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Parishes Affected

North Hinksey

Matter to be considered

To change the name of the parish council and introduce an alternative style of parish from North Hinksey Parish Council to Botley and North Hinksey Community Council.

Impact on district and county council boundaries

None

Summary of parish council responses

This is a request from North Hinksey Parish Council.

Summary of other responses

These are set out in the engagement summary document.

Recommendation

To consult on a proposal to introduce an alternative style of parish and rename North Hinksey Parish Council to Botley and North Hinksey Community Council.

Justification for recommendation

It is the submission of the parish council that the inclusion of Botley in the council's name will better reflect the community it serves. Road signs in the area read "North Hinksey (Botley)".

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 introduced alternative styles for parishes namely community, neighbourhood and village. In the case of North Hinksey Parish Council there is desire to make a distinction from an ecclesiastical parish with a preference that the parish be known as a community council.

Whilst there are conflicting views on the name and style of governance, as evidenced by the engagement process, a draft proposal to alter the style will allow for the matter to be the subject of further consultation.