Waverley Borough Wards and Town ward name changes

In their response to the Community Governance Review, Farnham Town Council have stated their desire for:

- 1) *the Town Council Wards to be co-terminous with the Borough Wards with two councillors per ward*
- 2) *the new Moor Park Ward to be renamed Badshot Lea and Moor Park;*
- 3) *the new Farnham Heath End Ward to be renamed Hale and Heath End;*
- 4) *the new Firgrove Ward (East and West) to be renamed Shortheath and Firgrove;*
- 5) *the new Rowledge Ward be renamed Wrecclisham and Rowledge.*

The LGBCE sets out the Town Council arrangements as follows:

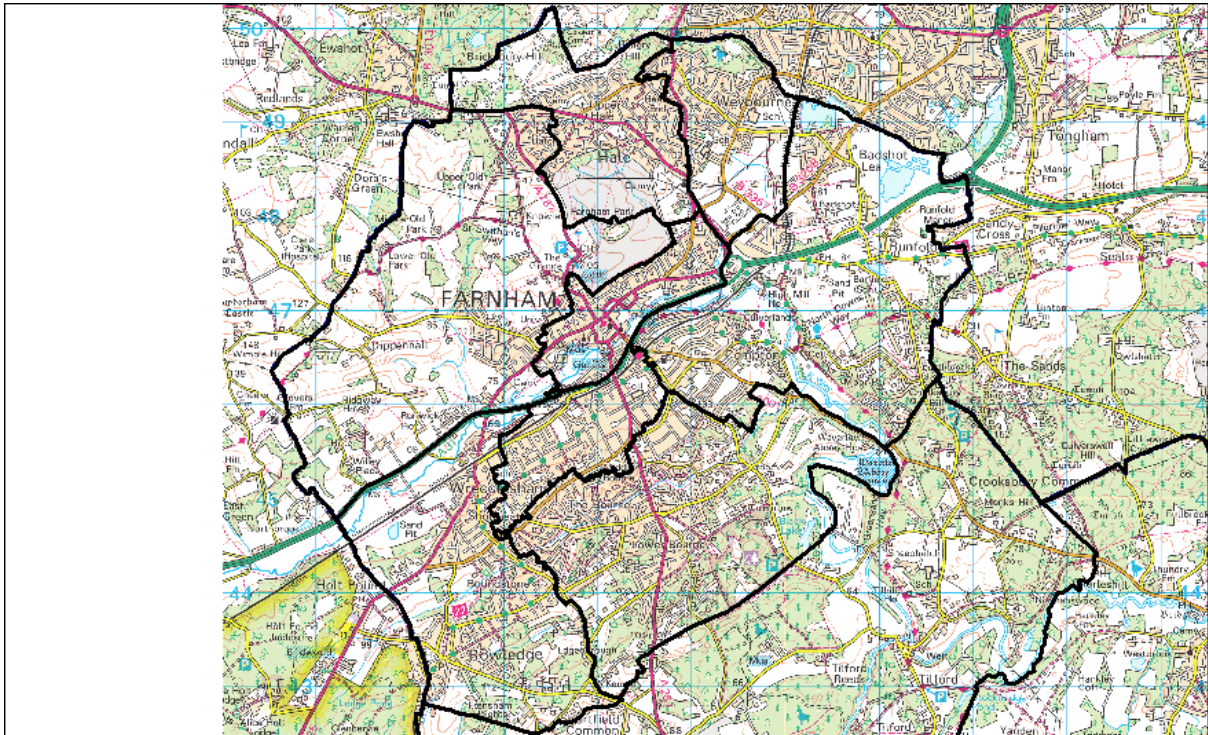
Parish ward	number of councillors	Electorate 2020	Electorate 2027	electors per councillor 2020	electors per councillor 2027
Badshot Lea	1	1542	1636	1542	1636
Bourne	2	4150	4267	2075	2134
Castle	3	3785	4609	1262	1536

Firgrove East	2	2686	2789	1343	1395
Firgrove West	1	1627	1699	1627	1699
Heath End	2	4222	4437	2111	2219
Hog Hatch	1	1042	1290	1042	1290
Moor Park	1	2233	2300	2233	2300
North West	1	1831	2696	1831	2696
Rowledge	2	4384	4446	2192	2223
Weybourne	2	3255	3786	1628	1893
Total:	18	30757	33955	1717	1911
Average:				1709	1886

If the size of the Town Council is reduced to 16 and the number of Town wards is reduced to 8 then it would be possible to achieve coterminosity with the Borough wards and the electorate to councillor ratio would be more equitable:

Parish ward	number of councillors	Electorate 2020	Electorate 2027	electors per councillor 2020	electors per councillor 2027
Bourne	2	4150	4267	2075	2134
Castle	2	3785	4610	1893	2305
Firgrove	2	4313	4488	2157	2244
Heath End	2	4222	4437	2111	2219
Moor Park	2	3775	3936	1888	1968
North West	2	2873	3986	1437	1993
Rowledge	2	4384	4446	2192	2223
Weybourne	2	3255	3786	1628	1893
Total:	16	30757	33956	1922	2122
Average:				1922	2122

The proposals for the Town ward name changes more closely reflect the communities in those wards. In addition, Town and Parish elections are held at the same time as Borough Council elections and it makes sense from the electors point of view to have the same ward configuration for both councils.



The current Town ward boundaries are included in the recent Waverley Borough Boundary Review and therefore cannot be altered without seeking consent from the Local Government Boundary Commission.

Based upon the evidence currently available, Waverley Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change would:

- help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community;
- help to secure a more effective and convenient governance of the area.

Draft Recommendation: Waverley Borough Council's draft recommendation is to change the current governance arrangements and to request consent from the LGBCE to amend the Town ward boundaries and names.

A total of ten responses were received supporting the proposal via the online survey. Nine were from individuals and one from the Town Clerk.

Final Recommendation: to change the current governance arrangements and to request consent from the LGBCE to amend the Town ward boundaries and names.

Recommendation 15 - Reduce number of Councillors from 20 to 18 and reduce the number of wards to 5 on Godalming Town Council

A representation was received from Godalming Town Council to reduce the size of the Town Council from 20 to 18 and to reduce the number of wards to five. In their submission, they stated that:

“If the boundary of the Civic Parish of Godalming is to be retained in its existing form, Godalming Town Council considers that the electoral area of Godalming should continue to be divided into five wards although as stated below the level of representation within the existing wards should be amended.

Godalming Town Council believes that, along with the maintenance of locality characteristics and identity in determining local representation, the number of councillors within a local council must also reflect fair representation across the parish area. Additionally, the Council also considers that the warding arrangements within the electoral area should provide for effective and convenient local government.

Godalming Town Council believes that the strength of local councils lies in the ability of councillors to be able to support each other for the benefit of not only the electorate but also the councillors’ own well-being. As such, Godalming Town Council believes that warding arrangements that support multi-member wards to be the most effective and efficient model for providing effectual and convenient local government.

Godalming Town Council proposes a five ward model based upon the Electoral Commissions proposed Waverley Borough Council Godalming Ockford & Central, Godalming Holloway and Godalming Farncombe & Catteshall wards along with the retention of the pre-existing Binscombe ward and Charterhouse ward.

Whilst Godalming Town Council acknowledges that this would mean that if the Boundary Commission’s draft recommendations are enacted electors in this area would be within the Godalming Binscombe & Charterhouse ward for the Borough Council and in either the Binscombe ward or Charterhouse ward for the Town Council. However, the Town Council considers that as described in the Godalming & Farncombe Neighbourhood Development Plan Charterhouse and Binscombe are clearly identified as two distinct character areas. Although the boundaries between the existing Charterhouse and Binscombe wards are slightly untidy around the area of Elizabeth Road, and the lower end of Farncombe Hill, they do delineate areas of differing characteristics. The majority of Charterhouse ward is established upon Farncombe Hill, Charterhouse Hill and Frith Hill and their approaches, whereas Binscombe is predominantly based around the area of the 1930’s onwards northern expansion of Farncombe. These two distinctive areas clearly have a differing majority of housing stock and characteristics.

Additionally, Godalming Town Council considers the geographic nature of these areas to be unsuitable, as suggested by the Boundary Commission, for conjoining into a single entity for Local Council representation. Binscombe and Charterhouse localities are distinctly different, are only meaningfully connected at a very narrow point at the bottom of Farncombe Hill and have no meaningful synergy. As such Godalming Town Council considered it much more preferable to retain separate Town Council wards for the Binscombe and Charterhouse localities.

In considering the existing Binscombe ward and Charterhouse ward as single entities, distribution of electorate is in the region of 47% Charterhouse and 53% Binscombe. Godalming Town Council believes that by retaining the Binscombe & Charterhouse ‘parish’ wards as separate entities for Town Council elections, thus a five ward model, would allow the equitable ratio of elected representatives to electorate across the Town Council election area to be maintained.

In regards to the naming of the wards Godalming Town Council cannot see any reason to change the pre-existing names of the parish wards and would wish the wards to continue to be called:

Central & Ockford ward
 Holloway ward
 Farncombe & Catteshall ward
 Charterhouse ward
 Binscombe ward

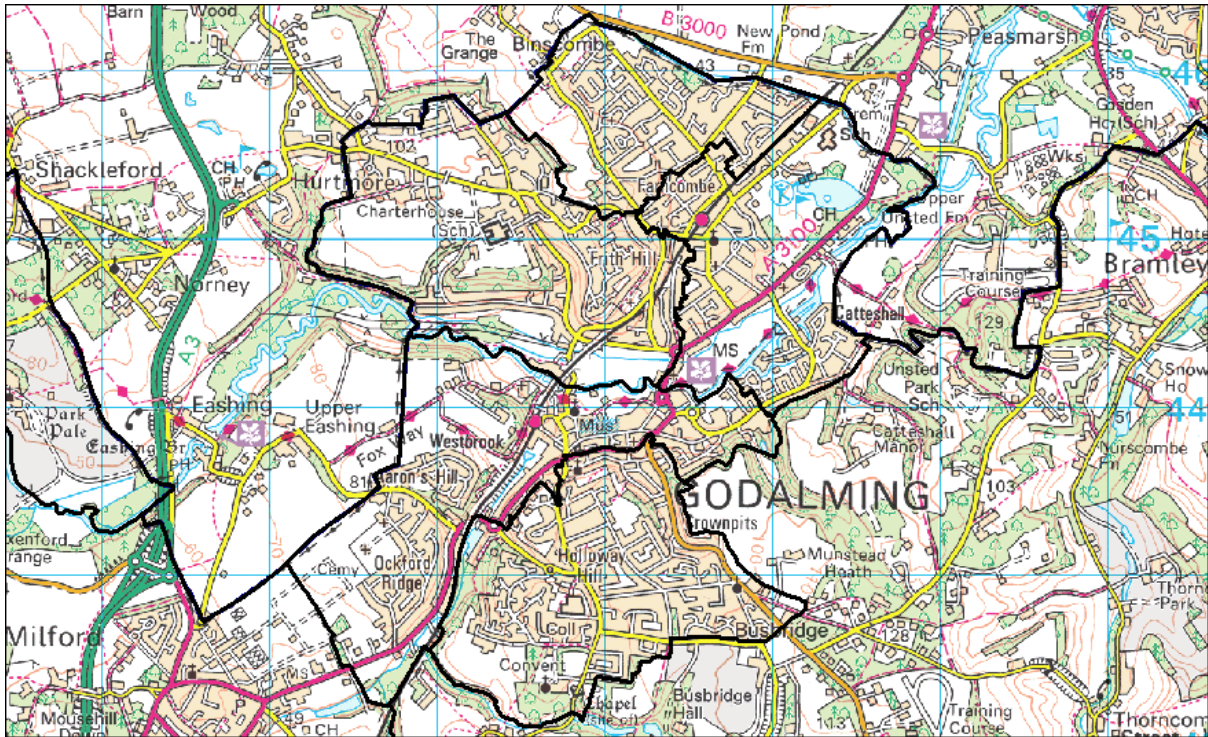
Godalming Town Council believes the five ward model it proposes would prevent a real or perceived sense of loss of local identity as well as the extremes of ward size that would result from the recommendations of the Boundary Commission.”

The LGBCE final recommendations sets out the parish wards as follows:

Parish ward	number of councillors	Electorate 2020	Electorate 2027	electors per councillor 2020	electors per councillor 2027
Binscombe	4	3086	3215	772	804
Central	2	1379	1575	690	788
Charterhouse	3	2784	3179	928	1060
Croft	1	529	533	529	533
Farncombe & Catteshall	4	3823	4028	956	1007
Holloway	4	3283	3490	821	873
Ockford	2	1846	2360	923	1180
total	20	16730	18380		
Average				803	892

If the size of the parish council is reduced to 18 and the number of parish wards is reduced to 5 then it would be possible to achieve coterminosity with the Borough wards and the electorate to councillor ratio would be more equitable:

Parish ward	Number of councillors	Electorate 2020	Electorate 2027	Councillors per elector 2020	Councillors per elector 2027
Binscombe	3	3086	3215	1029	1072
Charterhouse	3	2784	3179	928	1060
Catteshall	4	3823	4028	956	1007
Central & Ockford	4	3225	3935	806	984
Holloway	4	3812	4023	953	1006
total	18	16730	18380		
Average				934	1026



The Council believes that the 18 councillor and 5 ward arrangement would be more logical for electors and simpler to conduct parish and borough elections at the same time.

Based upon the evidence currently available, Waverley Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change would:

- help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community;
- help to secure a more effective and convenient governance of the area.

Draft Recommendation: Waverley Borough Council's draft recommendation is to change the current governance arrangements and to request consent from the LGBCE to amend the Town ward boundaries.

Four responses were received supporting the reduction of the size of the Parish Council and three responses supporting the reduction in the number of wards via the online survey.

Final Recommendation: to change the current governance arrangements and to request consent from the LGBCE to amend the Town ward boundaries.

Recommendation 16 - Godalming Town Council area to be adjusted to take in Busbridge Parish Council area

A representation was received from Godalming Town Council for the town council area to be adjusted so as to include the area of Busbridge Parish. Their submission stated:

"Godalming Town and Busbridge Parish are constituent members of the Godalming Joint Burial Committee with Godalming funding approx 94% of the parish contributions for the upkeep and operations of Eashing and Nightingale Cemetery.

Apart from representation on the Joint Burial Committee, the main activity of Busbridge Parish Council is planning observations. Current members of Busbridge Parish Council are all co-opted representatives. It is believed that it is in excess of 20 years since the last contested election for the Parish, if indeed there has been one since the 1974 re-organisation of local government.

It is suggested that the majority of Busbridge residents consider that they are either resident in Godalming or Milford. This to some extent is due to the fact that Busbridge Village Hall, Busbridge Church and both Busbridge Infant and Junior schools are in the Godalming Holloway ward and not Busbridge Parish.

Whilst it is not for Godalming Town Council to dictate, it would, if the proposal was desirable to the Busbridge Parish Meeting, be content for Godalming Parish boundary to be adjusted to take in the existing Busbridge Parish area and for that area to become part of the existing Town Council's Holloway Ward. If this were to happen then it is suggested that the new ward is renamed as Holloway & Busbridge Ward and represented by 5 councillors. Based on the 2027 electorate of 4878 this would equate to a councillor to electorate ratio of 1:976 for this ward, with the total electorate for the new Godalming Town Council area being 19,230 represented by 19 Councillors."

Busbridge Parish Council have stated that they object to this proposal. They state that:

"Busbridge Parish Council is a rural parish spread out in the countryside. As such, inhabitants have very different issues and needs to those living in a town. Our activities reflect this fact.

It is not for us to dictate, but we would suggest that the majority of our inhabitants would consider themselves living in the rural countryside and the AONB (or AGLV), not a town centre. As such, we have a greater affinity to our current ward neighbours of Bramley and Hascombe.

All of our councillors are lawfully and correctly appointed, so we do not understand Godalming Town Council's inappropriate comments in this regard. "

Waverley Borough Council has not received any substantial evidence to support this proposal.

Based upon the evidence currently available, Waverley Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change would:

- NOT help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community;
- NOT help to secure a more effective and convenient governance of the area.

Draft Recommendation: Waverley Borough Council's draft recommendation is to make no change to the current governance arrangements

No responses were received during the second consultation.

Final recommendation: is to make no change to the current governance arrangements.

Recommendation 17 – Hascombe Parish - High Hascombe Area

A representation was received from Hascombe Parish Council to transfer the High Hascombe area from Busbridge Parish Council to Hascombe Parish Council.

Busbridge Parish Council do not support this proposal.

Based upon the evidence currently available, Waverley Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change would:

- NOT help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community;
- NOT help to secure a more effective and convenient governance of the area.

Draft Recommendation: Waverley Borough Council's draft recommendation is to make no change to the current governance arrangements.

No responses were received during the second consultation.

Final recommendation: is to make no change to the current governance arrangements.

Recommendation 18 – Witley Parish - Milford Road / Royal Common

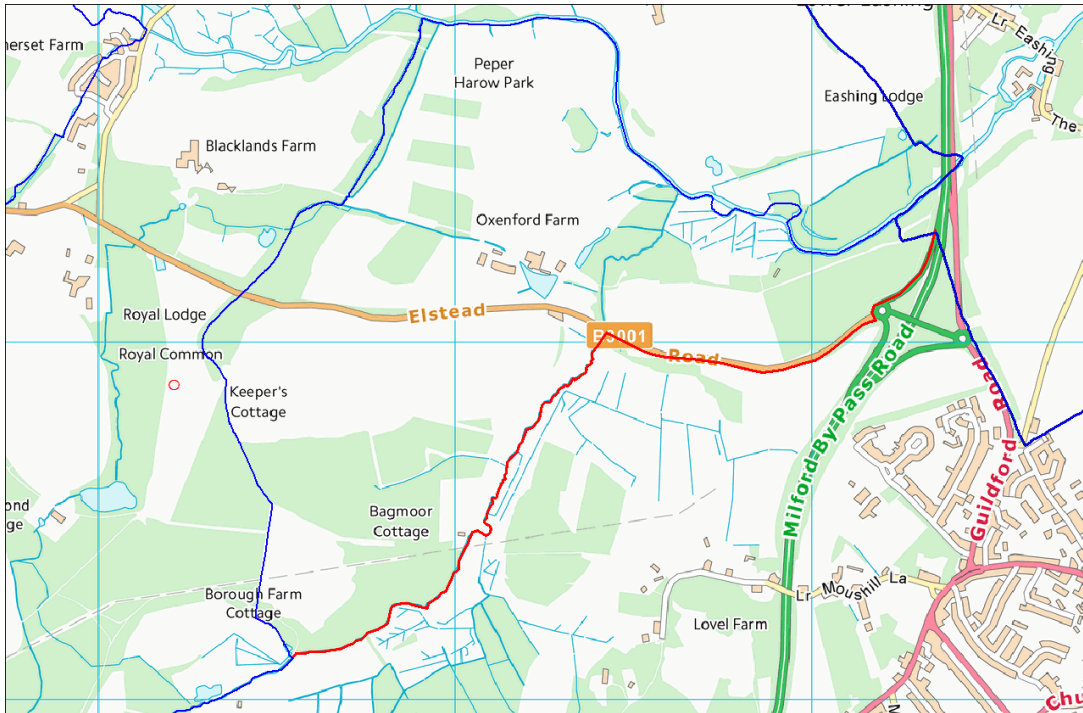
Two representations were received to transfer the properties on the Oxenford Estate into Peper Harow.

A representation was received from Witley Parish Council to transfer the Milford Road / Royal Common area to Peper Harow Parish Meeting. In their submission they stated that:

“WPC proposes that part of Witley parish should be removed and transferred to Peper Harow parish. The properties excluded from Witley would be all of those to the west of the A3, accessed from Elstead Road. The new boundary could follow the river/stream from the parish boundary to the west (northeast of Borough Cottage) and travel northeast to Elstead Road, then along Elstead Road, to just north of the roundabouts. It is felt that these properties would identify more closely with the remaining properties on Elstead Road and the village of Elstead. They are somewhat segregated from the village of Milford. Having consulted with the Clerk to Peper Harow, they have confirmed that in principle Peper Harow have no objection to the proposed boundary change and agree that it could be sensible to match the parish boundaries to the route of Elstead Road. They stressed that they have not held full discussions with all of their residents, but in summary they are open to a boundary change.”

One representation was received from an individual stating that they supported Witley Parish Council's proposal to transfer 2 or 3 properties of Oxenford Estate into Peper Harow.

Peper Harow Parish Meeting currently has 219 electors (April 2022) and there are 3 registered electors in the area in this proposal. This would not have any significant change on elector numbers within the parish meeting.



Based upon the evidence currently available, Waverley Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change would:

- help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community;
- help to secure a more effective and convenient governance of the area.

Draft Recommendation: Waverley Borough Council's draft recommendation is to change the current governance arrangements

One response was received via the online survey in support of the proposal.

Final Recommendation: to change the current governance arrangements to better reflect the local identities of the community.

Recommendation 19 – Witley Parish - Milford Hospital

A representation was received from Witley Parish Council to transfer the Milford Hospital area from Busbridge Parish Council to Witley Parish Council. In their submission they stated:

“WPC proposes that the area in Busbridge which lies north of Enton and east of the railway, including Tuesley/Milford Hospital should be absorbed by Witley Parish Council.... for the following reasons:

- *Most traffic generated by Milford Hospital, the Leithfield Park development and the Hall Hunter business travels towards Milford and into the parish of Witley.*
- *The population of this area looks to Milford for the provision of services, including education.*
- *There would be merit in Witley Parish Council being a statutory consultee on any development proposals on Hall Hunter land, which ultimately affect traffic around Milford.*
- *Geographically there is a valley between Busbridge and the area in question which has a contiguous link with Milford and its surrounds.”*

Busbridge Parish Council has considered this amendment and they object to this proposal. They state:

'Witley is already a significantly larger parish in terms of inhabitants per councillor, so we see no sense in diluting representation further.'

Busbridge Parish Council has developed a good relationship with Milford Hospital over many years, supporting both the Hospital and it's 'League of Friends'. Similarly at Cheshire Home.

The residential development at Leithfield Park is the largest community within our Parish. Whilst it is a relatively new development started in 2014 and completed 2018, Busbridge Parish Council has supported the residents from the outset. Most recently, we have funded an 'on site' defibrillator for the benefit of this community.

We cannot see any benefit of the proposed boundary changes to the management, staff and patients at Milford Hospital, or to the residents of Leithfield Park.

The planning history with Hall Hunter at Tuesley Farm is long and complicated, and we have spent considerable time and energy becoming experts in this regard as statutory consultees. However, this does not prevent Witley commenting on planning matters if and when appropriate, for example if an application affects traffic wider into Milford. Busbridge Parish Council invited both Witley Parish Council and Hambledon Parish Council to our meeting with WBC last year when discussing the controversial application for additional polytunnels at Tuesley Farm."

The area is a significant size with 288 electors currently registered (April 2022). This is 36% of the total electorate for Busbridge Parish Council and would lead to a significant reduction in their electorate size.

Based upon the evidence currently available, Waverley Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change would:

- NOT help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community;
- NOT help to secure a more effective and convenient governance of the area.

Draft Recommendation: Waverley Borough Council's draft recommendation is to not make any changes to the current governance arrangements.

During the second stage of consultation one response was received from Witley Parish Council:

"We note that the recommendation in the report for this area is that there should be no change to current governance arrangements, however your consultation document does not explain in detail why the argument presented by Busbridge Parish Council was given more weight than that presented by Witley Parish Council.

Witley Parish Council still believes that the properties around Milford Hospital and the hospital itself have much stronger links with the village of Milford and that we have a stronger case for this area being included within the parish of Witley.

Witley Parish Council requests that this recommendation is reconsidered. If Waverley Borough Council still believes that there should be no changes made to the current governance arrangements we would request a detailed explanation of why this should be the case, with clear justification of how residents' identities and interests would be better reflected by remaining in the parish Busbridge and how a more effective and convenient governance of the area would be secured by remaining within the parish of Busbridge."

The Council has considered the responses and the available evidence and, on balance, considers that amending the boundary would significantly alter Busbridge Parish Council due to the reduction of the geographical area and elector size. The Council has not received any responses from residents within the affected area supporting or opposing the proposal. Therefore, the Council has decided not to make any change to the boundary.

Final Recommendation: to not make any changes to the current governance arrangements.

Recommendation 20 – Witley Parish - Grayswood

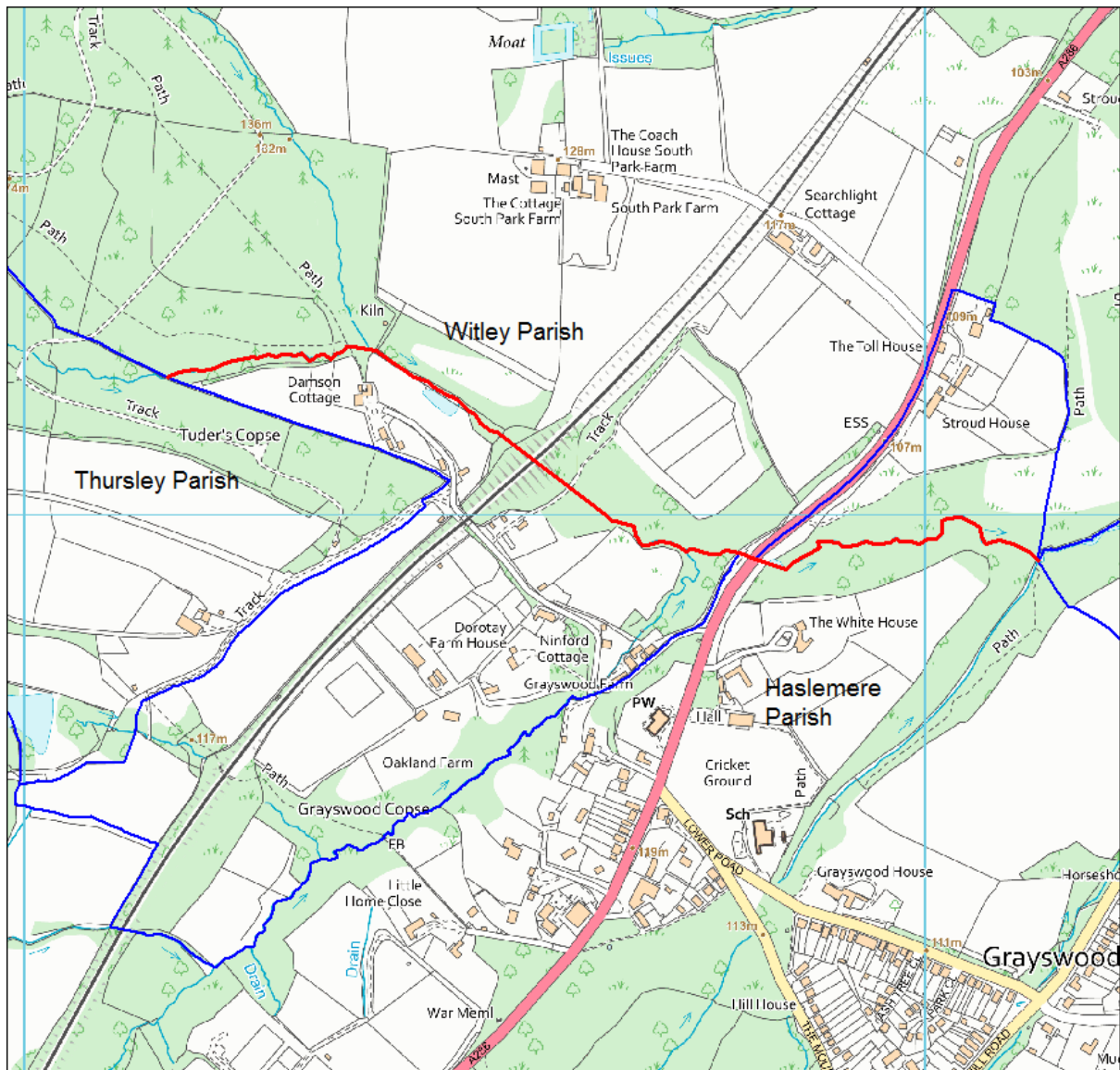
Witley Parish Council have submitted a proposal to make an alteration to the boundary between themselves and Haslemere Town Council around the area of Grayswood.

In their submission they state

"Witley PC proposes to release the area of Grayswood, from Damson Cottage to the A286, south of the stream (which is proposed to be the new parish boundary) to Haslemere Town Council, but to continue the boundary along the line of the stream to the east of the A286 and absorb the properties north of the stream, around the Toll House, from Haslemere Town Council.

WPC feels that the properties proposed for removal would likely have much closer links with the village of Grayswood. By absorbing the properties to the north of the stream the boundary line would be much simpler.

An initial consultation with Haslemere Town Council has resulted in an informal response supporting WPC's proposal."



The current boundary runs along the Borough ward boundary and it is necessary to seek consent from the Local Government Boundary Commission for this amendment. Consideration has been given to amending only the parish boundary but the government's guidance stated that this should be avoided where possible and it would lead to impractical electoral arrangements.

Based upon the evidence currently available, Waverley Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change would:

- help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community;
- help to secure a more effective and convenient governance of the area.

Draft Recommendation: Waverley Borough Council's draft recommendation is to change the current governance arrangements and to request consent from the LGBCE to amend the Borough and parish boundary.

One response was received via the online survey in support of this proposal.

Haslemere Town Council has confirmed that it supports this recommendation.

Final Recommendation: to change the current governance arrangements and to request consent from the LGBCE to amend the Borough and parish boundary.

Recommendation 21- Change of name of Witley Parish Council to Witley & Milford Parish Council

A representation was received from Witley Parish Council to add Milford to its name to create Witley & Milford Parish Council. In their submission they state that:

“Witley Parish Council proposes that its name should change to Witley and Milford Parish Council. Milford is the largest settlement in the parish and is facing a substantial increase of housing and services in future years as outlined in Waverley Local Plan. WPC feels it important to recognise the village of Milford in its name to ensure its residents feel connected and represented by the Parish Council.”

The LGBCE final recommendations have designated the Borough ward as Milford & Witley and it would be beneficial for the order of the villages to be the same for both the Borough ward and the parish. Consent will need to be granted from the LGBCE to change the order of names at the Borough level.

Based upon the evidence currently available, Waverley Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change would:

- help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community;
- help to secure a more effective and convenient governance of the area.

Draft Recommendation: Waverley Borough Council’s draft recommendation is to change the current governance arrangements and to request consent from the LGBCE to a change in the name of the parish council.

Three responses were received in support of the proposal via the online survey.

Final Recommendation: to change the name of Witley Parish Council to Witley and Milford Parish Council and to request consent from the LGBCE to change the name of the Milford & Witley Borough ward to Witley & Milford.

Recommendation 22 - Creation of a new Parish Council based on Hindhead ward of Haslemere Town Council

One representation from an individual was received to create a new parish of Hindhead based on the Hindhead ward of Haslemere Town Council. In their submission they stated that the new parish of Hindhead should be divided into two wards:

“with a dividing line approximately at St Alban’s Church – to be named

a) Hindhead North and Beacon Hill

b) Hindhead South”

Waverley Borough Council has not received any substantial evidence to support creating a new Hindhead parish council.

Based upon the evidence currently available, Waverley Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change would:

- NOT help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community;
- NOT help to secure a more effective and convenient governance of the area.

Draft Recommendation: Waverley Borough Council's draft recommendation is to not to make any changes to the current governance arrangements.

Haslemere Town Council has confirmed that it does not support this recommendation. No further responses were received during the second consultation.

Final Recommendation: to not to make any changes to the current governance arrangements.

Recommendation 23 – Change of name of Busbridge Parish Council to Munstead and Tuesley Parish Council

During the second stage of consultation, Busbridge Parish Council submitted a representation to change the parish council's name:

“Busbridge Parish Council have agreed on the name change and would like to go through the process of change to “Munstead and Tuesley Parish Council”.”

Based upon the evidence currently available, Waverley Borough Council, on balance, considers that a community governance change would:

- help to better reflect the local identities and interests of the community;
- help to secure a more effective and convenient governance of the area.

Final Recommendation: to change the name of Busbridge Parish Council to Munstead and Tuesley Parish Council.