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Proposed Boundary Changes for Haydon Wick Parish

Haydon Wick Parish is a vibrant community made up of areas known as Abbey Meads, Greenmeadow, Haydon Wick village, Pembroke Park, Oakhurst, Taw Hill and Haydon End. Residents who live in these areas recognise the area as Haydon Wick. The Parish Council produces a well-received magazine that is hand delivered to all these areas.

Haydon Wick is one of the original parishes of Swindon, established long before the more recent governance reviews which introduced new parishes as part of devolution activities.

Community Cohesion and Identity

Across the Parish there are strategically placed planters on the boundaries to signify where the parish starts and stops. There are several notice boards sited in the community, which residents use as one of the sources of information, and to identify as being in the Parish. The Schools in the area work closely with parishioners and the Parish Council, which further cements the community identity and cohesion that naturally occurs in the Parish. The Public Houses, such as The Fox & Hounds, Shield and Dagger and The Tawny Owl, act as community hubs which support local activities and foster a sense of locality. The many churches are recognised within Parish as spiritual and community hubs for meeting and socialising. Haydon Wick is also proud to have a vibrant local commerce centre at the Orbital Centre. The Orbital offers a wide range of Shops, Cafes, a busy Library, and soon to opened Youth Centre. Regular community events and a monthly market is held here which brings the community together and further cements community cohesion and identity in the Parish.

Haydon Wick Ward (3 members)

This Ward is wholly within the Parish of Haydon Wick. We propose the areas covered by polling districts GPF and PSH are brought into this Ward

from Gorse Hill and Pinehurst and the Penhill & Upper Stratton Wards because the properties were moved into the Haydon Wick Parish at the last Community Governance Review. Residents also inform us they have more commonality with Haydon Wick than they do with their current wards.

Priory Vale Ward (3 members)

This Ward is also wholly within the Parish of Haydon Wick and our proposal is to take in eight (8) new properties from the St Andrews ward which rectifies an historic anomaly. This area is the newer part of the Parish, with homes being built over the last 20 years, but residents identify strongly with the Parish name and local identity.

These two Wards are wholly contained within the established parish boundaries of Haydon Wick.

Conclusion

For decades residents in Haydon Wick have developed a powerful sense of local pride and identity. Splitting up the existing wards would unnecessarily disrupt this long-established community identity and cause confusion for our residents. Therefore, we urge the boundary commission to keep Haydon Wick wards largely within the parish boundaries.

Thank you for your consideration.

Attached Documents:

None attached