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Good afternoon,

Please find the response of Witney Town Council to this review below,

Witney Town Council welcomes the opportunity to provide a response to the Local Government Boundary Commission Oxfordshire County Council boundary review.

There is some concern the data included in the review process does not accurately reflect Witney's planned growth and while it recognises the need to tie in with the proposed County boundaries, the town council would like to offer the following proposal at parish/town ward level:

Witney Central 4 Councillors (including the geographical area proposed as Witney Windrush)
Witney East 4 Councillors
Witney South 3 Councillors (including the geographical area of Witney Burwell)
Witney West 4 Councillors (including the geographical area proposed as Witney Leys)
Witney North 2 Councillors

The Town Council would not be opposed to changing the number of its Members slightly to help with this review process, for example increasing the number to 18 in order that 3 Councillors would be able to serve Witney North under the above proposal.

The reasoning for these suggestions are because the Council believes that multi-member wards better serve the communities they are elected to represent, given the size and population of the areas. Although the Burwell parish/town ward has been a single member ward for some time, this was an anomaly and could and should be rectified during this review.

If the 'Witney Windrush' ward were to remain, further thought is needed on the name as it does not accurately reflect the area covered as the river Windrush flows through several areas and a new housing development in Witney West is named Windrush Place.

Could I please ask for confirmation the response has been received for this review.

Many thanks

Attached Documents:

None attached