

CGR 4

Parishes Affected

Appleton with Eaton, Fyfield and Tubney, Besselsleigh, Marcham

Matter to be considered

Amending the boundary of the parish to include land along Oaksmere currently in Fyfield and Tubney parish

Impact on district and county council boundaries

Affects Marcham and Thames district wards

Affects Kingston and Cumnor and Sutton Courtenay and Marcham county divisions

Summary of parish council responses

Appleton with Eaton parish council put this proposal forward, arguing that the affected residents felt that they were part of the Appleton village community.

Fyfield and Tubney parish council objects stating the following;

“The current parish boundary between Fyfield & Tubney and Appleton with Eaton follows a natural demarcation for virtually all its length, namely Piling Brook. This is an historic boundary which development within Appleton and Eaton has encroached upon but not crossed. The properties in question remain isolated from Appleton by land which is very unlikely to be in-filled. There is a long standing association with Tubney as the properties constitute Tubney Manor Farm and its associated housing stock.”

Marcham parish council supports the realignment of its boundary to follow the A338/A420.

Summary of other responses

Three residents in the properties directly affected by the proposal have written in support of it.

Recommendation

To move land east of Oaksmere from Fyfield and Tubney parish into Appleton with Eaton parish; to move land at Parklands Campus (formerly Besselsleigh School) from Fyfield and Tubney parish into Besselsleigh parish; to align the

northern boundary of Marcham parish with the A420 and A338, all as shown on the attached map.

Justification

The land affected is at the north-east end of Fyfield and Tubney parish. The affected properties are significantly closer to Appleton village than either Fyfield or Tubney (which is on the south side of the A420) and the majority of the residents support the change. Piling Brook is a strong historical boundary but Oaksmere is a good man-made boundary. The working group considers that the identities and interests of the affected residents and effective and convenient representation of local people are best served by moving this area into Appleton parish.

Parklands Campus is currently split between Besselsleigh and Fyfield and Tubney parishes. It would simplify administration if it were in a single parish. The entrance is in Besselsleigh parish and it makes more sense to put the whole site into Besselsleigh rather than Appleton with Eaton parish.

The northern end of Marcham parish follows what appears to be an old line of the A338 and it makes sense to tidy up this boundary as part of the wider changes.