

# Harwell East Community Governance Review

Appendices A – E to the engagement report. The report and appendices are available to view on our [website page](#).

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Note: Any personal information supplied to us within the comments that could identify anyone has been redacted and will not be shared or published in the main consultation report or this appendix. Further information on data protection is available in our general consultation’s privacy statement on our [South](#) or [Vale](#) website; some comments received were blank responses; some spelling, grammatical and punctual errors in the original comments raised were corrected in the main consultation report; a full list of unedited comments can be found in this appendix.

## APPENDIX A – BACKGROUND TO THE ENGAGEMENT

The following information is taken from the online survey introduction pages.

As a district council we are responsible for reviewing parish arrangements and implementing any appropriate changes to benefit the decision making and community management in the local area.

In 2014, the Vale of White Horse District Council agreed to create a new parish of Harwell East comprising of the area to the east of the A34 within Harwell parish, up to the boundary with South Oxfordshire.

Having previously agreed to establish a new parish, the next stage in the process is to agree the name of the parish, whether the new parish should have a parish council or an alternative style of council (community, neighbourhood or village); the ordinary year of elections; the council size (number of councillors), and whether the parish should be divided into wards. Here is more information on the [Harwell East proposal](#).

We are now inviting you to give your views on the following proposals:

- That the new parish be called Harwell East parish.
- That the new parish should have a parish council to be called Harwell East Parish Council.
- That the effective date for the new council be 1 April 2023, with elections to take place in May 2023.
- That the council should return eight parish councillors.
- That the council should not be warded.

You can give us your views by completing this survey. Please note the deadline for completing this survey is **11.59 pm on Friday 30 September 2022**.

A 'save and continue later' option is available using a link at the bottom of each page, so that you can save your progress so far, and then return later to your survey. Simply provide your name and email address and you will automatically receive a link via email.

Please note, we will only use responses when you have clicked 'finish and submit survey' at the end of the comment form. You can also print or save a copy of your response by selecting 'save or print response' at the end.

### What happens next?

Once the consultation has closed all responses will be collated and presented to the council's Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee in October 2022. The committee will consider the responses and agree whether or not to implement the proposed changes. The consultation results together with a covering report will be published on the council's website. We aim to implement any changes agreed so that they apply in time for the May 2023 elections.

## Personal details

If you are responding as an individual, we will not ask for your name or any contact details. Any personal information you provide to the council within your comments that could identify you will not be published. If you are responding as a business/organisation or council (parish/district/county), we will ask for its name - please note, the summary report will include this information.

In order to understand the geographical spread of the responses we will ask all respondents for their postcode. Providing this information is optional and will not be published. You also do not have to answer any questions that you do not want to. All personal information supplied to the council will be handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. Further information on data protection is available in our [privacy statement](#).

## Questions?

If you have any questions about this survey please contact the Electoral Services team at **cgr@southandvale.gov.uk**. If you require this survey in an alternative format (for example large print, Braille, audio, email, Easy Read and alternative languages) please email **haveyoursay@southandvale.gov.uk** or call **01235 422425**.

On clicking "Next Page" you confirm you are happy for your response to be used in the consultation analysis and results.

## APPENDIX B– ENGAGEMENT COMMUNICATION

Below is a copy of the letter that was issued by the Elections Team to 905 properties that fell spatially within the area affected by the proposals.

### Legal & Democratic

HEAD OF SERVICE: Patrick Arran



The Occupier  
«PropertyAddress1»  
«PropertyAddress2»  
«PropertyAddress3»  
«PropertyAddress4»  
«PropertyAddress5»

CONTACT: Electoral Services  
CGR@southandvale.gov.uk  
Tel: 01235 422528

135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon,  
Oxfordshire, OX14 4SB

Our reference: New Parish

Dear Occupier / Resident

### Have your say on the proposal to establish a new parish where you live

In 2014, Vale of White Horse District Council agreed to create a new parish called Harwell East comprising of the area to the east of the A34 within Harwell parish up to the boundary with South Oxfordshire.

This area, including around 900 homes in Great Western Park and all of Valley Park lies within the Vale of White Horse. Councillors agreed that residents would be better served by having a separate parish council.

We want to know what you think of the following recommendations that our Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee has made for the new parish:

1. That the new parish be called Harwell East parish.
2. To establish a parish council to be called Harwell East Parish Council.
3. That the effective date for the new council will be 1 April 2023, with elections for the new council to take place in May 2023.
4. That the council should have eight parish councillors.
5. That the parish should not be warded.

The report setting out the reason for the proposals and a map of the area are available on our Community Governance Review page, or on request from our Electoral Services Team. In agreeing 'Harwell East' as the name for consultation, the committee recognised that there could well be a more appropriate and locally relevant name. The committee would therefore particularly welcome views on the proposed name of the parish and also on the style of council (currently proposed to be a 'parish' council).

The consultation runs **until 11.59pm on 30 September 2022.**

## Have your say - how to take part

The quickest and easiest way to respond is online by visiting:  
<https://survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/HarwellEastConsultation/>

Please include any comments or suggestions for the committee to consider.

Responses can also be made by:

- Emailing: [CGR@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:CGR@southandvale.gov.uk)
  - Writing to us: Community Governance Review – New Parish and post to ‘**Freepost SOUTH AND VALE CONSULTATIONS**’ (no other address information or stamp is needed). Our preference is electronic submissions and there is no need to post a hard copy as well.



You can also view electronic copies of the documents on our website at  
[whitehorsedc.gov.uk/communitygovernance](http://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/communitygovernance)

## What happens next

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If you have any questions on the survey or require it in an alternative format (for example large print, Braille, audio, email, Easy Read and alternative languages) please email [haveyoursay@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:haveyoursay@southandvale.gov.uk) or call 01235 422425.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SA Corrigan', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Steven Corrigan  
Democratic Services Manager  
South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils

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**Data protection:** Please refer to our Privacy Notice regarding how your personal data is used for this consultation, available on our website at [whitehorsedc.gov.uk/haveyoursay](http://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/haveyoursay) If you would like to know more about the council's data protection registration or to find out about your personal data, please visit: [whitehorsedc.gov.uk/dataprotection](http://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/dataprotection).

## APPENDIX C – SURVEY

A copy of the paper comment form is below; it is based on the online survey. An Easy Read version of the survey was also produced and is included below.

### A little bit about you

**1. Are you responding as:**

- A resident within the parish
- Someone who works within the parish
- A business/organisation operating within the parish
- A visitor or interested party
- A district/county or town/parish councillor
- A district/county or town/parish officer
- Other (please specify):

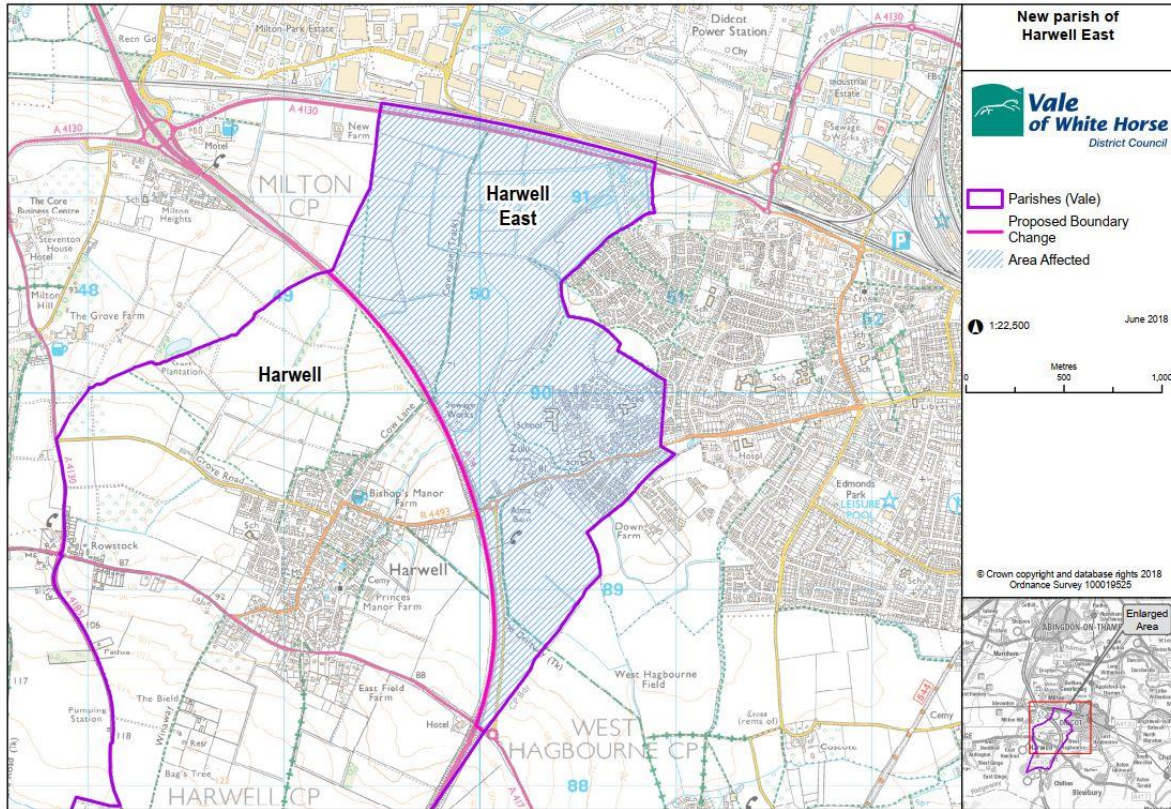
**2. If you are responding as a business/organisation or council, please provide its name in the box below**

**3. Please use the box below to let us know your full postcode (e.g. OX10 8XY). This will only be used to help us understand the geographical spread of the responses and ensure that local residents' views are represented.**

## Harwell East Parish

The Vale of White Horse District Council agreed to create a new parish comprising of the area to the east of the A34 within Harwell parish, up to the boundary with South Oxfordshire. You can see a map of the affected area below. You can also click on the map to enlarge the image in a new window.

The name of a parish refers to the geographical name of the area concerned. Vale of White Horse District Council proposes that this new parish be called Harwell East parish, whilst recognising that there could well be a more appropriate and locally relevant name. We would really welcome your suggestions for its name.



4. Do you support the proposal that the new parish be called "Harwell East parish"?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Comments:

5. We would really welcome your suggestions as to what the name of the new parish should be.

If you have any suggestions, please type them in the box below.

# Harwell East Council

6. As the new parish has over 1,000 electors a council must be created. As to the style of the council, legislation offers a choice of alternative styles for a parish, which all have identical powers: parish council; community council; neighbourhood council; village council.

Vale of White District Council proposes that the new parish should have a parish council called Harwell East Parish Council. However, we would really welcome your suggestion as to what the style of the new council should be.

Do you support the proposal that the new council should be a parish council?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Comments:

7. You said you do not support the proposal that the new council should be a parish council, please let us know which alternative style(s) you would like the council to be (click all that apply):

- Harwell East Community Council
- Harwell East Neighbourhood Council
- Harwell East Village Council

## Ordinary year of election

There is a statutory requirement for ordinary elections of the whole council to take place every four years, which must be coterminous with the election of district councillors for that area. With elections scheduled for May 2023 we propose that councillors are elected to the new council in May 2023.

8. With the above in mind, the Vale of White Horse District Council proposes that the effective date for the new council will be 1 April 2023, with elections on 4 May 2023.

To what extent do you support or oppose the proposal that the effective date for the new council should be 1 April 2023?

- Strongly support
- Tend to support
- Neither support nor oppose



- Tend to oppose
- Strongly oppose
- I don't know

**9. You said you oppose or strongly oppose the proposal that the effective date for the new council should be 1 April 2023, with elections on 4 May 2023.**

**Please use the box below to let us know the reasons why.**

## Council size

**As part of the community governance the committee is required to consider the number of councillors for the new parish.**

There are no statutory guidelines on the number of councillors elected apart from a minimum of five. There is a wide variation of council size between parish councils, which appears to be influenced by population. Research by the Aston Business School Parish and Town Councils in England found that the typical parish council representing less than 500 people had between five and eight councillors; those between 501 and 2,500 had six to 12 councillors; and those between 2,501 and 10,000 had nine to 16 councillors. Most parish councils with a population of between 10,001 and 20,000 had between 13 and 27 councillors, while almost all councils representing a population of over 20,000 had between 13 and 31 councillors. Here you can read more about [council size](#).

The current electorate for the area of Harwell East is approximately 1,400. The Vale of White Horse District Council therefore proposes a council size of eight councillors.

**10. To what extent do you support or oppose the proposed council size of eight councillors?**

- Strongly Support
- Tend to support
- Neither support or oppose
- Tend to oppose
- Strongly oppose
- I don't know

**11. You said you oppose or strongly oppose the proposal that the new council should have a total of eight councillors.**

**Please use the box below to let us know the reasons why.**

## Parish warding

With respect to the question of warding the parish, the committee must consider the following when deciding to recommend that a parish should, or should not, be divided into wards for the purposes of electing councillors:

- whether the number, or distribution, of the local government electors for the parish would make a single election of councillors impracticable or inconvenient.
- whether it is desirable that any area or areas of the parish should be separately represented on the council. For example, this could be the case where in rural areas a parish covers a number of villages and communities.

The Vale of White Horse District Council does not consider that the number and distribution of local government electors would make a single election of councillors impracticable or inconvenient for a single ward, or that the area includes different areas that should be separately represented. For this reason, the Vale of White Horse District Council proposes that the new parish should not be divided into wards, which means that Harwell East would constitute a new, undivided ward.

12. To what extent do you support or oppose the proposal that the new parish should not be divided into wards?

- Strongly support
- Tend to support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Tend to oppose
- Strongly oppose
- I don't know

13. You said you oppose or strongly oppose the proposal that the new parish should not be warded.

Please use the box below to let us know the reasons why.

## Anything else?

14. If you have any additional comments you would like to make, please provide them in the comment box below.

## Our commitment to equal access for all

We are committed to making sure that residents have equal access to all council services. Please help us to keep track of how successfully we are achieving this by ticking the appropriate boxes below.

All questions are optional. All information is confidential and will only be used to help us monitor whether views differ across the community.

### 15. Which of the following describes how you identify yourself?

- Male
- Female
- Neither of the above (specify below if you would like to)
- Prefer not to say
- I identify as:

### 16. How old are you?

- 16-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75+
- Prefer not to say

### 17. What is your ethnic group?

- Prefer not to say

#### White

- English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish, British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Any other white background

#### Asian or Asian British

- Indian

- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background

**Black or Black British**

- Caribbean
- African
- Any other black background

**Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups**

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other mixed background

**Other Ethnic Group**

- Arab
- Other (please specify):

**18. Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted or is expected to last 12 months or more?**

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

If yes, please specify:

**19. How did you hear about this survey?**

- Twitter
- Facebook
- Newsletter
- Email
- Letter
- Our website
- Another website

- Word of mouth
- Read it in the newspaper
- District Council
- Parish Council
- Other (please specify):

## Are you ready to submit form?

If you are ready to submit your comments, please tick the box below, then select the 'Finish survey' button. Note: once ticked you will not be able to return to your comments and they will be submitted.

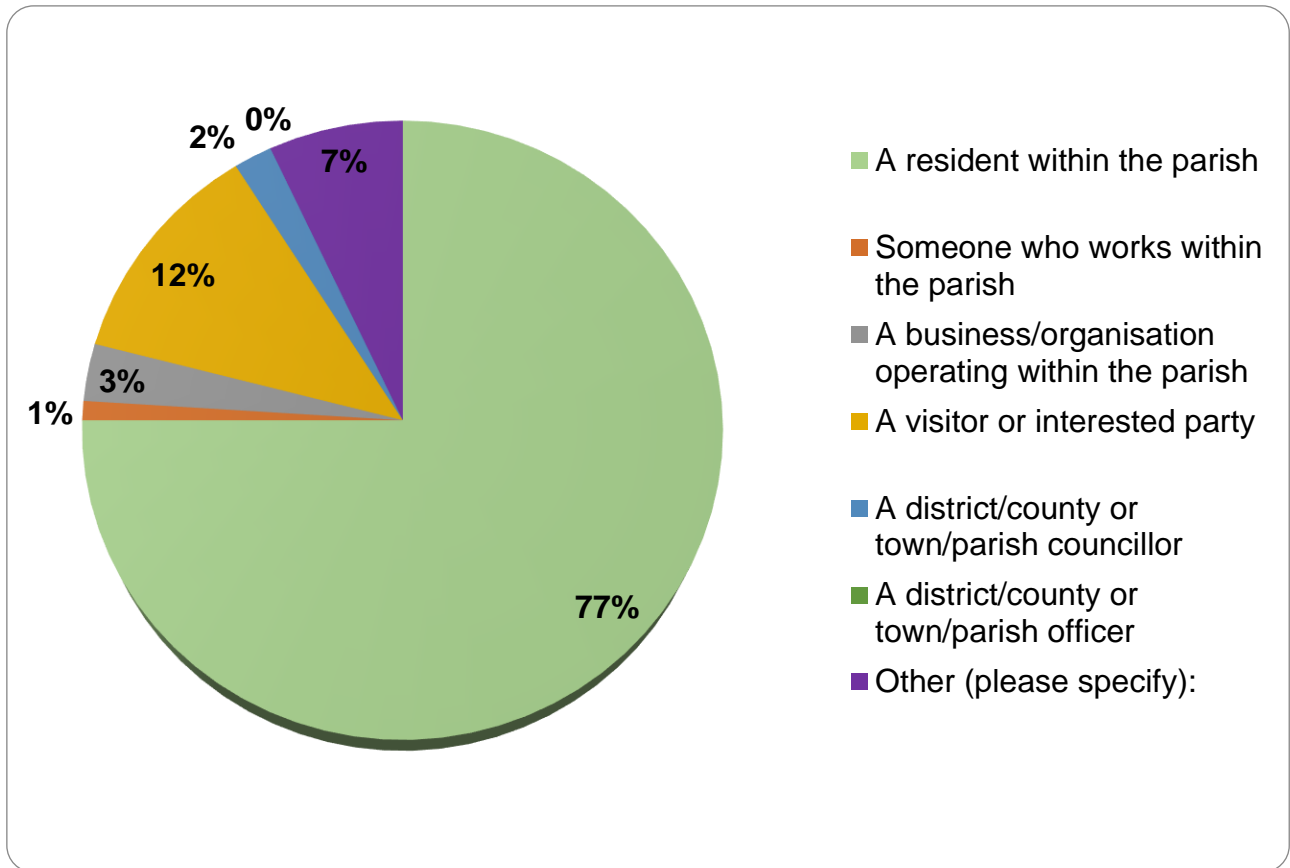
If not, please use the 'previous page' button to go back through the survey to amend or review your response.

Alternatively you can use the 'save and continue later' so that you can save your progress, and return later to your comments. Simply provide your name and email address and you will automatically receive a link via email to return to your draft comments when you are ready. \*

- Yes, I have finished and am ready to submit

## APPENDIX D – QUANTITATIVE DATA

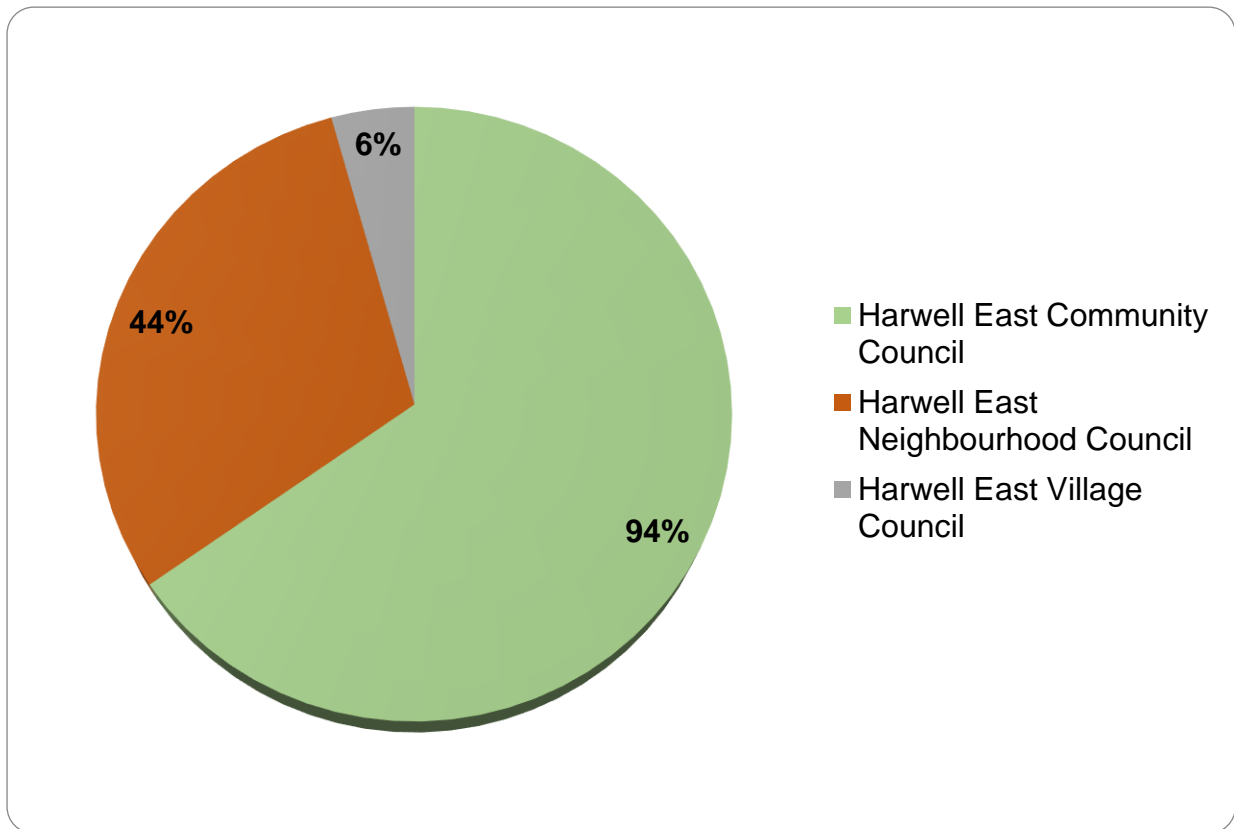
Q1. Are you responding as:



Other (please specify):

- *Local Didcot resident who is very familiar with Harwell and Harwell residents*
- *A resident adjacent to the parish*
- *Neighbour*
- *Resident close to parish*
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- *Vale resident not in the parish*
- *Local resident Didcot*

**Q7. You said you do not support the proposal that the new council should be a parish council, please let us know which alternative style(s) you would like the council to be (click all that apply):**



## APPENDIX E – FULL LIST OF COMMENTS RECEIVED

A full list of unedited comments can be found below. Some spelling, grammatical and punctuation errors in the original comments raised were corrected in the main body of the report.

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**Q2. If you are responding as a business/organisation or council, please provide its name in the box below:**

- No
- Hendreds & Harwell Division County
- Perpetual Childcare Ltd
- Harwell Parish Council

**Q4. Do you support the proposal that the new parish be called "Harwell East parish"?**

**Comments:**

197815579	<i>Minded that it might be better called "Valley and GWP" which is what it is</i>
197827924	<i>Do not need more councillors so local ! Or a new Parish !</i>
197834638	<i>Yes, but we need more health centres</i>
197834409	<i>If it's still attached to Harwell, then call it Harwell!</i>
197838248	<i>This is clearly a terrible idea. Harwell east is obviously Didcot and this proposal will lead to Harwell losing its distinct village character as well as increasing house prices for that side of Didcot</i>
197839397	<i>Harwell is not a split community. It is not necessary.</i>
197839873	<i>"No we don't want more houses we need more schools dr surgery better drainage road structure in place. Killing people interested nature and houses needed to be built better except thrown up"</i>
197841665	<i>Why would you it be called harwell east its quite clearly and extension to didcot it should be called didcot west it is just confusing to people living within the parish.</i>
197841782	<i>This isn't Harwell in my mind, this is didcot. We already have Harwell village, Harwell Campus (also not Harwell) why confuse things further by also calling this Harwell, it is Didcot, call it something that reflects that.</i>
197850365	<i>It's not Harwell. It's Didcot. And firstly they need to get some infrastructure sorted before building the houses. A medical centre is needed more than the houses.</i>
197855867	<i>It's confusing</i>
197856223	<i>I believe the area marked on the map as Harwell East should be transferred to SODC and come under Didcot Town Council. It makes no sense to split Didcot down the middle arbitrarily. It's</i>



	<i>already confusing that parts of GWP are split (e.g. two community centres in South, one in Vale). This approach would help to retain the separate village identity of Harwell, whose residents have long sought separation from Didcot, and also means that the A34 is a more logical and obvious border between the two. I understand the issue of housing allocations, but I believe SODC and VWHDC should be working together to make this area part of Didcot/SODC."</i>
197860488	<i>Harwell has always been West of the A34. This is just another extension to Didcot</i>
197869182	<i>It gives the illusion that people will be able to access Harwell amenities - the school for example, when there is a very low chance of getting in</i>
197865870	<i>Seems silly to call it Harwell East when it's connected to Didcot, call it something like Didcot West</i>
197871700	<i>It's not Harwell it's extending Didcot</i>
197875041	<i>I believe 'Didcot West' or 'Western Didcot' would be a more fitting name for the new parish.</i>
197876837	<i>Harwell is a lovely small village and although Didcot is encroaching closer to Harwell we would prefer that it stayed separate in all senses, especially in name.</i>
197877653	<i>The A34 is a clear divide from the village of Harwell and this area should not be considered part of it.</i>
197879945	<i>I think it will confuse residents of Harwell - plus it, I think, needs to establish its own identity. Why not something like Great Valley Parish Or Valley West Parish. Or If you have to use Harwell then maybe "Harwell Park" parish?</i>
197888785	<i>I am a part of south Oxfordshire and Didcot and have no interest or wish to be part of harwell.</i>
197889134	<i>But what must be clarified is, does this increase house building expectations</i>
197889756	<i>It should be called something different to clearly separate it from Harwell villages area.</i>
197890029	<i>I understand that harwell wouldn't want to be associated with didcot GWP, but harwell east would just make things confusing. There needs to be more doctors within didcot as a whole.</i>
197912942	<i>It has to be split so Harwell remains a historic village not New Town in fact Harwell east should be renamed Didcot West there's no resemblance to Harwell.</i>
197911670	<i>I would prefer that Harwell Village remains as Harwell Village and the new development is called Harwell Town to make the distinction obvious between existing and new.</i>
197956770	<i>Would prefer greater differentiation from Harwell</i>
197977272	<i>Thank you for providing this accessible format to reject this planning proposal. we have really struggled with the total disregard for the lack of services with the new builds that have been built. Transport links have reduced and buses now go all around new towns instead of direct to our local towns from harwell village. What was a beautiful</i>

	<i>old village is having modern road signs and cycle routes and markings put everywhere with no thought for families and access to their property on the high street some who have to go down small paths already two houses deep to get to their front doors.</i>
197979522	<i>Calling it Harwell East when it is not contiguous with the village is misleading and perhaps insulting to the residents of Didcot, which it where it is, by disassociation. None of the area is in Harwell village, the A34 separates the communities. It would be much better and honest, to call it Didcot West. The ward, Didcot West is now effectively in central Didcot.</i>
197983262	<i>I think it's confusing to have so many sections of the same area and to have different names. It should just be called Didcot.</i>
197983176	<i>It's not part of the village, despite part of GWP falling under Harwell, it isn't part of the village. They stand zero chance of being able to go to the village school and are more likely to view themselves as part of GWP or of didcot. The A34 really is a boundary line and this development has very little to connect to Harwell.</i>
197984612	<i>It is not in line with other naming conventions in the area such as West Hagbourne, West Challow, South Hinksey, East Hendred for example. It would make much more sense for the name to be "East Harwell Parish".</i>
197992504	<i>Think important that Harwell village retains its identity as a village</i>
198001107	<i>I feel that the naming is a little lazy and that something nicer and more unique could be made from it, perhaps including the word "Park" as two large areas of this new parish council both have park in their names. Otherwise it being termed ""Harwell East"" makes the area feel like the chewed up leftovers of things Harwell itself didn't wish to claim and also robs it of a potential sense of its own identity. Some suggestions my partner and I have are: White Horse Parks Parish, Vale Parks Parish, Didcot West Parish, Park Valley Parish Etc. I also think it should be worth noting that a lot of the southern area of this new parish where my partner and I live feels closer to being part of Didcot than it does Harwell, though I know it is technically part of Harwell, so the name involving Harwell feels oddly strange. My partner notes he'd personally prefer mention of Didcot in the parish name over Harwell if there is to be mention of either at all.</i>
198007980	<i>The historic village of Harwell should retain it's own identity. Part of GWP uses Harwell as their address but geographically should be Didcot. Please name this new Parish as something else, not Harwell.</i>
198010501	<i>It is clearly part of Didcot and if not simply called Didcot then it should be called West Didcot</i>
198013037	<i>It's not Harwell it's Didcot. Also we have East Hendred, East Hanney and East Hagbourne but its going to be Harwell East?! Sounds silly and doesn't roll of the tongue. Should be West Didcot if you want another parish.</i>

198020416	<i>No because that means they can then have a reason to build on the land between harwell and harwell east afterwards and we really don't need anymore houses.</i>
198033255	<i>I strongly disagree agree with any further building of this size within Didcot or Harwell. There are not enough facilities eg medical centres, schools etc to cope with what is already here. Leave the green space as it is!!</i>
198043383	<i>This development is recognised as an extension of didcot not part of harwell. Most people are surprised to discover the didcot boundary runs through the middle of great Western Park. The a34 naturally creates a devide. Its as close to west Hagbourne as it is to harwell village. It should be associated with didcot or have a new name</i>
198166859	<i>It's part of Didcot. The people that live there are going to be working in Didcot or travelling somewhere else from Didcot turn off of the A34 or by going to Didcot train station to get into London. I live near the science park which isn't in Harwell but it's called Harwell, it's very odd to me. I also think that the term Parish is outdated and old fashioned. To me it speaks of old white men sitting round a table making decisions. That's an awful assumption on my part I know but that is what the word parish means to me. That and Christian religion which is no longer appropriate as many people have no religious faith or are of other faiths.</i>
198229419	<i>I feel a name such as "Didcot West" would be more appropriate as the new housing estates are clearly part of the built up area of Didcot and not part of Harwell village, from which they are separated by the A34 and a green gap.</i>
198237367	<i>It would be more logical for this development and southern Great Western Park to be part of Didcot and SODC.</i>
198327132	<i>Harwell village has always been referred to as Harwell. The new parish would benefit from its own identity rather than being compared to Harwell or Didcot. Something unique!</i>
198395608	<i>Harwell needs protection as a village. Call it Didcot West so that it represents more accurately the spread of Didcot westwards than the spread of Harwell.</i>
198749790	<i>The area is really an extension of Didcot and has far less connection with Harwell village - it should be given a different name that more suits this</i>
198886200	<i>While being within Harwell Parish, the area only had a handful of dwellings before the GWP development, and most of those close to Didcot. GWP is essentially an extension of Didcot and Valley Park development will only be a further extension. Sadly the area has no pre-existing significant features that might be used to name the area - the only 2 old names, Alma and Zulu, relate to 19th century wars. Using 'Western' on its own would lose the connection with GWR and make it look like just west Didcot."</i>
198994462	<i>It's Didcot. It's obviously a new bit of Didcot. If it helps the thinking, move the council boundary to the A34 to ensure that the new parish is not orphaned but (hopefully) as part of South</i>

	<i>Oxfordshire, naturally connected with its logical local centre, which is Didcot. It's scrubby wet land, near jobs, transport and amenities, so a good place to build a new parish. But to be good it must, must have really good bike, footpath and road links with Didcot that are not the A4130. Built a nice link to Harwell so people from Harwell can have a nice route to ASDA and the station.</i>
199022601	<i>Suggest to call Didcot West, which location is extended from didcot center area.</i>
199033936	<i>The area has much more of an affinity with Didcot. It should either nod to that or use a completely independent name.</i>
199044923	<i>It has no relationship with the village and should not be called Harwell East so house builders can charge a premium for being part of a village. I think the boundary should be moved to the A34 and the area should become part of Boundary Park. The village will lose its identity if the name Harwell is used whether it be East, West etc. as so much building is going on in the area. It will be swallowed up and lost.</i>
199288986	<i>This will isolate the area from Harwell and Didcot, i think this is an irresponsible proposal.</i>
200042273	<i>Inclusion of residents of GWP in Harwell Parish matters has always proved difficult because so many think they are a part of Didcot as there is no clear boundary between the two parishes. It would be more sense and practical if the area Didcot side of the A34 became a parish not using the name Harwell or was included as part of Didcot Parish.</i>
200297324	<i>Name should not include "Harwell" as this could be misleading and cause confusion.</i>
200429399	<i>This doesn't make logical sense as the area is split by the A34. The parish attachment should be to Didcot SODC council and the district line marked by this road. The name should reflect an attachment to Didcot</i>
200489012	<i>I prefer 'Valley and West Parish'</i>

**Q5. We would really welcome your suggestions as to what the name of the new parish should be. If you have any suggestions, please type them in the box below.**

**Comments received:**

197815579	<i>Valley and GWP</i>
197817971	<i>Valley Park</i>
197827924	<i>MILTON KEYNES II</i>
197834409	<i>Harwell</i>
197838248	<i>No new parish</i>
197839873	<i>Don't build it</i>
197841665	<i>Didcot west</i>
197841782	<i>Didcot.</i>
197850365	<i>Didcot West</i>

197855867	<i>Didcot based</i>
197856223	<i>Didcot West</i>
197860488	<i>Didcot West</i>
197865193	<i>Didcot West</i>
197866867	<i>Hardid</i>
197868461	<i>Didcot West. It's more connected to Didcot not Harwell</i>
197869182	<i>Didcot</i>
197865870	<i>Didcot West</i>
197871700	<i>West Didcot</i>
197875041	<i>'Didcot West' or 'Western Didcot'</i>
197876976	<i>Valley Park</i>
197876837	<i>Didcot East</i>
197877653	<i>Lower Milton</i>
197879945	<i>Western Valley Parish, Great Valley Parish</i>
197881247	<i>Harwell parish council</i>
197888785	<i>This is poor as you shouldn't be naming something that isn't even agreed</i>
197889756	<i>Valley Park or Didcot West,</i>
197890029	<i>Great western park</i>
197892556	<i>Didcot West</i>
197912942	<i>Didcot West, Didcot overflow. Should be cut off from Harwell calling it Harwell is an insult</i>
197911670	<i>Harwell Town, Harwell New Town, Hagbourne West, Milton East or West Didcot as its east borders are actually an extension of Didcot.</i>
197927763	<i>Didcot heights.</i>
197977272	<i>The Parish should not be called Harwell but If it goes ahead please find a name without the name vale or park something like harvest fields or fresh fields that bares the name of the beautiful agricultural land lost. My favourite memory will be with my boys watching the farmers harvest those fields.</i>
197979522	<i>Didcot West</i>
197983262	<i>Harwell</i>
197983176	<i>Great Western Park Valley Park Didcot Valley Park</i>
197984612	<i>East Harwell Parish</i>
197992504	<i>Didcot West, Valley Park</i>
198001107	<i>White Horse Parks Parish Vale Parks Parish Didcot West Parish Park Valley Parish Etc</i>
198007980	<i>Didcot West. Valley Park Valley</i>
198010501	<i>West Didcot</i>
198013037	<i>West Didcot</i>
198020416	<i>Didcot west</i>

198033255	<i>That parish should not exist. No building should be allowed. Harwell will no longer be a village. Didcot is slowly consuming all of the surrounding villages and it is a disgrace. Our countryside is disappearing because of greedy housebuilders</i>
198043383	<i>Didcot West, Harbourne</i>
198159023	<i>Harwell East Parish</i>
198166859	<i>Didcot west</i>
198229419	<i>I feel a name such as "Didcot West" would be more appropriate as the new housing estates are clearly part of the built up area of Didcot and not part of Harwell village, from which they are separated by the A34 and a green gap.</i>
198237367	<i>Didcot West</i>
198327132	<i>Eastern Fields or East Fields</i>
198329614	<i>Great Western and Valley Park</i>
198341422	<i>I would like it to be called Harwell East Wing, after John Wing who was killed on the bend on a motorbike he was only sixteen years at the time. and would have been 76 years now, we went to the same school northbourne in High Street Didcot</i>
198395608	<i>Didcot West, or Goldfields (from the Roman gold find)</i>
198647986	<i>Harwell East is perfect solution</i>
198749790	<i>Didcot Valley Park Valley Park Didcot West</i>
198886200	<i>Great Western Great Western and Valley</i>
198963812	<i>Didcot west Didcot fields Driftway park Greater Didcot</i>
198994462	<i>You can call it literally anything. Maybe there's an archeological name for something in those fields you can modernise. Or if you want some connection with Harwell, it could be something scientific, Atom Park, I don't know.</i>
199022601	<i>Suggest to call Didcot West, which location is extended from didcot center area.</i>
199033936	<i>Didcot in the Vale</i>
199044923	<i>Boundary Park East.</i>
200042273	<i>Didcot West Great Western Parish Great Western and Valley Parish</i>

200297324	Western Valley Western & Valley Kingdom Park Cherry Hills New Farm Park Truro Hills Milton View
200429399	Didcot North West, Outer Didcot, Didcot West & existing parish renamed.
200489012	'Valley and West Parish'

**Q6. As the new parish has over 1,000 electors a council must be created. As to the style of the council, legislation offers a choice of alternative styles for a parish, which all have identical powers:**

- parish council
- community council
- neighbourhood council
- village council.

**Vale of White District Council proposes that the new parish should have a parish council called Harwell East Parish Council. However, we would really welcome your suggestion as to what the style of the new council should be.**

**Do you support the proposal that the new council should be a parish council?**

**Comments received:**

197815579	<i>There is a church in the area and if that church looked after this parish then I could accept it.</i>  <i>I am concerned about the amount of cost it will need to set up and at the moment GWP can't find enough people to take on their community group</i>
197817971	<i>neighbourhood council</i>
197827924	<i>Do not need ! Unnecessary costs 😞</i>
197838248	<i>There is no need to change the existing set up. Clearly some jobsworth has gotten bored and come up with this stupid idea</i>
197839873	<i>We don't want ot</i>
197850365	<i>Community Council</i>
197855867	<i>Too integrated into Didcot to have isolated decision making</i>
197856223	<i>Indeed this future Valley Park is sufficiently large to have its own Parish Council. But this should be part of SODC.</i>
197875041	<i>Have no opinion</i>
197876837	<i>That doesn't bother me, I would prefer it not to be called Harwell</i>

197884587	<i>Harwell east council</i>
197889134	<i>A neighbourhood council</i>
197889756	<i>The survey should explain that the powers are the same.</i>
197912942	<i>It should be Didcot Community Council or Parish</i>
197911670	<i>Parish Councils in my view tend to be comprised of nimby people (Harwell Village) with too much time on their hands that seldom represent the hard pressed younger working residents with much less time to spare to debate in any sort of depth to agree on what, where and when action needs to be taken and by whom.</i>
197977272	<i>It should definitely continue to be based around a church and the new school should have good links to a C of E and other local denomination churches. It would be good if it was a C of E school with special needs building.</i>
197979522	<i>Surely a parish council would require there be a parish church?</i>
197983262	<i>I think it should be under 'Harwell' and not be divided.</i>
198010501	<i>It isn't a Parish. It is clearly part of the town of Didcot . The fact that it happens to be in VOWH territory not SO doesn't mean that you should ignore the very obvious fact that it is a westwards extension of Didcot, not an eastwards extension of Harwell.</i>
198033255	<i>Don't build on it. Leave it as it is. We do not need more new homes</i>
198043383	<i>Community or neighbourhood Council would be better than a parish council</i>
198070875	<i>Community or neighbourhood council sounds more inclusive. Parish or village council sounds like it's out of The Archers (and not in a good way). It sounds old-fashioned, out of touch, elitist and clique-y. We should want everyone to feel like they have a voice.</i>
198166859	<i>Parish is too closely linked to Christian religion.</i>
198341422	<i>Yes it would be easier to run, with two separate places.</i>
198749790	<i>In reality, this area is Didcot - somehow it needs to connect with Didcot Town Council so that there is some joined up thinking in terms of plans that bring the whole Didcot area together rather than separate it.</i>
198886200	<i>Since it doesn't have the separate identity that would make the word 'parish' suitable, then 'community' or 'neighbourhood' would seem appropriate.</i>
199044923	<i>I think the Boundary Park development should have a separate council as it will face very different needs to the Harwell parish council.</i>
200297324	<i>Prefer "Community Council" as more modern-sounding and in keeping with newly-created parish</i>



**Q9. You said you oppose or strongly oppose the proposal that the effective date for the new council should be 1 April 2023, with elections on 4 May 2023. Please use the box below to let us know the reasons why.**

**Comments received:**

197817971	<i>Will there be a meaningful number of residents by then. The valley park development, which makes up most of the area, will hardly be underway.</i>
197827924	<i>All unnecessary</i>
197838248	<i>Renaming that side of Didcot as Harwell east is a stupid idea, not in keeping with either (the actual) village of Harwell or the town of Didcot. Total waste of the councils money</i>
197839397	<i>We don't need a division in Harwell</i>
197839873	<i>No infrastructure in place doctors surgery no schools drainage crap house quickly buit</i>
197860488	<i>Properties will not have even been built yet.</i>
197888785	<i>The new parish shouldn't happen</i>
197977272	<i>I oppose that there needs to be a new parish built at all it is too soon they need to provide more facilities for existing residents in didcot in the space we have and improve buildings there before any new build can be continued. There needs to be investment in the town before a new parish is formed.</i>
197979522	<i>Because I do not agree with the proposed name. No other reason.</i>
197983262	<i>I do not feel it's required to have a separate parish.</i>
198010501	<i>Because this is part of Didcot</i>
198033255	<i>The land should not be allowed to be built on. Therefore there is no need for a new parish. It's ridiculous that Great Western Park is in Harwell parish already.</i>
198043383	<i>A large number of houses are due to be added to this area, it would seem appropriate for the next phase to be completed before a new council is formed and not be rushed</i>

**Q11. You said you oppose or strongly oppose the proposal that the new council should have a total of eight councillors. Please use the box below to let us know the reasons why.**

**Comments received:**

197827924	<i>Unnecessary</i>
197838248	<i>I strongly oppose this entire proposal</i>
197839397	<i>Not needed</i>
197839873	<i>Do not want it</i>
197841839	<i>Seems too many.</i>
197866867	<i>waste of money, select one person.</i>

197865870	<i>Should be higher to allow greater representation of all political parties</i>
197880419	<i>Odd number so votes are not a draw</i>
197888785	<i>The new parish shouldn't happen</i>
197977272	<i>The space is bigger than great western park and they built 3330 homes there I think you will end up needing higher expenditure possibly even leading to a devastating environmental impact of needing the A 34 widenend further if you let the plans go ahead.</i>
197979522	<i>8 is too many.</i>
198007980	<i>Looking at the example figures it should be more than 8</i>
198010501	<i>Because it's part of Didcot</i>
200042273	<i>The figure you quote for electors does not include the houses still to be built in Valley Park and on completion of the development the number will likely treble.</i>

**Q13. You said you oppose or strongly oppose the proposal that the new parish should not be warded. Please use the box below to let us know the reasons why.**

**Comments received:**

197827924	<i>Unnecessary</i>
197839873	<i>Do not want it</i>
197866867	<i>Why not?</i>
197888785	<i>The new parish shouldn't happen</i>
197977272	<i>I think having wards is a good idea as it means areas are broken down for communications and for spreading aid in a crisis or for splitting teams to provide support to the vulnerable.</i>
197979522	<i>If you are hoping to create a community, the last thing to do is split it into different wards.</i>
198033255	<i>We do not need more poorly built new homes.</i>
199288986	<i>Area is quite small</i>

**Q14. If you have any additional comments you would like to make, please provide them in the comment box below.**

**Comments received:**

197815579	<i>Having 8 cllr from the start when Valley Park hasn't yet started to be built seems wrong.</i>
197817971	<i>What opportunities have harwell parish had to consider the funding impact this change will have on their finances?</i>
197827924	<i>We have enough councillors councils houses etc etc etc.... We need " INFRASTRUCTURE "</i>

197839873	<i>Do not want building to go ahead</i>
197841665	<i>This is very confusing for great western park and the future valley park development, it being called harwell east does nothing but make it harder and people will have an identity crisis at that side of town forever, if its not clearly stated as didcot west which it quite obviously is.</i>
197841782	<i>Please ensure infrastructure is delivered prior to and alongside housing. GWP has been a lesson in how not to build a new estate. We need doctor surgeries urgently.</i>
197856223	<i>Guys, take a step back. It makes no sense to have the town of Didcot divided by an arbitrary line. Keep Harwell separate in Vale, and put the new area in Didcot/SODC.</i>
197866867	<i>Good idea and please do it urgently, it will change the whole world.</i>
197869182	<i>Such a ridiculous amount of houses being built with no extra schools, doctors, dentists etc, it's crazy</i>
197879945	<i>The current parish council has far too much workload and this is needed asap</i>
197884587	<i>Please make more houses and provide appropriate facilities to absorb more people without putting strain on existing facilities</i>
197888785	<i>This consultation is beyond poor as you're clearly going to make the parish regardless of what the actual public think. Stop wasting our time with fake consultations if they are going to have no meaningful impact on what the public actually want and need.</i>
197890029	<i>As previously mentioned there needs to be more doctors, more schools all the houses going up is putting more strain on the education system and doctors surgeries, the roads also require work all these extra houses have at least two cars a home, again that's putting more strain on an already gridlocked town.</i>
197912942	<i>It is totally wrong to have this as any link to harwell its a massive new Geto and should not be associated with Harwell. AS it Harwell will be come a dangerous rat run and I m considering moving form Harwell for this reason how to spoil a beautiful village</i>
197911670	<i>There seems to be no mention of the ever expanding Milton Heights developments that will border this new development.</i>
197977272	<i>Please provide practical support to didcot, wantage, Abingdon first for schools, library (currently has barely any kids books to keep up with demand) doctors you cannot get an appointment, there's no indoor entertainment activities for children in the winter it would be good to have rollerblading clubs which were cheap and indoors or scoot fit for kids when it's raining and a local orchestra and music groups in the south of the county there is very little that's running.</i>
197979522	<i>None</i>
197983176	<i>Before you build these houses make sure there is some infrastructure in place. The village school has been massively oversubscribed by the last lot of overbuilding, the GPs are at crisis point. No childcare available at all. This is the priority, why aren't we being surveyed about this instead?</i>

198013037	<i>I think its great there will be a council because they can advocate for services which there are a total lack of. Calling it Harwell is bonkers, Harwell East is just ridiculous. West Didcot, nice and easy and clearly describes where it is. Or whichever direction it is from Didcot.</i>
198033255	<i>Don't make Harwell part of Didcot.</i>
198070875	<i>One of the overriding issue I've noticed since moving to the area is a 'them and us' attitude between residents here before the new build estates, and those of us in the estates who are seen as newcomers. There is open hostility toward newcomers from some long-standing residents. Whilst I understand this to some extent, I don't think it can go on, and part of the solution lies in ensuring that everyone feels part of the community. This is why I think it's so important to ensure that the council is a community or neighbourhood council. I think a parish council sounds like it is presided over by the long-standing residents, and feels almost exclusionary to newcomers. We all need to feel a part of our community, and unite as a single voice with common interests.</i>
198229419	<i>A single ward seems OK for the time being, but once the population expands with the construction of Valley Park, this should probably be a separate ward as residents of the new estate may have different issues, given the greater distance from town, different parks and facilities, etc. The area south of the B4493 could also be a candidate for a separate ward.</i>
198647986	<i>It will help the identity of residents who, in Valley Park, will more closely align with Harwell than Didcot</i>
198886200	<i>It is a pity the questionnaire was spoiled by using the words 'Harwell East' in front of the options for alternative styles of council, i.e. neighbourhood etc.</i>
198963812	<i>We need to separate the main village from Didcot and have clear publicised boundaries. Those that choose to live in a village want to keep it that way.</i>
198994462	<i>Hard to take a view on council arrangements now, there's probably more cows than people in that patch at the moment. Would there really be significant numbers of prospective councillors living in the parish in 2023?</i>
199044923	<i>I understand we can't change what is happening but we do have to protect all villages not just Harwell but as this is about Harwell it needs to remain a village and not swallowed by developing every single patch of land for housing so it becomes an extension of Didcot. We need councilers that are passionate about what they believe and listen to others and not using it as a furthering career move.</i>

200042273	<i>The A34 serves as a clearly defined boundary and should be taken into account when allocating houses to parishes.</i>
200297324	<p><i>Reasons for alternative naming -</i></p> <p><i>Western Valley/Western &amp; Valley - because new parish will be made up of Great Western Park &amp; Valley Park</i></p> <p><i>KINGDOM PARK....As a railway town historically and Brunel being the railways architect, his full name, as most know was Isambard Kingdom Brunel. The Brunel name is commonly used but his middle name rarely. So, it respects that aspect of history? Also has a bit of status for the area.?</i></p> <p><i>TRURO HILLS...On May 9th, 1904, a steam Engine called “City of Truro”, (often based at Didcot Sheds), was the first engine to pass 100mph in the UK. It was between Swindon &amp; Didcot, with a Plymouth to London Express.</i></p> <p><i>CHERRY HILLS... Back in the early nineteenth &amp; twentieth century the area was well known for Cherry growing. Tapestries to celebrate those times exist in Harwell Parish Church. It even has a small sewn illustration of the old canning factory that existed until the 1980’s in Park Road, Didcot. That was demolished and became another housing estate.</i></p> <p><i>NEW FARM PARK.. Name of the former farm lost to create the development</i></p>
200429399	<i>This area should be amalgamated to SODC and therefore the planning process here immediately discussed with them and the authorities who set district and county council regions</i>
200489012	<i>I don't support starting any of any of this development until the promised health centre on the GWP development has been opened</i>