

## Buckinghamshire Council

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### Comment text:

Little Marlow Residents Association is opposed to the latest draft recommending changes to the Little Marlow and Flackwell Heath ward for the following reasons: - It is transparently obvious that splitting up Little Marlow into 2 electoral wards would result in an inevitable weakening of focus on the area. - It is difficult to think of any examples when a similar kind of action hasn't led to communication problems, whether it be an electoral area or a government agency such as the Probation service. - Little Marlow has long established organisations that have served the area extremely well for many years. If the logic of these boundary changes is applied then should we dissect the Parish Council, Residents Association, Women's Institute and the Cricket Club? - This proposal appears to be prioritising a political boundary over the needs of Little Marlow. The area has never encountered more serious threats than it is currently experiencing. The greenbelt between Marlow and Bourne End is under sustained attack with implications to traffic, air quality, flooding, overloading Thames STW, implications to mental health and life expectancy (particularly the vulnerable residents of Westhorpe Park), degrading local wildlife, and threatening the future of the Country Park. Does it feel like a good idea to bisect an area encountering these kinds of issues? - The risk of the area being neglected is also accentuated by the fact that Little Marlow is a long way from the centre of the Chilterns Village Ward. Keeping the current status quo regarding the ward boundaries is preferable, however if changes must be made then it is clear that Little Marlow is much more aligned with the village of Bourne End, sitting within the proposed "Flackwell Heath & The Wooburns" ward. This could constitute the creation of new boundaries with a new name in order to facilitate such a change.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded