

Appendix A



Parish changes 2017

CONSULTATION SUMMARY

A public consultation on the way parishes are arranged in the districts

AUGUST 2017

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SUMMARY

This report summarises a consultation undertaken by Vale of White Horse District Council on proposed changes to the governance arrangements of parishes in the district.

The council proposed several changes including parish boundaries, warding arrangements and the number of councillors represented on parish councils. The council said these changes were needed to ensure parishes continue to serve local communities.

Details of the proposed changes were published on the council's website on 5 December 2016. Members of the public were encouraged to comment on the proposals by completing an online survey or a paper form made available on request. The consultation ran for nearly two months to 31 January 2017.

We received 82 responses to the consultation, including submissions made by three parish councils.

The consultation found that:

- There was majority support for all proposed changes except boundary changes affecting Radley and Kennington parishes**
- There were some concerns expressed about preserving the identity of parishes and development pressures.**
- Several people said the council should provide more information explaining the proposed changes.**

Feedback from the consultation will be considered by the Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee at its meeting on Monday 14 August 2017. A further consultation will be undertaken on the decisions made by the committee.

BACKGROUND TO THE CONSULTATION

Vale of White Horse District Council's Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee agreed to undertake a review of the arrangements of several parishes in the district in 2015. The committee felt that changes were needed to ensure parishes continue to serve local communities and in response to requests from parish and town councils.

The changes proposed were:

- Boundary between East Challow and Grove
- Boundary between Kennington and Radley
- Boundary between Kennington and Sunningwell
- Boundary between Radley and Sunningwell
- Boundary between Grove and Wantage (Stockham Farm)
- Boundary between Wantage and Grove (Crab Hill)
- Boundary between Wantage and Lockinge
- Number of parish councillors in East Hanney
- Parish warding arrangements in Longworth
- Parish warding arrangements and number of parish councillors in South Hinksey

The council has delegated powers to make changes to parish governance arrangements under as detailed in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

In making these changes, the council is required to undertake a public consultation with electors in the parishes affected and any other interested persons. This report summarises the public consultation which took place.

Further details about the consultation are provided in Appendix A.

CONSULTATION METHODOLOGY

Details of the proposed parish changes were published on the council's website on 5 December 2016. We drew this to the attention of residents in the Vale of White Horse using a press release, social media and dedicated correspondence sent to people who'd previously registered an interest in council consultations.

We set up an online survey to provide an opportunity for people to comment on the proposals. The survey provided details of each parish change proposed, including maps showing boundary changes where applicable. Respondents were asked how far they agreed with each proposal and if they had any specific comments to make. Copy of the survey wording can be found in Appendix B.

To ensure the consultation was accessible to people who might have found it difficult the consultation online we made paper forms available on request.

The consultation lasted for nearly two months and closed for public comment on 31 January 2017.

We analysed responses to each proposal looking at the distribution of agreement and noting individual comments. The results of the consultation are set out in the next section of this report.

The consultation was conducted in full compliance with the council's Public Engagement Charter¹ which sets out our commitments for work of this nature.

¹ <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/about-us/have-your-say/our-commitments-public-engagement> or <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/about-us/have-your-say/our-commitments-public-engagement>

CONSULTATION RESPONSES

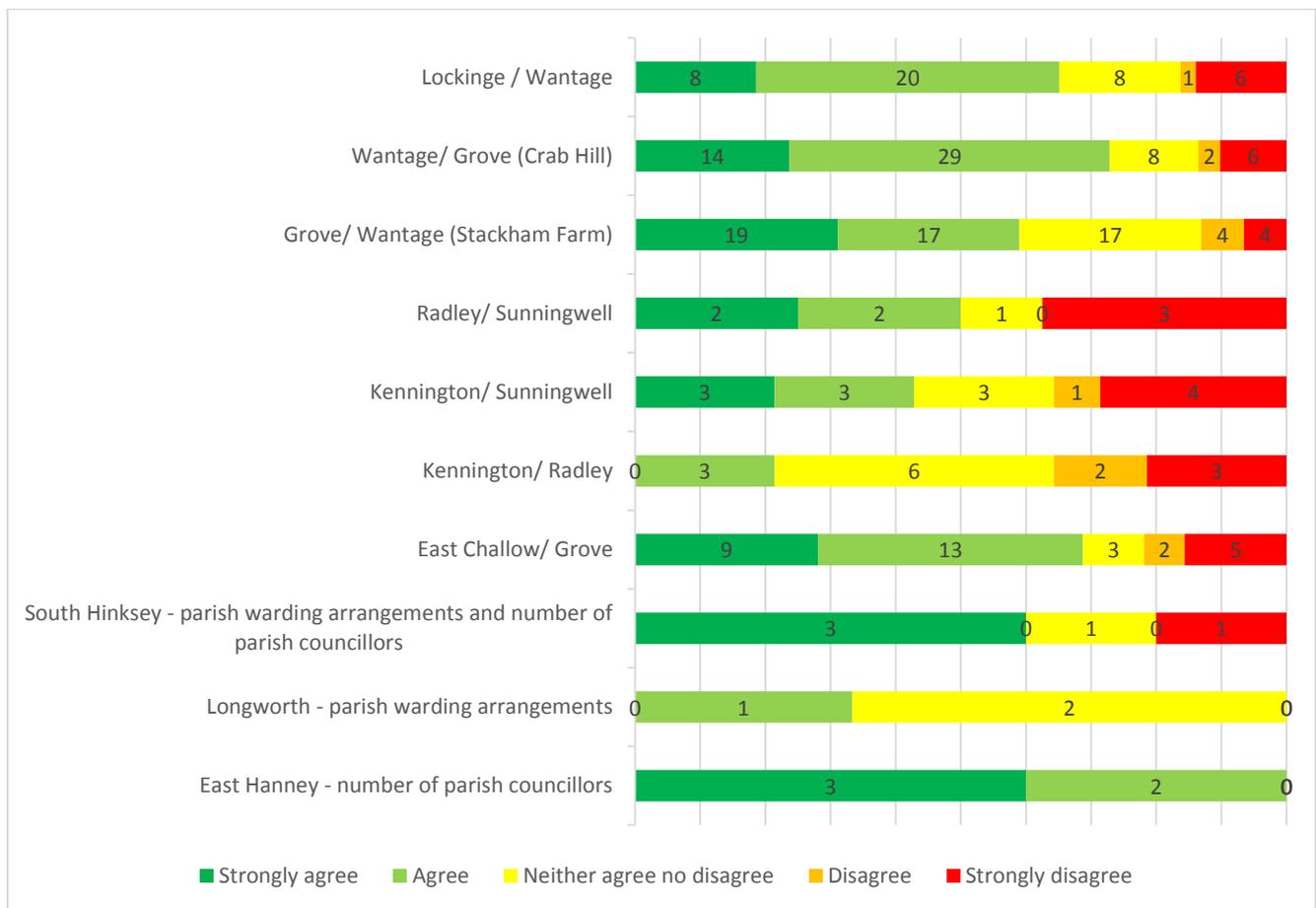
We received 82 responses to the consultation, including submissions made by three parish councils, namely; Grove Parish Council, Radley Parish Council and East Challow Parish Council.

All responses are presented anonymously, except for responses made on behalf of the organisations named above. We have responded to questions or concerns raised by respondents where appropriate and officer comments are shown in text boxes.

Overall agreement with proposals

We asked respondents how far they agreed or disagreed with the parish changes of interest to them. Figure 1 shows the distribution of agreement with all proposals. The numbers shown indicate the frequency of each response. Most respondents agreed with the proposed changes except for the boundary between Kennington and Radley parishes which was less popular.

Figure 1: agreement all proposals

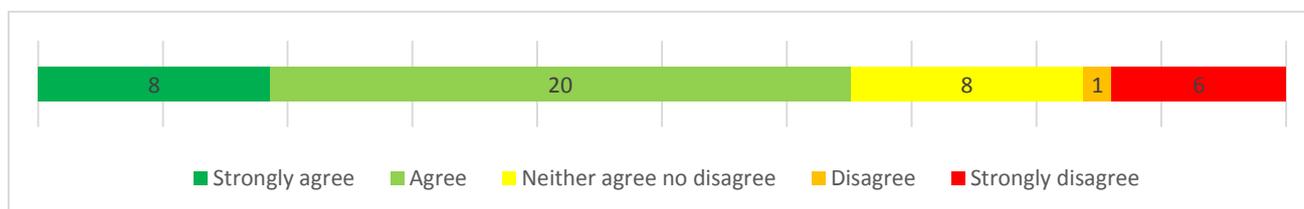


Responses to individual parish changes

LOCKINGE/ WANTAGE

43 people provided a view on the proposed boundary change between the parishes of Lockinge and Wantage. Of these respondents, about two thirds agreed with the change whilst 7 disagreed.

Figure 2: Lockinge/ Wantage agreement



In addition, nine people made comments on the proposal. Five comments were supportive.

Makes sense (ID:49368084)

It seems logical (ID:50168663)

To the extent that this creates a clear separation between Wantage and Grove, the change seems to make sense. I would like to be reassured that there will be no development north of this new development (ID:49365235)

It makes geographical sense to make this change (ID:49698133)

It should be associated with Wantage as the base for facilities and services and nearest physical built up area (ID:49320896)

One person said the boundary change should be amended.

It's important that the boundary goes all the way along the SOUTH side of the lane/path between Lark Hill and the public road at Lockinge (Cycleway 544) This will then ensure that the lane/path is all under one authority rather than being split in as at the moment. (ID:49774030)

And three people explained why they were against the change.

Why call Wantage Didcot? Wantage has its own history to lose its name would be a travesty (ID:50178557)

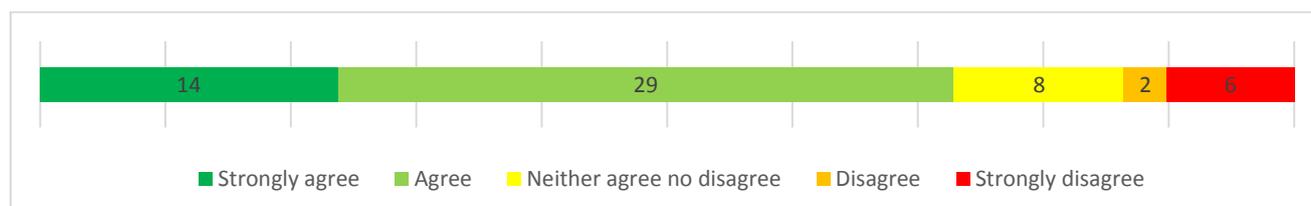
I disagree with this proposal on principle, as it seeks to confirm the legitimacy of using best and most valuable farmland for housing in an area that has no employment opportunities and inadequate health and education to say nothing of transport infrastructure to support the scale of development proposed. Furthermore, a consultation which does not explain the impact of the proposed change on, for example, infrastructure funding, assessment of need regarding transport, health provision, childcare provision etc is pointless. To be effective, this consultation should explain WHY the changes are being considered. Otherwise, this administrative action appears to be an attempt to prove that consultation has taken place while ensuring that the consultation exercise is meaningless. (ID:49997515)

Urbanising the countryside. Present infrastructure [is] unable to cope at the moment [and] will be stretched beyond limits. This is a rural area threatened by encroaching mass building. Intensive house building in a totally inappropriate area. Urbanising the countryside. Overloading already stretched infrastructure (ID:49393975)

WANTAGE/ GROVE (CRAB HILL)

59 people provided a view on the proposed boundary change between the parishes of Wantage and Grove where this related to land at Crab Hill. The majority (73 per cent) agreed with the proposal. Only 8 people disagreed.

Figure 3: Wantage/ Grove (Crab Hill) agreement



In addition, 15 people made comments on the proposal. Seven comments were supportive.

It makes geographical sense to make this change. (ID:49698133)

It seems logical (ID:50168663)

As all the development adjacent to this development is already in Wantage this makes sense (ID:49354449)

Needs to be done as soon as possible in order to make Crab Hill development as painless as possible (ID:49352181)

This seems logical, otherwise there would be problems differentiating the two parishes in this area (ID:49361273)

Section 106 and CIL money should be associated with Wantage as the base for facilities rather than Grove (ID:49320896)

To the extent that this creates a clear separation between Wantage and Grove, the change seems to make sense. I would like to be reassured that there will be no development north of this new development (ID:49365235)

Makes sense (ID:49368084)

Other comments were against the change, some of whom expressed concern that it would result in development of the land.

This is merely an attempt to expand Wantage at the detriment to the surrounding parishes. In an attempt to offset any objections from Grove the proposal is seeking to grant the inclusion of areas from other parishes such as East Challow. It is not difficult to see what the thinking behind this underhand attempt is (ID:49358437)

Totally against Crab hill development site in any case.As its development will affect all three parishes - to a greater or lesser degree I think it would be

*unwise to include just in Wantage parish for them to make sole decisions.
(ID:49528541)*

*I disagree with this proposal on principle, as it seeks to confirm the legitimacy of using best and most valuable farmland for housing in an area that has no employment opportunities and inadequate health and education to say nothing of transport infrastructure to support the scale of development proposed.
(ID:49997515)*

I think that part of Crab Hill presently in Grove should remain so. (ID:51461642)

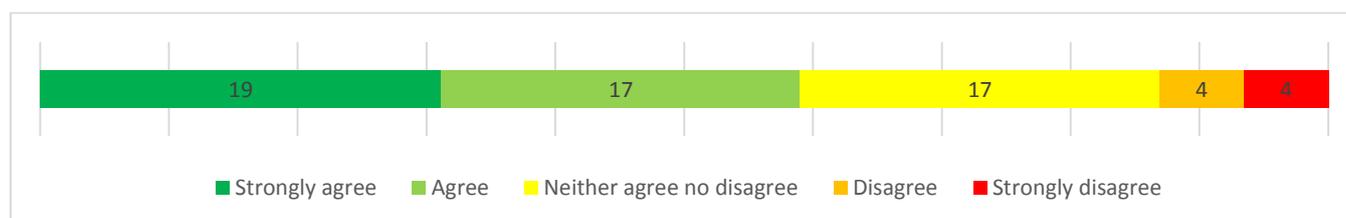
Urbanising the countryside. Present infrastructure unable to cope at the moment will be stretched beyond limits. This is a rural area threatened by encroaching mass building. (ID: 49393975)

Why call Wantage Didcot . Wantage has its own history to lose its name would be a travesty (ID:50178557)

GROVE/ WANTAGE (STOCKHAM FARM)

61 respondents provided a view on the proposed boundary change between the parishes of Grove and Wantage where this related to land at Stockham Farm. The majority (59 per cent) agreed with the change whilst eight people disagreed.

Figure 4: Grove/ Wantage (Stockham Farm) agreement



In addition, 19 respondents made comments on the proposal. 12 comments were in favour of the proposal.

It does seem to be logical that this area should be in Wantage (ID:51461642)

Makes sense (ID:49368084)

This makes perfect sense with current developments but if Crown Packaging does become housing that should be included too. (ID:49354449)

The area sits more naturally with Wantage than Grove as it is on the Wantage side of what is left of the Wantage/Grove green separation (ID:49365235)

Seems very logical (ID:49676877)

This is a logical change which will remove the doubt one suffers from the signage on Denchworth Road (ID:50168663)

It is crazy to think that houses miles away from the rest in Grove are still part of the village, even though they think they are part of Wantage. (ID:49352181)

Most people think this is part of Wantage already as it's not even attached to Grove "proper" (ID:49614424)

Given the current housing development - the current access road to the business park offers a natural boundary until the business park is reached. (ID:49472242)

It makes geographical sense to make this change. (ID:4969813)

The Stockham Farm development should definitely be within the Wantage Parish boundary. It has no link with Grove. (ID:50338416)

Section 106 and CIL funds should be associated with Wantage as the base for facilities and the infrastructure affected. It is also geographically closer and more associated in terms of appearance and physical boundaries such as the canal. (ID:49320896)

Two comments were against.

Grove Parish Council completely disagrees with this proposal, but supports the District Council's working group findings 'that the interests and identities of the new residents would best be served by this land remaining in Grove Parish. (Grove Parish Council)

Again, another attempt at land grabbing by Wantage at the expense of the surrounding parishes (ID:49358437)

Four people took issue with the presentation and justification of the proposed change.

A consultation which does not explain the impact of the proposed change on, for example, infrastructure funding, assessment of need regarding transport, health provision, childcare provision etc etc is pointless. To be effective, this consultation should explain WHY the changes are being considered. Otherwise, this administrative action appears to be an attempt to prove that consultation has taken place while ensuring that the consultation exercise is meaningless. (ID:49997515)

I find the map difficult to interpret. Two maps side by side showing the changes would be much clearer (ID:49383662)

Reasons for change unclear (ID:49393975)

More responses would be forthcoming if this proposed change was publicised via a leaflet drop in the estate. (ID:50182383)

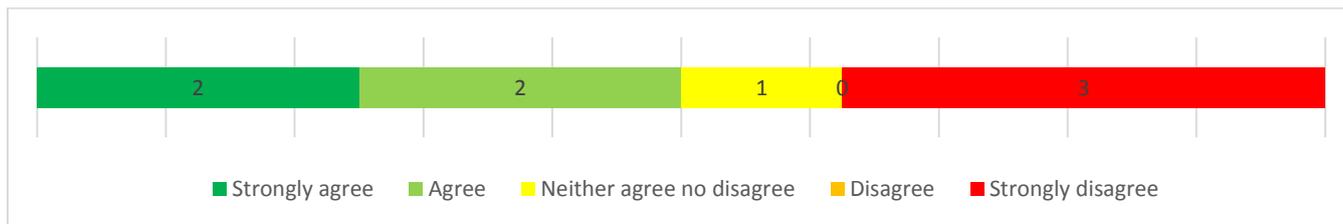
There was also one other comment which was not clear to us.

I disagree with the plan to call Wantage Didcot (ID:50178557)

RADLEY/ SUNNINGWELL

Eight respondents provided a view on the proposed boundary change between Radley and Sunningwell parishes. Opinion was split with four respondents in favour of the change and three against.

Figure 5: Radley/ Sunningwell agreement



There were six comments on these proposals. Two were supportive.

A very small number of people impacted but looks to be sensible. However, is it really worth it for the cost? (ID: 49371589)

As a resident of Hinksey Hill I support one parish being responsible for the road from Hinksey Hill top to Boars Hill and with this change it will be vital that Sunningwell PC work closely with South Hinksey PC regarding speed limits etc on this stretch of road. (ID: 49814214)

Two were against.

This would be the Council's least preferred option after the current position. The Council felt it important to consult residents who would be affected by the change and they have said that they feel strong links to Radley and strongly oppose this change which they feel would divide Radley village. The Council therefore strongly objects to the proposed change. (ID: Radley Parish Council)

The Sugworth Lane is a continuous residential and commercial settlement of approx 40 houses extending over approx 1km, It makes no sense to split a Small community that shares so much infrastructure (public transport, foul drainage, water and electrical supplies) nor does it satisfy your terms of ref. (ID: 51562974)

Another said that land should be included in Sunningwell Parish.

With the OCC LTP4 proposing a P&R to the south west of the A34 / A4183 roads it makes sense to include this area in it's entirety in Sunningwell Parish. The line feature to the A4183 makes a natural boundary to the parish. This is of greater importance than the alleged sewerage issues raised by Radley. (ID: 49361734)

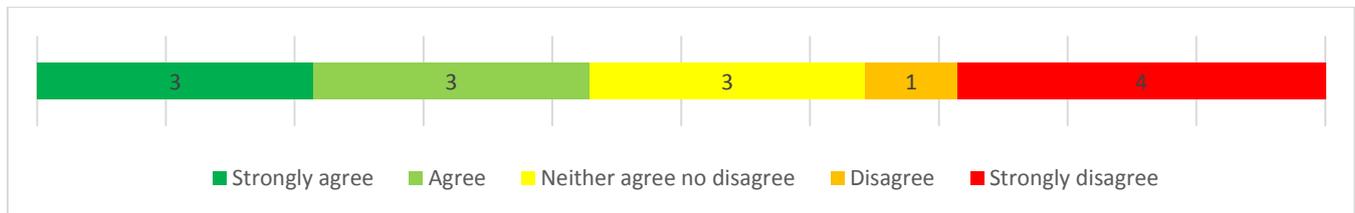
And one person said existing boundaries should be retained.

Leave boundaries as they are. (ID: 49375834)

KENNINGTON/ SUNNINGWELL

Figure 6: Kennington/ Sunningwell agreement

14 respondents provided a view on the proposed boundary change between Kennington and Sunningwell parishes. Opinion was split with 6 respondents in favour of the change and four against.



9 respondents made comments on this change. Four were supportive.

Very sensible and logical. (ID: 49366585)

This seems to be a direct contradiction of the last proposed change so I am in favour of this one. (ID: 51289383)

A very small number of people impacted but looks to be sensible. However, is it really worth it for the cost? (49371589)

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More closely related to Kennington village than Sunningwell village. Part of Kennington Parish since creation in 1936. Leave boundaries as they are. (ID: 49375834)

Another said that land should be included in Sunningwell Parish.

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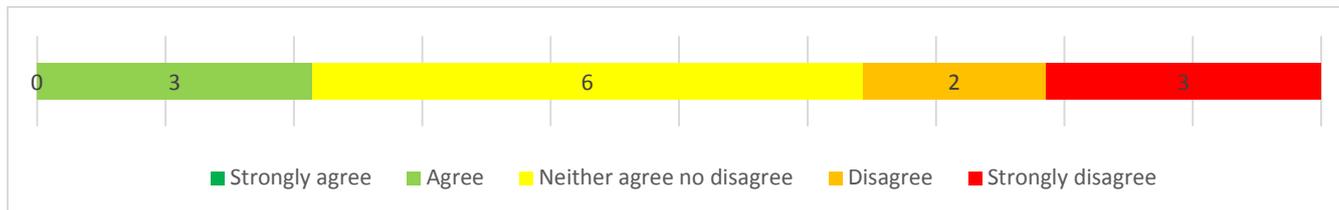
And one person questioned the justification of making the change.

Seems strange to split the wood in this way. (ID: 49715366)

KENNINGTON/ RADLEY

14 respondents provided a view on the proposed boundary change between Kennington and Radley parishes. In this instance, more respondents (five) disagreed with the proposal than supported it (three).

Figure 7: Kennington/ Radley agreement



Nine people made comments on the proposal. There were three comments in support of the proposal.

Radley Parish Council reiterates its proposal that Chandlings Manor should be included in Radley parish. The area is peripheral to Kennington, but is linked by infrastructure to Radley village. (ID: Radley Parish Council)

Chandlings Manor school has more direct impact on Radley parishioners particularly Sugworth Lane settlement in respect of infrastructure (highways and foul drainage) (ID: 51562974)

It is logical that a "Major Developed Site" such as Chandlings, should be in the parish where it has the most impact : in this case Radley and in particular the Sugworth Lane settlement, where the Oxford Rd is the main access and the Chandlings pumped sewage system impacts on local residents. (ID: 51678123)

Three people said the land identified should be in Sunningwell and not Radley.

This area just does not logically fit in with Radley, it needs to be included with Sunningwell. (ID: 49366585)

Why?. This is an isolated area with the Chandlings Manor School on it on the west side of the A4183. It would be far better included in Sunningwell Parish. It seems to be tinkering for the sake of it. (ID: 51289383)

This is certainly not logical at all. If anything the area should become part of Sunningwell not Radley! (ID: 49365918)

One person said the land should be retained as part of Kennington Parish.

Chandlings Manor School's post code is OX1 5ND. That's "Kennington, OX1 5ND". Chandlings is two and a half miles from Radley village, and less than a mile from Kennington village. It would be nonsense to move it into Radley Parish. Chandlings is part of Kennington Parish and should remain so. Ask the proprietors of the school where they consider themselves to be a part of. Their address is Kennington, OXFORD OX1 5ND (ID: 49375834)

And two people questioned the rationale for the proposed change.

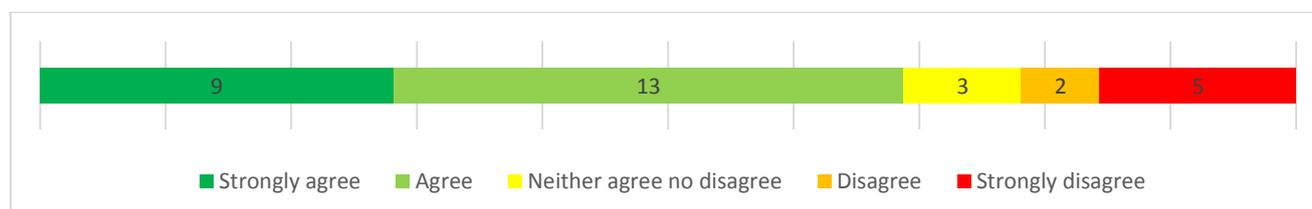
Would like to understand the rationale since it appears to impact very few residents. (ID: 49371589)

Don't see the point. (ID: 49473011)

EAST CHALLOW/ GROVE

32 respondents provided a view on the proposed boundary change between the parishes of East Challow and Grove. The majority (22) agreed whilst seven disagreed.

Figure 8: East Challow agreement



13 comments were received in response to this proposal. Six comments were in favour of the boundary change.

It makes sense to amend the boundary. The clue is in the name and the access road is from Grove (ID: Grove Parish Council)

yes we proposed that 20 years ago and to date was not viable by the dc. At last see sense. (ID: 49494076)

Logical that Grove Business Park (on which my company owns land) should be part of Grove (ID: 49361273)

Given the proposed housing development on the old air field this would seem a logical proposal. (ID: 49472242)

It would seem logical to include the tech park in Grove - I'd assumed it was (ID: 49528541)

I have always presumed 'Grove' Technology Park was in Grove. It seems logical to make this change (ID: 51461642)

One person suggested that a larger area of land than that identified should be moved to the parish of Grove.

Why isn't the entire development of Stockham Park Farm moved out of East Challow? (ID: 49354449)

Three respondents made comments disagreeing with the proposal.

This has been reviewed previously and would merely reduce the size of East Challow Parish yet not reduce its financial burden. Statements have been made on previous occasions countering certain arguments such as keeping Parish lines along natural boundaries or existing road boundaries and this proposal is counter to those arguments. The changes make the boundary even more obscure and uneven than it currently is. (ID: 49358437)

This boundary is of important historical interest. It ain't broke so don't need fixing. I understand that the road leading into it is in Grove and that the post code is not East Challow, so there is no problem. It was called Wantage Business Park before! (ID: 49560513)

Over more than thirty years there has been regular boundary reviews in which East Challow parish has been forced to defend its boundaries against claims from the neighbouring parishes of Wantage and Grove. In every one the larger parish has gained land and housing at our expense. Grove Parish Council has been making a claim on Grove Technology Park since at least 1999. Previous Vale Local Plans have recognised it as an industrial site whose use will not change and will continue to develop within its existing boundary. East Challow Parish Council disputes that planning issues relating to Grove Technology Park affect Grove to any greater extent than they affect other neighbouring parishes. The site itself is closer to East Challow and the current main entrance is on the edge of the southern Grove boundary and is actually nearer to Wantage. Traffic from the north completely skirts Grove on the A338 but going south, east or west it has to pass through the centre of either Wantage or East Challow. Future development to the west at the existing exit on Woodhill Lane (which was the historical main airfield access) will provide direct access west to the A417 and then on to the A420 towards the M4 or M40. An access to the north exists at Denchworth railway bridge but has not been used since the 1940's. At some time in the future there maybe housing development along the eastern perimeter in Grove parish but this will not affect Grove Technology Park. The local communities of East Challow, Wantage and Grove are all affected by the development on Grove Technology Park and are invited to comment on any planning applications relating to it. The Park was marketed as an industrial park in the 1980's under the name Wantage Business Park showing its link was not considered to be with Grove. It was re-named when the original owner BNF Metals Technology Centre went into receivership in 1992 and the new owner re-launched it as Grove Technology Park. East Challow Parish Council therefore asks that in the current review the Vale of White Horse District Council supports the existing arrangements and does not allow larger and more powerful parishes to continually "asset strip" small parishes. There is no reason why it should not continue to be part of East Challow. In 2014 our then district councillor Mr St John Dickson made a joint response on behalf of East Challow Parish Council and himself. This follows as it is still relevant. "1. This proposal suggests that the boundary, which currently exactly meets the criteria, be replaced with a chain fence around a Business Park which is likely to expand and change size over time and has no defined character. As far as I can see you are now proposing to remove a defined boundary and replace it with a fluid boundary between Parishes, are you suggesting that if the Technology Park should expand as the economy improves and we need greater numbers of premises that the boundary simply moves with it over time? This seems irrational and goes totally against the described requirements of this consultancy. 2. The access only being via the Downsview Road may be true at today's date but certainly this has not always been the case nor indeed may not be in the future. Historically the business park has always been in East Challow and indeed the access used to go through WG Business Centre on Faringdon Road (A417). This access is still very much in existence and could easily be re-opened if required, thereby making the argument against retaining the Park in East Challow redundant. 3. The claim that the Grove Airfield development will eventually butt up to the road and therefore the Park being so close to the houses should be assimilated into the Parish is ridiculous. The reasoning is even challenged by the same Officers in the report. To the West of the Park you

are proposing that Grove retains part of Stockham Park development (which is far more likely than Grove Airfield to be completed in the next decade) even though it will butt up directly to the other section of the Stockham development in Wantage yet it is felt that a narrow, semi dried-up canal does make a suitable division despite running straight through a cohesive development. This appears to be one rule for one Parish and a different one for another. 4. Finally to say that people driving into the Park will be surprised to find that the Park is officially in East Challow is, with respect, utter nonsense. When was the last time that anyone worried about which Parish they were driving into when they visit a specific area? I would challenge anyone to know or care less when they cross the borders from numerous Parishes into neighbouring ones around the Vale with far more spurious boundaries. In fact I believe that most people would see the logic of a wide road acting as a defined boundary rather than a moving chain fence and would consider it likely that it could be in another Parish. This rationale based on unsubstantiated personal opinion cannot possibly be used a reason to change the boundary.” (ID: East Challow Parish Council)

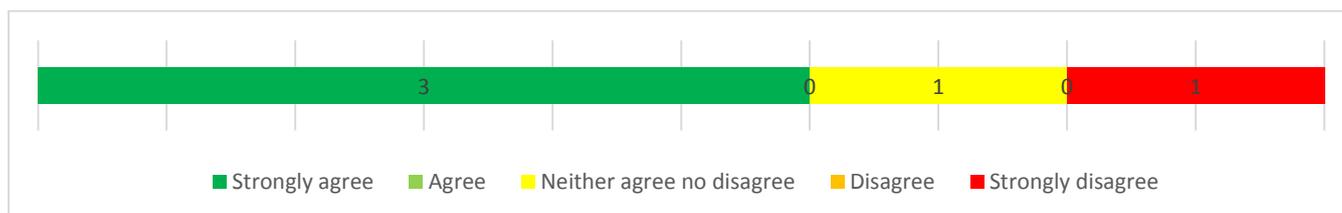
And one person criticised the consultation for not adequately justifying the proposed change.

A consultation which does not explain the impact of the proposed change on, for example, infrastructure funding, assessment of need regarding transport, health provision, childcare provision etc etc is pointless. To be effective, this consultation should explain WHY the changes are being considered. Otherwise, this administrative action appears to be an attempt to prove that consultation has taken place while ensuring that the consultation exercise is meaningless. (ID: 49997515)

SOUTH HINKSEY PARISH WARDING ARRANGEMENTS AND NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS

Five respondents provided a view on the proposed parish warding arrangements and number of parish councillors in South Hinksey. Three agreed and one disagreed.

Figure 9: South Hinksey agreement



Three comments were received in response to this proposal.

I am in favour of increasing the number of councillors - but against the warding of the parish between Village and Hill. (ID: 49727059)

There is already significant difficulty maintaining the current number of parish councillors (which includes representation from Hinksey Hill). Lately, even co-option of councillors has failed, and there has not been sufficient interest to run an election in most if not all of the last decade. The parish council is currently down one member, these changes would leave it down three members (current + 1 for the proposed increase + 1 from removal of the current Hill representative), and leave the Hill in an even more severe situation. There are

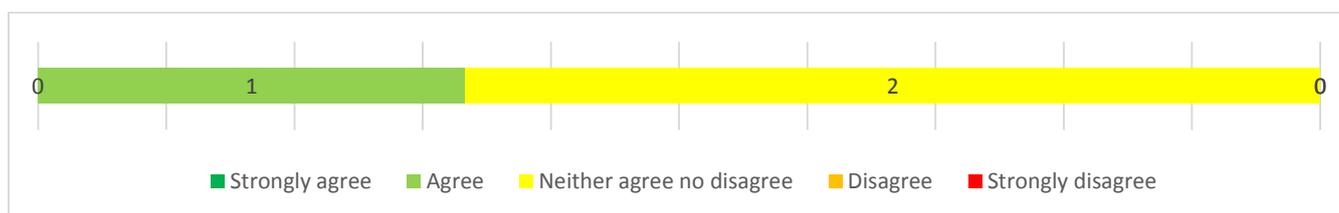
two further considerations: a) the increase to an even number of councillors (6) would make deadlock easier and possibly more frequent; b) the Village and Hill (historically and still one community) already struggle to maintain their connexion (since the construction of the A34), and one parish (civil and ecclesiastical). Having representatives from both the Village and Hill on one parish council helps ensure communication, as well as fostering a sense of community. (ID: 49744299)

The Parish Council needs sufficient representation from both Hinksey Hill and South Hinksey Village as both parts of the Parish have separate problems and increasing the number of councillors from 5 to 6 would allow this to happen. (ID: 49958531)

LONGWORTH PARISH WARDING ARRANGEMENTS

Three respondents provided a view on the proposal to change parish warding arrangements in Longworth, only one of whom said they were in agreement.

Figure 10: Longworth agreement

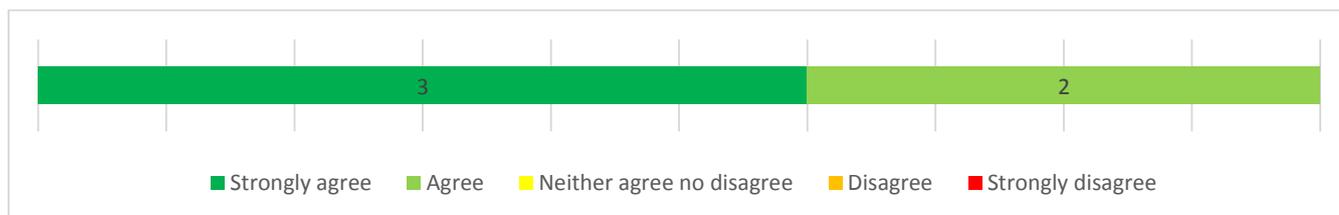


No comments were received in response to this this proposal.

EAST HANNEY NUMBER OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

Five people provided a view on the proposal to change the number of parish councillors in East Hanney. All respondents were in agreement with the proposal.

Figure 11: East Hanney agreement



Four comments were made in support of increasing the number of councillors on the parish council.

The village is growing quickly and with this increase in number of residents and number of houses more councillors to effectively represent the villagers across all parts of the village are needed. (ID: 49208648)

The sheer volume of Planning applications, devolvement from Vale and County Council levels and increased issues associated with a growing village makes an increase in councillor numbers a necessity if they are to cope. (ID: 49210360)

East Hanney has had a significant increase in residential housing over the past few years and it makes sense to increase the councillors to support. (ID: 49355801)

It would be valuable to have at least one Parish Counsellor to represent the community to the east of the A338 and feed in information on drainage, flooding and traffic. (ID: 49997515)

HOW WE HAVE USED RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION

We would like to thank everyone who took part in this consultation.

The consultation responses will be considered by the Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee to inform decisions on any changes to the governance arrangements of parishes in the district. A further consultation will be undertaken on these decisions.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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APPENDIX A – CONSULTATION TERMS OF REFERENCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Introduction

The council’s Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee (“the committee”) has agreed to undertake a number of community governance reviews (CGRs) pursuant to Part 4, Chapter 3 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 of parts of the district of Vale of White Horse. The 2007 Act vested powers in the council to undertake such reviews and the council has delegated those powers to the committee.

The committee will undertake the reviews in accordance with the guidance on community governance reviews issued by the Department of Communities and Local Government and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) in March 2010 (“the guidance”).

Proposals for consideration

The committee proposes to consider the following parish matters:

| CGR reference | Parish/Area | Matters to be considered |
|----------------------|--|--|
| CGR_A(13) | Grove, East Challow | Amending the boundary of Grove parish to include Grove Technology Park, currently in East Challow parish (subject to LGBCE consent) |
| CGR_B(21) | Kennington, Radley Kennington, Radley and Sunningwell | Proposal one Amending the boundary of Radley parish to include Chandlings Manor school currently in Kennington parish (subject to LGBCE consent) OR Proposal two Amending the boundary of Sunningwell parish to include land to the west of Oxford Road currently in Kennington and Radley parishes (subject to LGBCE consent) |
| CGR_C(24) | Wantage and Grove | Amending the boundary of Wantage parish to include land at Stockham Farm currently in Grove parish (subject to LGBCE consent) |
| CGR_D(24) | Wantage, Grove and Lockinge | Amending the boundary of Wantage parish to include land at Crab Hill, currently in both Grove and Lockinge parishes (subject to LGBCE consent) |
| CGR_E | Longworth | Removal of the current parish warding arrangements |

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| CGR_F | East Hanney | A request to increase the number of parish councillors |
| CGR_G | South Hinksey | Warding arrangements (a request to create two wards - the village and the Hinksey Hill area) and a review to consider a request to increase the number of parish councillors |

Assessment criteria

The factors that the council will take into account in making decisions are as follows:

- natural or man-made boundaries that help to define clearly one community from another
- housing developments that straddle parish boundaries, thereby resulting in people being in different parishes from their neighbours
- effective and convenient representation of local residents at parish level
- the wards of Vale of White Horse District Council for the purposes of district council elections
- the divisions of Oxfordshire County Council for the purposes of county council elections
- views expressed in relation to any changes, particularly from those people directly affected
- the extent to which proposals reflect the identities and interests of the affected community
- the size and population of the local community

Why is the Council undertaking the reviews?

The guidance states that it is good practice for principal councils (in this context that means this council) to undertake CGRs every 10-15 years. The council completed a review of the whole district in 2014 but at that time deferred certain reviews (CGR_A(13), CGR_B(21), CGR_C(24) and CGR_D(24)) until after the district council elections in May 2015. Since that time, several other parishes have asked the council to conduct a further review of their electoral arrangements and the committee has agreed to carry out those reviews.

Consultation

The committee will consult formally on the reviews. This will include those people living in properties directly affected by any changes to parish boundaries.

Timetable

The 2007 Act requires the council to complete a CGR within 12 months of the date of publication of terms of reference. The proposed timetable complies with the legal requirement.

| Action | Completion Date |
|---|-----------------|
| Publication of final terms of reference | 5 December 2016 |
| Consultation commences | December 2016 |
| Consultation closes | 31 January 2017 |
| Committee agrees draft proposals for consultation | March 2017 |
| Further consultation commences | April 2017 |

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| Further consultation closes | 30 June 2017 |
| Committee agrees changes | July 2017 |

How to make comments

Please submit any comments via the online survey at <http://survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/ValeParishChanges>

If you would like a paper response form or more information about this consultation, please contact us.

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APPENDIX B – CONSULTATION WORDING



We're looking to make some changes to the way parishes are arranged in the district and would like your views on this.

It's important that parishes serve local communities well, reflecting the particular circumstances and characteristics of places. For example, boundaries should be logical and follow natural and man-made features, whilst electoral arrangements should be equitable and promote transparent and accountable local democracy.

The following changes are proposed:

- **East Challow** - boundary with Grove
- **East Hanney** - number of parish councillors
- **Grove** - boundaries with East Challow and Wantage
- **Kennington** - boundaries with Radley and Sunningwell
- **Lockinge** - boundary with Wantage
- **Longworth** - parish warding arrangements
- **Radley** - boundary with Kennington Parish
- **South Hinksey** - parish warding arrangements and number of parish councillors
- **Sunningwell** - boundaries with Kennington and Radley
- **Wantage** - boundaries with Grove and Lockinge

The review is taking place partly as a result of outstanding issues from a previous council-wide community governance review in 2014 and in response to recent requests from town and parish councils.

To comment on these proposals, please click the 'next' button below. The information you provide will inform the council's decision whether or not to make these changes. Responses must be received by midnight, January 31 2017

You will find information about changes to each parish, including maps as you work through the survey. However, if you would like to see the terms of reference for this project overall, please click [here](#) [linked to Terms of Reference document]

If you would like more information about this consultation, please contact:

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2. Your interest

Which of the following proposed changes would you like to comment on? *

- East Challow - boundary with Grove
- East Hanney - number of parish councillors
- Grove - boundaries with East Challow and Wantage
- Kennington - boundaries with Radley and Sunningwell
- Lockinge - boundary with Wantage
- Longworth - parish warding arrangements
- Radley - boundary with Kennington Parish
- South Hinksey - parish warding arrangements and number of parish councillors
- Sunningwell - boundaries with Kennington and Radley
- Wantage - boundaries with Grove and Lockinge

3. East Challow - boundary with Grove

The council proposes to review the following matter:

Amend the boundary of Grove parish to include Grove Technology Park, currently in East Challow parish (subject to LGBCE consent).

A map of the proposed change can be found [here](#)

Are you a resident of this settlement?

- Yes
- No

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposed change?

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments or suggestions in relation to this proposed change?

4. East Hanney - number of parish councillors

The council proposes to review the following matter:

Consider a request to increase the number of parish councillors

Are you a resident of this settlement?

Yes

No

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposed change?

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments or suggestions in relation to this proposed change?

5. Grove - boundary with East Challow

The council proposes to review the following matter:

Amending the boundary of Grove parish to include Grove Technology Park, currently in East Challow

parish(subject to LGBCE consent)

A map of the proposed change can be found [here](#)

Are you a resident of this settlement?

Yes

No

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposed change?

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments or suggestions in relation to this proposed change?

6. Grove - boundary with Wantage (Crab Hill)

The council proposes to review the following matter:

Amend the boundary of Wantage parish to include land at Crab Hill, currently in both Grove and Lockinge parishes (subject to LGBCE consent)

See map of proposed change [here](#)

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposed change?

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

12. Do you have any comments or suggestions in relation to this proposed change?

7. Grove - boundary with Wantage (Stockham Farm)

The council proposes to review the following matter:

Amend the boundary of Wantage parish to include land at Stockham Farm currently in Grove parish

See map of proposed change [here](#)

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposed change?

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments or suggestions in relation to this proposed change?

8. Kennington - boundary with Radley

The council proposes to review the following matter:

Amend the boundary of Radley parish to include Chandlings Manor School currently in Kennington parish (subject to LG BCE consent)

A map of the proposed change can be found [here](#)

Are you a resident of this settlement?

Yes

No

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposed change?

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments or suggestions in relation to this proposed change?

9. Kennington - boundary with Sunningwell

The council proposes to review the following matter:

Amend the boundary of Sunningwell parish to include land to the west of Oxford Road currently in Kennington and Radley parishes (subject to LGBCE consent)

A map of the proposed change can be found [here](#)

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposed change?

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments or suggestions in relation to this proposed change?

10. Lockinge - boundary with Wantage

The council proposes to review the following matter:

Amend the boundary of Wantage parish to include land at Crab Hill, currently in both Grove and Lockinge parishes (subject to LGBCE consent)

See map of proposed change [here](#)

Are you a resident of this settlement?

Yes

No

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposed change?

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments or suggestions in relation to this proposed change?

11. Longworth - parish warding arrangements

The council proposes to review the following matter:

Consider a request to establish a single parish area, in place of east and west wards

Are you a resident of this settlement?

Yes

No

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposed change?

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments or suggestions in relation to this proposed change?

12. Radley - boundary with Kennington Parish

The council proposes to review the following matter:

Amend the boundary of Radley parish to include Chandlings Manor School currently in Kennington parish (subject to LGBCE consent)

A map of the proposed change can be found [here](#)

Are you a resident of this settlement?

Yes

No

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposed change?

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments or suggestions in relation to this proposed change?

13. South Hinksey - parish warding arrangements and number of parish councillors

The council proposes to review the following matter:

Consider a request to increase the number of parish councillors and the warding of the parish between the village and the Hinksey Hill area

Are you a resident of this settlement?

- Yes
- No

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposed change?

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments or suggestions in relation to this proposed change?

14. Sunningwell - boundaries with Kennington and Radley

The council proposes to review the following matter:

Amend the boundary of Sunningwell parish to include land to the west of Oxford Road currently in Kennington and Radley parishes (subject to LGBCE consent)

A map of the proposed change can be found [here](#)

Are you a resident of this settlement?

Yes

No

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposed change?

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments or suggestions in relation to this proposed change?

15. Wantage - boundary with Grove

The council proposes to review the following matter:

Amend the boundary of Wantage parish to include land at Stockham Farm currently in Grove parish

See map of proposed change [here](#)

Are you a resident of this settlement?

Yes

No

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposed change?

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments or suggestions in relation to this proposed change?

16. Wantage - boundary with Grove and Lockinge

The council proposes to review the following matter:

Amend the boundary of Wantage parish to include land at Crab Hill, currently in both Grove and Lockinge parishes (subject to LGBCE consent)

See map of proposed change [here](#)

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposed change?

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments or suggestions in relation to this proposed change?

17. Further contact

Would you like to hear from us in the future?

Yes

No

I am happy for the council to get in touch about the comments I have made

I would like to be kept informed about other consultations being undertaken by the council

18. Further contact

To help us stay in touch, please can you provide us with some contact details.

All personal information supplied to the councils will be will be handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Your information will only be used for the purpose of contacting you in relation to council consultations.

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Email

Phone