

CGR 21

Parishes Affected

Radley, Kennington

Matter to be considered

Amending the boundary of Radley parish to include Chandlings Manor school currently in Kennington parish

Council's draft proposal

To move Chandlings Manor school from Kennington parish into Radley parish

Working Group's final proposal

To ask council to consider whether it wishes to:

Invite the Community Governance Review Committee to undertake a wider review of the boundary between Sunningwell parish and both Kennington and Radley parishes

or

To move Chandlings Manor School from Kennington parish into Radley parish

Summary of responses to the formal consultation

Sunningwell parish council has written as follows:

“The Council's guidelines on parish boundaries and their locations say that boundaries should follow the obvious natural route such as roads or railways. The current boundary between Radley and Sunningwell follows an obscure route behind West Wood and Laud's Copse, across fields to the rear of Chandlings Manor School and from there towards Abingdon. We propose that the boundary is re-drawn so that the new Sunningwell parish boundary runs along the old Oxford/Abingdon road, which would mean that the Westwood Hotel, Chandlings, the Lodges and Bayworth Manor, which is near to Bayworth Manor, which is near to Bayworth village, will all become part of Sunningwell parish.

We are aware that Chandlings is a successful and potentially growing school located just outside the village of Bayworth. As such any proposals to extend the school, or to provide additional facilities such as sports fields, or floodlighting of tennis courts will directly affect the residents of Sunningwell parish more than any other, and we therefore wish to retain a greater control

over what happens in terms of planning applications and the granting of planning approvals. In addition the school uses St. Leondards church in Sunningwell every Sunday as their place of worship.”

Summary of responses received prior to the formal consultation

Radley parish council proposed the change. There are issues with sewage outflows from the school that affect properties in Radley parish and the parish council considers that it would be better able to serve its residents if the school was in its area.

Justification for the final proposal

Chandlings Manor sits remote from both Kennington and Radley villages to the west of the A34. Properties along Sugworth Lane to the south-east of the school are in Radley parish and it is these properties that suffer periodically from the sewage outflows.

The working group saw merit at the draft stage in the proposal from Sunningwell parish council to extend its boundary eastwards to the old Oxford Road as the village of Sunningwell lies much closer to most of the affected properties, including the school, than either Kennington or Radley. On balance, however, it recommended the more modest change put forward by Radley parish council noting that it would await the outcome of the consultation.

Sunningwell parish council has restated its position strongly as part of the formal consultation and the working group therefore invites council to consider whether it wishes to look at this option formally. Because it is a large change to what was originally proposed it would require a further round of consultation.

Alternatively, council may wish to simply confirm its original proposal, noting the fact that the properties on Sugworth Lane that are affected by the sewage issues would still be in Radley parish i.e. in a different parish from Chandling Manor school which is the apparent source of the problem.