

Vale of White Horse District Council

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW OF THE PARISH BOUNDARIES BETWEEN ABINGDON, RADLEY, ST HELEN WITHOUT AND SUNNINGWELL PARISHES

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Introduction

The council's Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee ("the committee") has agreed to undertake a community governance review (CGR) pursuant to Part 4, Chapter 3 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 of part of the district of Vale of White Horse, namely to review the boundary of the parishes of Abingdon-on-Thames, Radley, St Helen Without and Sunningwell. The 2007 Act vested powers in the council to undertake such a review and the council has delegated those powers to the committee.

The committee will undertake the review 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").

Proposal for consideration

The committee proposes to consider the following parish matter:

CGR reference	Parish/Area	Matters to be considered
CGR_C	Abingdon, Radley, St Helen Without and Sunningwell	A review of the parish boundary between Abingdon, Radley, St Helen Without and Sunningwell

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
- effective and convenient representation of local residents at parish level
- 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 review?

The committee agreed to undertake the review following a request from Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council and in line with the resolution of Council adopted in July 2014 that a

significant development proposal that sits adjacent to or straddles a parish boundary should automatically trigger a community governance review, such a review to take place on the inclusion of a site in a document that forms part of the approved Local Plan or when planning permission has been granted for the development of the site. In respect of this review planning permission has been granted for development.

Consultation

The committee will consult formally on the review.

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 terms of reference	June 2018
Consultation commences including with residents of the affected area	June 2018
Consultation closes	July 2018
Committee agrees draft proposals for consultation	July 2018
Further consultation commences	July 2018
Further consultation closes	August/September 2018
Committee considers final recommendations	September/October 2018

How to make comments

Please submit any comments via email to steven.corrigan@southandvale.gov.uk
The council does not require a hard copy of any submission. For those without access to email please send any submission to:

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