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Parishes Affected

Kennington and South Hinksey

Matter to be considered

Amending the parish boundary south of South Hinksey to include the former Westwood Hotel site, currently in Kennington parish.

Impact on district and county council boundaries

Affects Kennington and Radley and Botley and Sunningwell district wards

Summary of parish council responses

This is a request from South Hinksey Parish Council.

Summary of other responses

These are set out in the engagement summary document.

Recommendation

To consult on a proposal to make no change to the current boundary between South Hinksey and Kennington parishes.

Justification for recommendation

South Hinksey previously requested this change as part of the community governance review undertaken in 2016/17. At the meeting held on 27 November 2017 this committee agreed not to transfer Westwood Hotel from Kennington parish to South Hinksey parish because the proposal “does not provide a clearly defined boundary or address any of the assessment criteria”.

In support of the latest submission South Hinksey Parish Council has provided proposals for a defined parish boundary running along a watercourse, a track and the A34. However, whilst this would provide a well defined boundary it would result in the transfer of not only the former Westwood Hotel site but areas of wood and countryside not associated with the site. The site does not lie directly adjacent to South Hinksey parish but is separated from it by open countryside. As in 2017, it is not considered that the proposal addresses any of the assessment criteria.