

Horton Parish Council



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Dear Sirs,

I have been asked by the Parish Council to forward the following comments following a review of your initial recommendations.

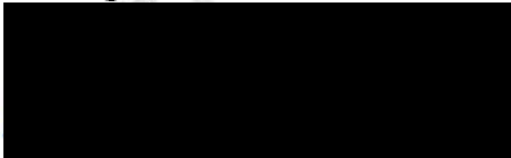
We have reviewed the Local Government Boundary Commission report and write to support the recommendations:....' that creating a Datchet, Horton & Wraysbury ward would better represent community identities north of the River Thames, and therefore propose a three-member Datchet, Horton & Wraysbury ward'.

We are delighted that the Boundary Commission have acknowledged our views that there are historical, cultural, and geographical reasons to merge Datchet, Horton and Wraysbury and not combine any of our three parishes with others. In combining our 3 parishes into one ward, we will still achieve the reduction in Borough Councillor numbers and retain much of the existing focus.

The links for Wraysbury and Horton to Datchet are logical in many ways: We have a two school system here (unlike the other parishes in southern RBWM), have one secondary school and only two primary schools between the three parishes. We share one doctors' surgery between the 3 villages, a main bus service and the same railway service covering 3 local stations. The three villages also share police resources and have a combined Neighbourhood Action Group. We also share a number of activity clubs for residents of all ages, particularly Age Concern, Meals on Wheels and children's clubs. The Church of England Parishes of Horton and Wraysbury are served by the same clerical team and the Catholic Church in Datchet serves all three parishes.

We therefore thank the Boundary Commission for publishing this report and look forward to working with Datchet and Wraysbury Parish Councillors and of course our new Ward Councillors.

Kind regards



Benta Hickley
Clerk to Horton Parish Council

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