### Windsor and Maidenhead

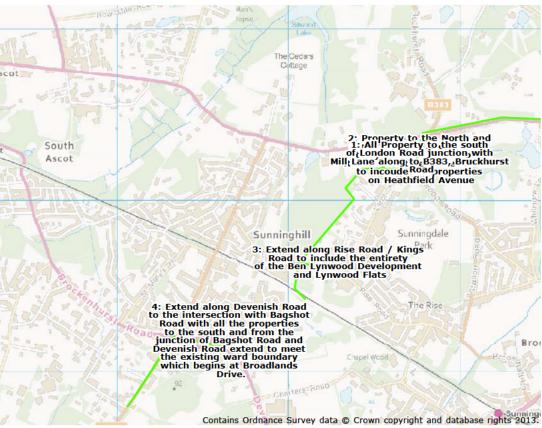
### Personal Details:

Name: Ruth Davies

E-mail: Postcode:

Organisation Name: Sunningdale Parish Council

**Feature Annotations** 



### Map Features:

Annotation 1: All Property to the south of London Road junction with Mill Lane along to B383, Bruckhurst Road

Annotation 2: Property to the North and South of Larch Avenue from the junction with Silwood Road to Heathfeld Avenue and to incoude the properties on Heathfield Avenue

Annotation 3: Extend along Rise Road / Kings Road to include the entirety of the Ben Lynwood Development and Lynwood Flats

Annotation 4: Extend along Devenish Road to the intersection with Bagshot Road with all the properties to the south and from the junction of Bagshot Road and Devenish Road extend to meet the existing ward boundary which begins at Broadlands Drive.

# Comment text:

Sunningdale Parish Council comments Local Government Boundary Commission of England review of ward boundaries for Windsor and Maidenhead. As the active, elected Parish Council representing the parish of Sunningdale, the council would be neglecting its parishioners if it failed to express an opinion at a time when significant decisions are being taken with the ward boundaries within their Borough. Sunningdale has been a Parish Council since 1894 and are considered a key stakeholder in the process that is currently being followed. The council acknowledges the boundary commissions proposals to recommend a reduction in a future council size for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead from 57 ward councillors to 43 and specifically in the Windsor boundary to follow a pattern of 21 members in 3 two-member wards and 5 three-member wards. We strongly oppose any change to Sunningdale's two-member ward. The Parish of Sunningdale Sunningdale is an aspirational area with leafy surroundings and a rich variety of housing types. It benefits from its proximity to Windsor Great Park and Chobham Common. The historic old village is clustered around the listed Holy Trinity Church and is predominantly a conservation area. At the heart of this area is the village hall and parish allotments. The main commercial centre is located around the intersection between the A30 London Road and the Chobham Road. It offers a variety of small shops serving local needs together with specialist shops, coffee shops and restaurants. It is separated from the popular Waitrose supermarket, adjacent to the main line station, by a busy main road and level crossing. The character of the area along the A30 itself has changed significantly over recent years with the redevelopment of single dwelling plots into flats and apartments. There is a strong sense of community in Sunningdale which residents are keen to retain with a desire to protect the character of the area. Both it's leafy surroundings and its areas of green belt along with the design of its bu

Sunningdale School (Independent) o Hurst Lodge School (Independent) o Variety of pre-schools • Churches o Holy Trinity Church C of E o Sunningdale Baptist Church o Sacred Heart Church o Rock of Salvation • Kiln Lane Cemetery opened in 1974 • Magnolia House Surgery Dentist o Sunningdale Dental Practice o White Smiles • Main line train station to Waterloo and Reading • Buses connecting Sunningdale to: o Frimley Hospital o Windsor and Ascot o Staines o Egham o Camberley o Bracknell • Mobile Library 2 days per week • A discreet village centre radiating out from the intersection of the A30 and Chobham Road • Public Houses o Royal Oak o Nags Head o Sunningdale Lounge • Older people's developments and care homes o Ambassadors o Ben Lynwood village o Dormy House care home o Meridian Court o 2 additional developments with granted planning • Hotels o Coworth Park part of the Dorchester Chain o Sunningdale Park • Halls o Village Hall o Parish Hall o Women's Institute • Parish Offices and Community hub • Allotments • Local Groups o Women's Institute o Scout o Sea Cadets o Carers Groups o Sports Clubs o Special interest groups such as gardening and historical society • Recreation Ground o Good sized private free car park for users o Refreshment chalet o Public Toilets o Children's playground o Teen scene o Adult fitness cardio vascular equipment o 3 allweather lit tennis courts o Community Garden Adding to the identity of Sunningdale as a community, the following events take place: Christmas event with traders and local school's involvement • Remembrance Day service with residents with local brownies, scouts, guides, WI and others • Village in Bloom participation • Ben Lynwood vintage car rally • Vicars garden tea party • Sunningdale carnival • Litter picking with residents and businesses • Community engagement through petitions and questionnaires, most recently resulting in a reduction of weight limit on a local bridge for safety reasons Most parishioners actively use the facilities of the village and there is a real sense of belonging to the community as is evidenced most recently in a Parish Council survey where the majority of responders recorded feeling part of the community. The Population of Sunningdale The current population is 5467 (as of 2015) with an estimated rise to 5795 in 2023 according to the RBWM Statistics provided in the electoral review June 2017. In relation to the estimation of population figures for 2023, the stated development level of 196 new developments is likely to yield a higher increase than the RBWM figures suggest. • Development for 2023 - 196 new developments o JSNA Ward profile for 2015 details 1000 households in Sunningdale o Average household size is 2.4 people with 2.11% needing one or more additional bedrooms Therefore, the extrapolation of population growth is on the low side i.e. 196 new developments at 2.4 per household would increase the population by 470 additional residents as against the RBWM figures of 5467 to 5795 which is only 328 and is a 30% under estimation. • The stated number of electors per ward (as per the RBWM report 27th June 2017) is 1.79 adjusted and gives Sunningdale an electoral total of 4570. • The additional development figures, again based upon the lower figure of 1.79 is 328 • Therefore, the overall elector number for 2023 for the parish would be 4908, which is a 11.22% deviation from the suggested 2764 electors per councillor. • However, if you use the stated 2.4 per household (JSNA Ward Profile) this figure sits comfortably within the range Appendix A JSNA Ward Profile https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/downloads/file/2339/sunningdale Appendix B Official Guide of Sunningdale – https://sunningdale-pc.org.uk/official-guide/ Delivering electoral equality for local voters As previously stated, the ward of Sunningdale falls outside the +/- 10% limit by 1.22%. It is being proposed by the ward councillors that this is a minor deviation and should therefore be mitigated by the benefit of retaining the benefits of a 2-councillor ward. However, the parish council would like to propose the following actions to balance the ward numbers to within the level of tolerance. • Move the parish boundaries of Sunningdale to include the entirety of streets and developments which are divided between the parish of Sunningdale and Sunninghill. This would not only provide the additional electoral numbers required to achieve the proposed councillor electorate, but would also remove the following issues: o Parish identity of residents, neighbours along the same streets having different communications; points of contact; services; charges; burial rights and associated charges o In-ability of the parish council and borough councillors to support the area fully due to division of roads o Planning representations at local levels o Ongoing division of Community Infrastructure Levy o S106 Legal agreements to mitigate the effects of development • The proposed boundary movements are itemised on the map within the portal, however the streets affected are listed as: o All property to the south of London Road junction with Mill Lane along to B383, Buckhurst Road o Property to the east of Silwood Road from the junction with London Road to Larch Avenue o Property to the North and South of Larch Avenue from the junction with Silwood Road to Heathfield Avenue and to include the properties on Heathfield Avenue o Extend along Rise Road / Kings Road to include the entirety of the Ben Lynwood development and Lynwood Flats o Extend along Devenish Road A330 to the intersection with Bagshot Road B3020, with all properties to the south o From the junction of Bagshot Road and Devenish Road extend to meet the existing parish boundary which begins at Broadlands Drive and St Marys Road This approach would allow Sunningdale to retain it's 2 councillor wards, and as the properties included in the extension of boundaries are within the ward of Sunninghill and South Ascot, it does not have a detrimental effect on their ward figures as this ward is currently well within the levels of tolerance. This outcome is supported by the Neighbourhood plan for Ascot and the Sunnings, adopted on the 29th April 2014, which not only identifies clearly 3 villages, but has clear policies to protect their individual identities. Therefore, Sunningdale Parish Council propose to the LGBC that the reduction in ward councillors is looked for by allocating the combined areas of Sunningdale, Sunninghill and Ascot into 3 two-member wards and retaining the two-member ward of Sunningdale.

# **Uploaded Documents:**

None Uploaded