

CGR D (24)

Parishes Affected

Wantage, Grove and Lockinge

Matter to be considered

Amending the boundary of Wantage parish to include land at Crab Hill, currently in both Grove and Lockinge parishes

Properties moving from one parish to another

No.

Impact on district and county council boundaries

Affects Wantage Charlton, Wantage and Grove Brook and Hendreds district wards

Affects Grove and Wantage and Harwell and Hendreds county divisions

Summary of parish council responses

Wantage Town Council submitted this proposal under the previous review.

Grove Parish Council is supportive of the proposal.

Ardington with Lockinge parish council supports the proposal at Crab Hill but, “would wish to retain the financial interest in development funds for infrastructure”, that it would have without the boundary changing.

Summary of other responses

A summary of the responses received to the consultation are available in the consultation document and show a clear majority in support of the inclusion of the Crab Hill development that is currently in both Grove and Lockinge parishes in Wantage. Of the objections a number refer to the urbanisation of the countryside which, whilst a relevant issue at the time of the consideration of the planning application, is not relevant to the review of parish boundaries.

Recommendation

To extend the boundary of Wantage parish at Crab Hill (to include land currently in both Grove and Lockinge parishes), as shown on the attached map.

To include these areas of land in the Wantage Charlton ward of Wantage Town Council.

To remove the Crab Hill ward of Grove Parish Council.

To make no change to the size of Grove Parish Council.

Justification

Crab Hill is a major site to the east of Wantage that currently straddles three parish boundaries. Placing the whole development in Wantage parish will avoid this happening 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. Placing the development wholly in Wantage parish is likely to best reflect the identities and interests of future residents.