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Parishes Affected

Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor and Fyfield and Tubney

Matter to be considered

Amending the parish boundary east of Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor to include land currently in Fyfield and Tubney parish.

Impact on district and county council boundaries

Affects Kingston Bagpuize and Thames district wards

Summary of parish council responses

This is a request from Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Parish Council.

Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council object to the proposal.

Summary of other responses

These are set out in the engagement summary document.

Recommendation

To consult on a proposal to make no change to the current boundary between Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor and Fyfield and Tubney parish.

Justification for recommendation

The submission from Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Parish Council is based on the assumption that planning permission will be granted for a housing development on the land in question. Whilst the land in question is included in the Local Plan, a recent application for housing was refused. A further outline planning application has been submitted. The case for changing the boundary rests on whether planning permission is granted. If it is not, there is little case for a change and therefore the request is considered premature.

Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Parish Council has referenced precedents for adjusting parish boundaries prior to development of the land (for example land off Dunmore Road, Abingdon transferred from Sunningwell parish to Abingdon parish). In those cases, the area in question lied directly adjacent to the built up area of Abingdon. The review concluded that the identities and

interests of the residents would be more closely aligned with the town of Abingdon than the rural parishes and that man-made structures including the A34 provided for a well-defined boundary. In this case the area lies in a rural location. The current boundary between the parishes reflects the “no man’s land” between communities providing a natural easily identifiable boundary between the communities.