

## **CGR 11**

### **Parishes Affected**

Great Faringdon, Great Coxwell

### **Matter to be considered**

Amending the boundary of Great Faringdon parish to incorporate any proposed housing developments that are directly adjacent to the current boundary

### **Council's draft proposal**

Amend the boundary of Great Faringdon parish (with reference to an attached map)

### **Working Group's final proposal**

To move land south of Faringdon bounded by the A420 and Coxwell Road from Great Coxwell parish into Great Faringdon parish

### **Summary of responses to the formal consultation**

Great Coxwell objects this proposal. It raises a number of issues relating to the planning application for housing on Fernham Fields that has prompted the recommendation. The comments relevant to the boundary review are as follows:

“Even if the planning was to go ahead, there is no guarantee the future residents of the development would want to be part of Great Faringdon, Great Coxwell is an attractive parish and house prices are higher than in Great Faringdon.

The size of the development would not make the parish council too big or unwieldy; under the guidelines the new size of the parish would not be abnormal. The residents would use resources in both Great Coxwell and Faringdon, and therefore the need to change boundaries is small.

The council also has to consider the physical aspects of the boundaries. The current boundary is defined by a clear ridge which provides a natural delineation between Faringdon and Great Coxwell. This is an important aspect for a council to consider. The new boundaries would be a road.”

## **Justification**

The planning committee recently recently resolved to grant planning permission for residential development at Fernham Fields, south of Faringdon. Fernham Fields lies in Great Coxwell parish but the new development will form an extension to the town of Faringdon.

The working group has considered the views expressed by Great Cowell parish council but sees no grounds for deviating from its original recommendation that the identities and interests of the new residents and their effective and convenient representation at parish level is best served by moving Fernham Fields into Great Faringdon parish. It does, however, recommend a revised wording for the proposal to make it clear to which site it relates.