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Dear Richard

**FER in Wokingham unitary: warding arrangements**  
Ref A: **FER in WOKINGHAM: stage.1 council's proforma FINALSIZE**

The future council size for Wokingham council (Wua) must respect district of WOKINGHAM's particular parish (town) character. The Commissioners are mindful to allow a size of 54-members in the future, allowing continuity of size.

We would welcome 'continuity of size' the Commissioners mindfulness.

A 20-wards council, with 2-single-member wards based upon Civil Parishes (CP) of less than -10% variance, could disrupt effective polling administration. A third of councillors retiring annually, except '*the fallow year*', allows a simple whole council consultation of all the electorate in Woking'm unitary authority ...!

Of an 18-ward design: Spencer's Wood (SEW/SDW1) PWs could be re-united, and combined with Swallowfield-CP, within a 3-member (cllr) ward ...!

A 54-members, 18-wards, would allow whole council's annual elections: with all electors being regularly consulted, except in '*the fallow year*'. Thus, an 18-ward council would respect the particular parish character of Woking'm council. We are content to accept a council size of 54-members, in May 2024, in the future.

Please note we've used the-Commission's forecast electorates only, seeRef A.

Generally, effective polling administration is shown to be cost-effective.

Yours sincerely

Dear Richard

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7342-electors = an average 3-member (councillor) ward

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| <b>WARD, 18 as-proposed</b>       |               | <b>2447</b>     | <b>av/cllr</b>            | <b>54 #</b>       | <b>variance</b>           |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>&gt;&gt;&gt; Wua's sectors</b> |               | <b>forecast</b> | <b>electors</b>           | <b>cllr</b>       | <b>%</b>                  |
| =====                             |               | =====           | =====                     | =====             | =====                     |
| West - 6-of-18 - as proposed      |               |                 |                           |                   |                           |
| Woodley Loddon                    | [unchanged]   | 7395            | 2465                      | 3                 | 1% (0 <sup>720</sup> %)   |
| Woodley North                     |               | 6633            | 2211                      | 3                 | -10 (-9 <sup>67</sup> %)  |
| Woodley West                      |               | 6582            | 2194                      | 3                 | -10(10 <sup>30</sup> %)%  |
| Earley North                      |               | 7940            | 2646S                     | 3                 | 8% (8 <sup>1450</sup> %)  |
| Earley Sou-East                   |               | 7876            | 2625                      | 3                 | 7% (7 <sup>27</sup> %)    |
| Earley Sou-West                   |               | 6742            | 2244                      | 3                 | -8% (-8 <sup>170</sup> %) |
| East - 7-of-18 - as proposed      |               |                 |                           |                   |                           |
| Winnersh                          | [unchanged]   | 7756            | 2585                      | 3                 | 6% (5 <sup>6390</sup> %)  |
| Thames Quartet                    | [4-whole-CPs] | 7122            | 2374                      | 3                 | -3% (-3 <sup>000</sup> %) |
| Twyford                           | [3-whole-CPs] | 7902            | 2834                      | 3                 | 8% (7 <sup>627</sup> %)   |
| Emmbrook                          | [unchanged]   | 7455            | 2485                      | 3                 | 2% (1 <sup>5390</sup> %)  |
| Evendons                          | [unchanged]   | 7315            | 2438                      | 3                 | -0% (-0 <sup>370</sup> %) |
| Norreys                           |               | 7344            | 2448                      | 3                 | 0% (0 <sup>0010</sup> %)  |
| Wescott                           |               | 7022            | 2341                      | 3                 | -4% (-4 <sup>360</sup> %) |
| South - 5-of-18 - as proposed     |               |                 |                           |                   |                           |
| Shinfield East                    |               | 7102            | 2367                      | 3                 | -3% (-3 <sup>270</sup> %) |
| Shinfield West [& Swallowfield]   |               | 7485            | 2498                      | 3                 | 2% (1 <sup>947</sup> %)   |
| Barkham                           |               | 7989            | 2663                      | 3                 | 9% (8 <sup>8120</sup> %)  |
| Finchampstead                     |               | 7775            | 2592                      | 3                 | 6% (5 <sup>897</sup> %)   |
| Wokingham Without[unchanged]      |               | 6721            | 2240                      | 3                 | -8% (-8 <sup>460</sup> %) |
| =====                             |               |                 |                           |                   |                           |
| Total/Average                     |               | <b>132 156</b>  | <b>2447<sup>334</sup></b> | <b>54-members</b> | <b>...</b>                |
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| WARD, 18 as-proposed<br>>>> Wua's sectors<br>===== | 2447<br>forecast<br>===== | av/cllr<br>electors<br>===== | cllr<br>===== | variance<br>%<br>===== |
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West - 6-of-18 - as proposed

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|----------------|-------------|------|------|---|------------------------|
| Woodley Loddon | [unchanged] | 7395 | 2465 | 3 | 1% (0 <sup>72</sup> %) |
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the extant LODDON ward is 1.34%

- Un-change ward – neighbourhood is respected:  
extant perimeter to be retained as a simple clear bound;  
“KDR” Loddon Airfield parish ward (PW), built in 1980s, these dwellings’  
layout uses ‘**Essex plan guidance**’ i.e. pedestrian / vehicle discipline.
- Electoral balance is good and respects LODDON’s integrity.
- Governance – 3-PWs - retain effective polling arrangements ...!

Suggest extant name to be changed to Woodley Loddon ward.

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| Woodley North |  | 6633 | 2211 | 3 | -10 (-9 <sup>67</sup> %) |
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the extant (KBM/KCM) Coronation is -46%

INSERT: “KGM” the-Warren pw from extant Sonning ward, and

ADD: pt of “KAR-e” –1394-electors – Bulmershe i.e. new the-GREEN PW;

- New ward – the Warren, Coronation Central, Coronation East, and  
new “KAR-e” the Green PW – 4-PWs - are all to be respected.
- Extant southern bdy is to be revised as a simple clear new boundary;
- Governance – 4-PWs – revise effective polling arrangements ...!

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| Woodley West |  | 6582 | 2194 | 3 | -10 (10 <sup>35</sup> %) |
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the extant (KHR/KIR(SIC)) South Lake = -43%

ADD: pt of “KAR-w” – 2400-electors – revised Bulmershe (WEST) PW;

- New ward – extant South Lake South & South Lake North, and  
revised “KAR-w” Bulmershe WEST PWs to be respected.
- Extant northern bdy is to be revised as a simple clear new boundary;
- Governance – 3-PWs – revise effective polling arrangements ...!

Suggest both above new wards are prefixed with town’s own name for clear ID.

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Earley North                                      7940                      2646S                      3                      8% (8<sup>1450</sup>%)

the extant Maiden Erlegh ward is      -13%

INSERT: "EAR" Whitegates PW from Bulmershe ... ward:

OMIT: "EFW Redhatch p.w." into Earley Sou-West ward, and

OMIT: pt of "EHW-s" St Nicholas - 1000-electors – into Earley Sou-East:

- New ward's electoral arrangements consolidate communities' identities: parish wards (PW) – "EGW" Maiden Erlegh PW, "EAW" Whitegates, and revised "EHW-n" St Nicholas PW are all to be respected.
- Electoral Equality improved with an 8% variance.
- Governance – 3-PW - revise extant polling arrangements ...!

Earley Sou-East                                      7876                      2625                      3                      7% (7<sup>270</sup>%)

the extant (EBW/ECW) Hawkedon ward = -6.34%

ADD: pt of "EHW-s" new Loddon Bridge pw from extant Maiden Erlegh ward:

- New ward's electoral arrangements consolidate communities' identities: parish wards (PW) – "EBW" Cutbush PW, "ECW" Hawkedon PW, and new "EHW-s" Loddon Bridge PW are all to be respected.
- Electoral Equality is good with 7% variance.
- Governance – 3-of-9 PW - revise extant polling arrangements ...!

Earley Sou-West                                      6742                      2244                      3                      -8% (-8<sup>170</sup>%)

the extant (EDW/ECE) Hillside ward = -17%

INSERT: "EFW Redhatch p.w." – 664-electors - from Maiden Erlegh ward:

- New ward's electoral arrangements consolidate communities' identities: parish wards – "EDW" Hillside, "EEW" Radstock, and "EFW" Redhatch – are all to be respected.
- Electoral Equality improved with -8% variance;
- Governance – 3-PW – feasible to retain extant polling arrangements ...!

Suggest above new 3-wards are prefixed with town's own name for clear ID.

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East - 7-of-18 - as proposed

**Winnersh** [CP / ward] **7756** 2585 **3** **6%** (5<sup>639</sup>%)

the extant Winnersh ward is 6%

- Un-change ward – extant Civil Parish (CP) is respected – allowing extant neighbourhood's individuality to be respected; Extant settlements are retained with a simple clear bound;
- Electoral balance is good and respects WINNERSH-CP's integrity.
- Governance – coterminous CP/ward - retain extant polling arrangements: thus, allowing effective electoral administration ...!

**Thames Quartet** [4-whole-CPs] **7122** 2374 **3** **-3%** (-3<sup>000</sup>%)

the extant (REM, ... & RAM) RWR ward is -42%

INSERT: "SNM" Sonning-CP, & "CAM" Charvil-CP, into as proposed ward, and  
OMIT: "REM" Ruscombe CP - 951-electors - into new Twyford ward below.

- New Thames-side ward – 4 (four) extant Civil Parish (CP) are respected – Sonning CP, Charvil CP, Wargrave CP, and Remenham CP: a quartet of communities each sharing east-bank of the river Thames.
- Electoral balance is better and respects this proposed quartet's integrity.
- Governance – four whole CPs - retain extant polling arrangements: thus, allowing effective electoral administration.

**Twyford** [3-whole-CPs] **7902** 2834 **3** **8%** (7<sup>627</sup>%)

the extant (TAM) Twyford ward is -35%

INSERT: "HAM, HBM, HCM, & TBM" Hurst ward, and

ADD: "REM" Ruscombe-CP, above, into this as proposed new Twyford ward.

- New ward's electoral arrangements consolidate communities' identities: St Nicholas Hurst CP, and Twyford (TBM, TAM) CP with Ruscombe CP; whilst – twin-CPs - Twyford & Ruscombe are a single urban settlement.
- Electoral variance acceptable and respects three (3) whole CPs' identity.
- Governance: minimal revision can allow effective polling administration.

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Emmbrook                      [unchanged]      7455              2485              3              2% (1<sup>539</sup>%)

the extant Emmbrook ward is                      1<sup>54</sup>%

- Un-change ward – neighbourhood is respected:  
Extant bdy are retained as a simple clear bound;
- Electoral balance is good and respects EMMBROOK's integrity.
- Governance – 2-PWs - retain extant polling arrangements  
thus, allowing effective electoral administration. ...!

Evendons                      [unchanged]      7315              2438              3              -0% (-0%)

the extant Evendons ward is                      -0%

- Un-change ward – neighbourhood is respected:  
Extant perimeter retained as a simple clear bound;
- Electoral balance is good and respects EVENDON's integrity.
- Governance – 2-PWs - retain extant polling arrangements:  
thus, allowing effective electoral administration. ...!

Norreys                                      7344              2448              3              0% (0<sup>000</sup>%)

the extant Norreys ward is                      17%

OMIT: pt of "WFW-e" - 1250-electors - a new P.W. into Wescott ward below.

- This ward currently has 17% variance, oh, too many electors;
- Revised electoral variance would now provide criteria's best variance.
- Governance: minimal electorate reduction allows effective administration.

Wescott                                      7022              2341              3              -4% (-4<sup>36</sup>%)

the extant Wescot ward is                      -21%

INSERT: pt of "WFW-e" - 1250-electors – from extant Norreys East P.W.:  
to be as proposed, new **Wescott NORTH** parish ward, into this revised ward.

- This Woking'm ward has -21% variance, oh, too few electors;
- Revised electoral variance would now provide criteria's better variance.
- Governance - 3-PWs – would make effective administration in the future.

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South - 5-of-18 - as proposed

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| Shinfield East | 7102 | 2367 | 3 | -3% (-3 <sup>27</sup> %) |
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the extant Shinfield South ward is 30% %

INSERT: "SAW" Shinfield North ward – 2377-electors - Shinfield North PW,  
into this as proposed new SHINFIELD EAST **ward**, and

OMIT: "SBW" Grazley PW and "SDW1" Spencers Wood North PW,  
all part of Shinfield-CP - parish wards – into Shinfield West ward, as below.

- New ward's electoral arrangements consolidate communities' identities: "SAW1/SAW2" Shinfield North PW, "SCW" Shinfield Village PW, and "SDW2" – 616-electors - Three Mile Cross new PW.
- Electoral balance: good and respects new SHINFIELD EAST's integrity.
- Governance – 3-of-6 PWs - retain extant polling arrangements thus, allowing effective electoral administration. ...!

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| Shinfield West [& Swallowfield] | 7485 | 2498 | 3 | 2% (1 <sup>947</sup> %) |
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the extant Swallowfield ward is -64%

INSERT: "SDW1" - 3177-electors – a new Spencers Wood North p.w.  
into this as proposed new SHINFIELD WEST ward, and

ADD: "SBW" - 1638-electors - Grazley PW of Shinfield-CP, from above.

- New ward's electoral arrangements consolidate communities' identities: "SBW" Grazley PW, and combines "SEW" Spencers Wood South with "SDW1" Spencers Wood North PW, all part of Shinfield-CP.
- Electoral balance is good and respects SHINFIELD WEST's integrity.
- Governance - 3-of-6 PWs and single CP - retain extant arrangements: thus, allowing effective electoral (polling) administration. ...!

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|---------|------|------|---|-------------------------|
| Barkham | 7989 | 2663 | 3 | 9% (8 <sup>812</sup> %) |
|---------|------|------|---|-------------------------|

the extant Barkham ward is -46%

INSERT: "AAW" Arborfield ward - 2118-electors - into new **Barkham ward**, and  
ADD: pt of "FBB1" - 1900-electors – a new Finchampstead WEST PW.

- New ward's electoral arrangements consolidate communities' identities: Arborfield & Newland CP, Barkham CP, new Finchampstead West PW.
- Electoral variance acceptable and respects these community identities.
- Governance: minimal revision can allow effective polling administration.

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|---------------|------|------|---|-------------------------|
| Finchampstead | 7775 | 2592 | 3 | 6% (5 <sup>897</sup> %) |
|---------------|------|------|---|-------------------------|

the extant Finchampsted South is -25%

INSERT: "FAB" - **Finchampstead** North ward – into as proposed **ward**, and  
OMIT: pt of "FBB1" – 1900-electors – into new Barkham ward, above.

- New ward's electoral arrangements consolidate communities' identities.
- Electoral variance is good & respects new FINCHAMPSTEAD's integrity.
- Governance: revision - 2-of-4 PWs - can allow clear administration, thus, allowing effective electoral polling administration ...!

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|-------------------|------|------|---|--------------------------|
| Wokingham Without | 6721 | 2240 | 3 | -8% (-8 <sup>46</sup> %) |
|-------------------|------|------|---|--------------------------|

the extant Woking'm W'out ward is -8<sup>46</sup>%

- Un-change ward – neighbourhoods are respected:  
Extant perimeter to be retained as a simple clear bound.
- Electoral balance good & respects WOKINGHAM WITHOUT's integrity.
- Governance: - single CP & 1-PW - retain extant polling arrangements:  
thus, allows effective electoral administration. ...!

Suggest extant name to be retained WOKINGHAM WITHOUT ward.

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