

Submission from Maidenhead Liberal Democrats 4th December 2017

Local Government Boundary Commission for England
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Executive Summary

- a. We support the proposals for Maidenhead approved by the Council's working party
- b. We support the reduction of the number of councillors to 43 in mainly 2 and 1 member wards
- c. We request that the Commission gives thought to introducing elections by thirds or by halves.
- d. We ask that the Commission breaks the 10% divergence rule in the case of Old Windsor and the Etons so that natural communities can continue to be represented

Maidenhead proposals

We support the proposals for Maidenhead that were approved by the Borough Council's working party. These are included in the appendix A.

We support the maintenance of strong community cohesion by using the Bath Road to divide North and South Maidenhead which have historically been quite separate.

We strongly support the maintenance the community of Pinkneys Green, historically one of the major hamlets that was joined together to create Maidenhead in the 18th and 19th Centuries. This community stretches from the Pinkneys Green Brick Kilns in Malders Lane, down to what was once Highway Farm, Pinkneys Green in what is now Highway Avenue. To the east it takes in Pinkneys Green Estate, also called the Bomber estate and the attached Oaken Grove Park, and in the west includes The Thicket.

The railway line is also used as a boundary in these proposals giving a strong boundary to Boyn Hill.

We also support the division of rural Maidenhead – Cookham, Hurley and the Walthams, Cox Green.

Appendix A

Figures provided to the Royal Borough's Working Group based on the council's prediction for the number of residents

Balanced Pattern - Option D	Units 2023	Electors 2023	Cllrs	Electors per cllrs	Target per cllr	Variance to target (%)
Belmont	3,197	5,741	2	2,871	2,764	4
Bisham & Cookham	3,197	5,741	2	2,871	2,764	4
Boyn Hill	3,384	6,077	2	3,039	2,764	10
Bray	3,252	5,840	2	2,920	2,764	6
Cox Green	2,975	5,343	2	2,671	2,764	-3
Desborough	3,229	5,799	2	2,899	2,764	5
Furze Platt	3,240	5,819	2	2,909	2,764	5
Hurley & Walthams	2,792	5,014	2	2,507	2,764	-9
Pinkneys Green	2,952	5,301	2	2,651	2,764	-4
Riverside	3,324	5,969	2	2,985	2,764	8
St Mary's	2,839	5,098	2	2,549	2,764	-8

What they should total:

66,173 118,838 43

