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Comment text:

Thank you for your thoughts and response regarding the latest proposals for the re-warding of Oxfordshire County Council divisions within Banbury. I believe your revised recommendations have the capacity to support community identity and strengthen community links, whilst attaining electoral equality.

I am conscious this latest proposal is likely to inform the recommendations for the Cherwell District Council boundary review in 2027 and subsequently the wards for Banbury Town Council at the 2028 elections. The County division ward boundaries could be reflected in the District ward boundaries, which would also contain the Town ward boundaries.

I believe the co-terminosity of areas of representation will support effective and convenient local government through improved transparency of strong identified boundaries. Greater transparency helps create the conditions for improved accountability and accessibility. Accountability for service delivery supports the democratic link between the public and elected members for a given geographic areas. Advocacy for and accessibility to services across local government support conditions for improved community links.

I would like to take this opportunity to promote co-terminosity of all three levels of local government that directly impact our communities within Banbury.

Attached Documents:

None attached