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To whom it may concern

Please see the attached letter, regarding the proposed boundary changes that concern Fulmer village.

With kind regards  
Matt

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## Attached Documents:

- Letter Fulmer Boundary Changes 20230410.pdf



The Review Officer  
Local Government Boundaries Commission

10 April 2023

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**Boundary Changes Proposal**

I am writing with regard to the proposed boundary changes which involve separating Fulmer from Gerrards Cross and linking it with Wexham, Stoke Poges, Farnham and Hedgerley.

As the Rector of the Parish of Gerrards Cross with Fulmer, I am responsible for three church buildings on two sites, one of which is the church building in Fulmer, consecrated in 1610. The parishes of Gerrards Cross and Fulmer were brought together in 1986 and together with my fellow clergy, staff and a small army of volunteer church members, we have the privilege of serving both communities. Our congregations are drawn from both Gerrards Cross and Fulmer. For more details, please visit: [saintjames.org.uk](http://saintjames.org.uk).

I work closely with my colleague Revd Jill Roth, the Minister responsible for the congregation in Fulmer. I am grateful for the hard work and support of three Churchwardens who are fully involved in the running of our congregations in both Gerrards Cross and Fulmer. One of those wardens is Francesca Hall-Drinkwater. Jill and Francesca both live in Fulmer village and work tirelessly to provide practical support and pastoral care for people in Fulmer.

In terms of local links, the local Primary school and the Beehive Nursery in Fulmer feed the schools in Gerrards Cross. As a church, we also have very close links with the Gerrards Cross Church of England School. (Nicola Flower, the Headteacher is currently deputising as the organist for our Sunday services in Fulmer.) Structurally and socially, the ties between Gerrards Cross and Fulmer have always been very strong – and we celebrate that. I know that Fulmer residents make use of the shopping, local services and transport links that are available in Gerrards Cross (including national rail and bus links to various places such as Oxford and London Heathrow airport).

I am aware of significant concerns amongst parishioners with regard to the proposed boundary changes – both from members of the congregation in Fulmer and in the wider village community. Whilst I appreciate the difficulties involved in redrawing boundaries, please can I urge you to recognise the long-established church and community ties that exist between Gerrards Cross and Fulmer and to keep Fulmer where it is, with Gerrards Cross?

Yours faithfully

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Revd Matt Beeby.

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