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The attached document contains the view of Wycombe Conservative Association in conjunction with our elected local Conservative Councillors (Bucks Unitary Authority). We agree that the Unitary Authority should accommodate 98 Councillors. We accept that this will need some Ward boundary movement but that this should be kept to a minimum. However, the overriding principle is that the wards within the unparished area should not be extended over the boundary of the unparished area. We propose no changes to Chiltern Villages boundary; suggest a 2-member ward. We propose no changes to Tylers Green & Loudwater boundary (polling districts RS, RT, WO2); suggest a 2-member ward. West Wycombe, Booker, Cressex & Castlefield, Abbey, and Ryemead & Micklefield (4 Wards, current electorate 34,433). We suggest 4 wards, called Ridgeway East & West Wycombe, Sands, Cressex & Oakridge, and Abbey Ward. Currently these wards straddle both urban and rural areas. The proposal is to split the rural areas into the existing ward of Ridgeway East and merge the urban area of Sands with neighbouring areas of the unparished town of High Wycombe to create a new ward that is all in the unparished area of High Wycombe. This ward would be called Ridgeway East & West Wycombe. This would comprise polling districts RB, RC, and AM to form a 2-member ward. The remaining polling districts from West Wycombe ward, WR, WE2, WP and WQ with the addition of polling districts WE and WF from the current Booker, Cressex & Castlefield Ward would form a new 2-member ward with 8155 electors, a variance of -1.26%. The West Wycombe unitary ward would be split along the unparished boundary such that polling district RC becomes part of Ridgeway West. This ward would be called Sands and would be a 2-member ward. Booker Cressex and Castlefield Ward be split into 2 wards: Castlefield & Tinkerswood and Booker & Cressex. Castlefield and Tinkerswood to comprise polling districts WL, WM, WA2 and the following from WB – Carrington Road, Conifer Rise, Sabena Close and Oakridge Road. Suggest a 2-member ward. Booker and Cressex to comprise the polling districts WE, WE2, WF, WF2 and become a 2-member ward. Abbey Ward would remain and would be a 2-member ward. Abbey would comprise polling districts WA, WB (less that transferred to Castlefield and Tinkerswood), WC, WD, and the area of WO bounded by the M40 motorway, Abbey Barn Lane and Dean Garden Wood. The former ward of Ryemead & Micklefield should be split into two wards, Micklefield & Gomm Valley and Ryemead & Kingsmead. Micklefield & Gomm Valley would comprise of polling districts WK and WK1, This would be a 2-member ward. Ryemead & Kingsmead to comprise of the polling districts WN, WO (less that transferred to Abbey). This would be a 1-member ward. • Terriers & Amersham Hill, Totteridge & Bowerdean, and Hazlemere (3 ward, current electorate 24,000) We suggest that 3 wards remain but with some modifications. Terriers & Amersham Hill and Bowerdean Terriers & Amersham Hill currently has areas previously in Bowerdean Ward and should return to that ward. The Terriers area has much in common with the Totteridge area with common transport links, shared community facilities such as a doctor's surgery, shopping, churches and mosques. I am proposing that these traditional links are re-established by the creation of a new 3-member ward. The parts of Bowerdean that are currently in Terriers and Amersham Hill, polling districts WG2 and WH2, would be moved to a new Bowerdean Ward while the two Totteridge polling districts of WW and WX would move to Terriers and Amersham Hill Ward. A new development of 873 electors is proposed on Terriers Farm which is split between Terriers and Amersham Hill Ward and Hazlemere Ward. I propose that the whole of this designated site should move into the Hazlemere Ward. These changes would result in: A new 3-member ward which I would suggest should be named Terriers and Totteridge, this will have 12592 electors, a variance of 1.66%. A new 1-member ward of Bowerdean with 4249 electors, a variance of 2.9%. As noted above, a new development of 873 electors is proposed on Terriers Farm which is split between Terriers & Amersham Hill Ward and Hazlemere Ward. We propose that the whole of this designated site should move into the Hazlemere Ward, a 2-member ward with an electorate of 8792, a variance of 6.49%. • Downley The current Downley ward contains the Parish of Downley together with the unparished area of High Wycombe,

previously called Disraeli. Prior to the creation of Buckinghamshire Council Unitary Authority the ward was represented by councillors in each of the separate parts. If the Parish of Downley were to be represented by a single councillor it would fall slightly short of the 10% tolerance, and for a single councillor to represent 'Disraeli' (the unparished area of High Wycombe) this would be within the 10% tolerance. Both Downley and 'Disraeli' could be within the tolerance levels if a small adjustment is made, If the commission were to agree to two one-member wards, but would still prefer to adjust the elector numbers, there is a solution which could be considered in further consultation, which would also follow a natural border of woodland and a tree belt. The name of the current ward itself (Downley) is confusing. Downley is a village and Parish in its own right (historically formed from three hamlets), distinct and separate from the town. The unparished area has grown out of the town towards Downley, mainly in the 1960s and 1970s due to the expansion of High Wycombe, and therefore has always been part of the town and still identifies as High Wycombe. We would advocate the splitting of the current ward into two one- member wards to be called Downley Ward and Disraeli Ward, respectively. These would have the following electorates: Downley, 3895 electors, polling districts RE and RD. Disraeli, 4898 electors, polling districts WI and WJ. The electorates of these two proposed wards can be balanced by moving some roads from Disraeli to Downley. Wycombe, April 2022.

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