

CGR C (24)

Parishes Affected

Wantage and Grove

Matter to be considered

Amending the boundary of Wantage parish to include all the land at Stockham Farm, currently in Grove parish.

Properties moving from one parish to another

Yes.

Impact on district and county council boundaries

Affects Grove North, Wantage and Grove Brook district wards

Affects Grove and Wantage county divisions

Summary of parish council responses

Wantage Town Council submitted this proposal and has previously argued that the parish boundary should coincide with the neighbourhood plan boundary.

Grove Parish Council disagrees with the proposal to include all of Stockham Farm but supports the previous proposal to include the land south-east of the canal in Wantage.

Summary of other responses

Of the 61 respondents 59% agreed with the proposed change.

Recommendation

To extend the boundary of Wantage parish at Stockham Farm (**only** to include land currently in Grove parish south-east of the old Berks and Wiltshire Canal).

To include this area in the current Segsbury ward of Wantage Town Council.

Justification

The land at Stockham Farm currently sits wholly in Grove parish. It is bisected diagonally by the line of the old Berks and Wiltshire Canal. Planning

permission exists for housing to the south-east of the canal and development has been commenced. Access to this development is from Denchworth Road and will look towards Wantage. The identities and interests of the new residents is best served by moving this land into Wantage parish.

Planning permission exists for housing on the land north-west of the canal. Access to this development will be from Downsview Road, the access road to Grove Technology Park. It will sit opposite the southern edge of the Grove airfield development. The identities and interests of the new residents would be best served by this land remaining in Grove parish. Although the Stockham Farm development is likely to be carried out by a single developer, the old canal line provides a good man-made boundary between the parishes of Grove and Wantage. During a previous consultation reference was made to a possible change to the line of the canal. However, there is currently no formal plan for this.