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Comment text:

Cherwell District Council (CDC) are pleased that the LGBCE have taken on comments made during the first consultation, particularly in the Banbury area regarding the amended boundaries following the CDC Community Governance Review. We support the changes made.

Regarding the other revised proposals, we have the following comments:

Deddington and Heyfords Division - Name

There are three Heyfords – Upper, Lower and Heyford Park. As Lower Heyford is not included in the proposed ‘Deddington and Heyfords’ division, we think that the inclusion of ‘Heyfords’ in the name would be confusing to electors (and other parties), with Lower Heyford residents assuming they are part of that division.

Deddington is a historic division name, it is also the largest settlement in the division, with an electorate of 1407 as at 2023 and in the centre of the division, we therefore suggest the name reverts to ‘Deddington’.

Chesterton, Fringford and Launton - Name

We consider that the division name is too long. We suggest that ‘Chesterton and Launton’ would be a better name, reflecting the two largest settlements with 820 and 1110 electors respectively.

Proposed Parish Wards for Bicester - Name

In our previous consultation response we requested the name of 'Bicester Village' be changed to 'Bicester Town'. We note that the LGBCE has declined this, assuming it was contingent on the associated parish boundary move. The request was not contingent on the boundary moving, the name 'Bicester Village' implies to local residents the train station and shopping village, whereas 'Bicester Town' is an historic name that has been used at parish council and county council level, and we would like to see the name retained.

Attached Documents:

None attached