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Steven Corrigan
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Dear Mr Corrigan

Community Governance Review – CGR_D(24) – Wantage, Grove and Lockinge

Thank you for your letter of 30 August 2017. The Town Council fully supports the draft proposal to amend the boundary of Wantage parish to include all the land forming the Crab Hill development on the eastern side of Wantage.

Placing the whole development in Wantage parish will avoid the development straddling three parish boundaries and ensure no electors are in a different parish from their neighbours. It will also lead to effective and convenient representation of local residents at parish level, particularly as it will also reflect the boundary between the Wantage Charlton and Wantage and Grove Brook district wards. There are currently no dwellings in the areas affected by the change. Placing the development wholly in Wantage parish is likely to best reflect the identities and interests of future residents.

For County Council elections Wantage and Grove are already combined together as a whole for election purposes. The proposed parish boundary change would not affect this. The proposed boundary coincides with the designated area for the Wantage Neighbourhood Plan.

I trust the above comments will be given regard by the committee in making its final decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bill Falkenau'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Bill Falkenau
Clerk