

CGR 25

Parishes Affected

Watchfield, Longcot

Matter to be considered

Amending the boundary of Watchfield parish to include that part of the housing estate on Majors Road that currently lies in Longcot parish

Impact on district and county council boundaries

None

Summary of parish council responses

We have had a letter from Longcot parish council giving the views of three individual parish councillors, not a formal parish council view. One supports the change, one does not, and one is unconcerned provided the change has no financial implications

Watchfield parish council has not responded

Summary of other responses

None

Recommendation

To amend the boundary of Watchfield parish to include that part of the housing estate on Majors Road that currently lies in Longcot parish, as shown on the attached map

Justification

This estate was built some years ago to house families using the Defence Academy. The parish boundary runs through the estate (and some houses) and, for reasons unknown, has never been changed. The working group considers that this is a clear case of a housing development that straddles a parish boundary, thereby resulting in people being in a different parish from their neighbours. The fact that these are MoD properties may explain why this anomaly has not been addressed previously.