

Windsor Labour Party

Scheme design proposals

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FER 2017: Windsor & Maidenhead Council's size of the future

The Windsor Constituency Labour Party (Windsor CLP) makes these proposals, covering a piece of our CLP that is within Royal borough of Windsor & Maidenhead (RBWM), for above.

In former New Windsor: Labour Party scheme-design 2001 PER was accepted by the LGC (boundary committee) in Nov'01.

The Commission is mindful to allow a 43-member Council in the future. Our scheme design is for 20-of-43 councillors. Our analysis has revealed that a better solution would be 47-or-48 councillors: if Ascot area is to be allocated the 6 (six) members as promised during Sunninghill-Ascot's parish council meeting in October.

Our analysis allocates 23-Maidenhead & 20-Windsor. In mid-November, a de-brief of CPs were told WM's allocation to be 22-Maidenhead & 21-Windsor: an asymmetric favouring of Ascot area against urban un-parished Maidenhead.

If the Commission is mindful to change to 47-or-48 members, we respectfully suggest a need for further consultation.

Our AS PROPOSED scheme design, page 4, notes West Berks (WBC) revised forecast: is due to Planning Appeal decision.

WBC's FER forecast AD-2022 increase, was 5%, AMD 7% ...!

Windsor & Maidenhead's methodology is unique using 2-part forecast: 6% 'windfall' platform upon which sits 3% 'housing allocation sites' substantiated approved planned dwelling units 3411-electoral forecast. Oh, with respect, we requeste that town hall, in Maidenhead, be asked to revisit their forecast (SiC) substantiate such a massive platform. Otherwise in mid-2020 another review could trigger for WM. In WBC rural areas several CPs have forecast static or natural electoral decline eg Catmore-CP, and Combe-CP.

Of consultation during this stage: WM's 'working group' has to report to full Council on Tuesday 11th December, for its approval.

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LGBCE - Windsor & Maidenhead – statutory criteria

Communities own identity & character

- WM has both rural and urban identity: 15 CPs & 2 (two) un-parished towns – Maidenhead (M'head) & New Windsor;
- 14 rural CPs are in **the Green Belt**;
- Two (2) MPs are based in W-&-M unitary-district: each seat '*a salad of Communities*' both rural & urban.
- Clear separation divide of rural & urban, the boundary between Bray ward & the Clewer wards, was inherited from pre-1974: please note, with addition of sub-urban overspill in Bray-CP e.g. (Bray) Alexander parish ward.
- 5 single cllr wards for distinct communities e.g. Eton: & in rural areas are preferable, go to **pages 5-10**.

Electoral equality

- **43-members**, 3-of-4 areas are 0% or -1% variance i.e. urban M'head, rural-East-&-South, and New Windsor;
- Rural-North, generally Green Belt, has 4% variance;
- Two (2) constituencies are based in W&M district: Maidenhead-CC & Windsor-CC – 0.54% & -0.1% variances respectively – **member allocation to be 23 & 20 each**.
- 2001 PER – 103,742 electors: in 16y >=5k growth only.

Local Government (LG) to be convenient & efficient

- Polling districts are the basic *building blocks*: to be re-use where possible for electorates' convenience and efficient LG administration, go to **pages 5-10**;
- Names of wards reflect **historic identity**. In Windsor: Castle, Park, & Clewer all have **municipal continuity**.
- Polling District '*musical chairs*' feasibly proposed in New Windsor: so to build upon, community identities, the Labour Party scheme-design accepted in 2001 PER.

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Electoral Arrangements: extant wards as-adapted for 43-cllr

W_&_M as-adapted scheme: for comparative purposes only ...!

03-vii-17 <http://rbwm.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=134&MIId=6766&Ver=4>

Bray-CP's future changes https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/downloads/file/2657/final_recommendations

WARD, name	as-proposed cllr	2017	var %	AD-2023 C.C.	av/ cllr	var %
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Bis'm-&-Cook'm	2	5353	5.69%	5912	2956	6.96%
Hy_ & Walthams	2	4828	-4.68%	5190	2595	-6.1%
Bray-ward	2	5702	12.58%	6144	3072	11.2%
<i>"St Mary W'out"</i>	3	6350	-16.41%	7044	2348	-15%
Furze Platt	2	5739	13.31%	6083	3041	10%
Pinkneys Green	2	5623	11.02%	5960	2980	7.83%
Belmont	3	6198	-18.42%	6604	2201	-20%
Boyn Hill	2	5754	13.607%	6254	3127	13%
Cox Green	2	5695	12.44%	6038	3019	9.24%
Oldfield	3	6977	-8.16%	8679	2893	4.68%
Castle ... + MB	2	5503	8.67%	5944	2972	7.54%
Park	1 ⁵	3973	4.57%	4212	2808	1.604%
Clewer East	1 ⁵	3921	3.22%	4156	2771	0.25%
Clewer South	1 ⁵	3766	-0.88%	3992	2661	-3.7%
Clewer North	2 ⁵	5854	-7.53%	6342	2537	-8.2%
Eton-CP	1	3025	19.45%	3206	3206	16%
Datchet	2	3734	-26.28%	3972	1986	-28%
Horton-&-W'bury	1 ⁵	4078	7.33%	4509	3006	8.77%
Old Windsor	1.5	3878	2.09%	4146	2764	0.01%
Ascot-Cheapside	1 ⁵	4015	5.697%	4568	3045	10.2%
S'hill-w-So.Ascot	2	4969	-1.92%	5358	2679	-3.6%
Sunningdale	1 ⁵	3958	4.197%	4525	3017	9.15%
M'head	23			63,908	23 ¹²	2778 0.54%
Windsor	20			54,930	19 ⁸⁷	2747 -0.6%
\ total	43	108 893	---	118 838	43	--- 0%
/ average		---	2532 . ³⁹⁵			2763 ⁶⁷² ...

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Electoral Arrangements: 12-wards for 20-cllr in Windsor-CC

Windsor & Maidenhead as-proposed scheme

WARD, 12 No proposed >>> environ's area =====	2017 C.C. =====	AD-2023 =====	av/ cllr	vari cllr % =====
• rural-North	15,883	17 246	6	2874 4%
urban M'head	42,336	46 662	17	2745 -07%
New Windsor		24,646	9	2738 -1%
rural-East-&-South		30,284	11	2753 -01%
• Windsor_CC, pt of				
Castle	5503	5944	2	2972 7.54%
Park	2727	2891	1	2891 4607%
Clewer East	4821	5110	2	2555 -76%
Clewer North	4954	5388	2	2694 -35%
Clewer South	5012	5313	2	2657 -39%
Eton Wick-with-Eton (~)	2738	2899	1	2899 489%
Datchet-&-Horton (~)	4858	5302	2	2651 -41%
Old Windsor-&-W'bury	7119	7632	3	2544 -8%
Ascot Heath	2697	2859	1	2859 345%
Ascot-with-Sunninghill	2596	2958	1	2958 7032%
So.Ascot	2448	2752	1	2752-004%
Sunningdale	5201	5882	2	2941 6416%
M'head 23	58,219	63,908	23 ¹²	2778 0.54%
Windsor 20	50,674	54,930	19⁸⁷	2747 -06%
\ total	43	108 893 ---	118 838	43 --- 0%
/ average ==	---	2532.395	==	2763⁶⁷² ...

WBC's FER forecast AD-2022 increase, was 5%, AMD 7% ...!

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*** (~) an alternative arrangements, in rural-East

Eton	2881	3053	1	3053 10%
Datchet-&- Horton	4715	5148	2	2574 -69%

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New Windsor

WARD, as proposed =====	AD-2017 =====	2023 =====	c11r variance =====	
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- **New Windsor** 24,646 **9** **2738 -1%**
- Anglo-Saxon Old Windsor: upstream is Windsor Castle;
- Names of wards reflect historic identity. In Windsor: **Castle, Park, & Clewer** all have municipal continuity.
- Castle ward encloses Windsor's 3-Conservation Areas;
- Polling districts are the basic building blocks: & are to be re-used for electorate's convenience and afford efficient LG administration, where ever possible;
- Polling District '*musical chairs*' proposed feasible in New Windsor so to build upon our community identities: the Labour Party scheme-design accepted in 2001 PER.

Castle	5503	5944	2	7% (7.54%)
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the extant Castle Without ward is 2⁴⁵⁴%
INSERT: "**MB** Castle polling district".

- * Town Centre: ward bound modified to C/L river Thames;
- * Windsor Castle would be re-united with the 3 (three) conservation areas' Victorian, commercial & Guildhall;
- * whole of The Home Park (Private/Public) - Green Belt - would now be re-united within Castle ward;
- * clear bound: A308 (Goslar Way, Osborne Rd, Albert Rd);
- * Castle was New Windsor's #1 ward.

Suggest revised name, revert to previous, **Castle ward**.

Park	2727	2891	1	5% (4⁶⁰⁷%)
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the extant Park ward is -23⁸%

OMIT: VA (Hemwood) & **VC** (Manor Fm) into Clewer South ward.

- * Park was New Windsor's #2 ward.
- * Parkside fringe's boundary modified by ... South ward;
- * a series of estates on Great Park's fringe.

Suggest retain extant name **Park ward**.

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Windsor rural East

WARD, as proposed =====	AD-2017 =====	2023 =====	c11r variance ====	=====
• rural-East (Thames)		15,833	6	2639 -4^{5%}

Eton, Datchet & Horton

- Datchet CP's entitlement is 1⁴³⁷ (< 2) councillor: oh, too few electors to retain 2-members, it needs an 'xtra 1554-electors for best electoral equality.
- Datchet-CP combine with **Horton**-CP: -10% variance;
- Eton, Datchet & Horton are a trinity of CPs: and their combined -1⁰⁹% variance has good electoral equality;
- Datchet & Horton are south of the-QM reservoir;
- Eton-CP has 3-identities - town, gown, & the-village;
- Eton-CP forecast - 16% variance - is beyond criteria!
- In "**MA**", Broken Furlong estate isn't village or town: suggest that it should combine with Datchet & Horton.
- MA's polling future: 2-stations in 1-place ie Eton TH.

Eton Wick with Eton ward 2738 **2899** **1** **5% (4.89%)**

... create a new ward of **NA_ & MA**;

OMIT: 290/307-electors, Broken Furlong estate (~), from MA, create **Eton North p-w**, into new Datchet & Horton ward;

- * THAMES north-bank, town of Eton's identity is urban: whilst Eton Wick is a village in the Green Belt;
- * Eton High Street is a 'conservation area' with many pre-Tudor timber framed buildings eg the-Cockpit;
- * 'the-Gown' is a distinct urban environment, not rural;
- * inner playing fields, are beyond the Colenorton Brook (Jordan) & south of Chalvey Ditch (Willow Brook), between two waterways known as 'Mesopotamia' commonly 'mesopots';
- * Agars Plough outer playing fields beyond Pocock's Ln.

Suggest new name **Eton Wick with Eton** ward.

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Datchet & Horton 4858 **5302** **2** **-4% (4^{1%})**
... create a new ward of **LA_ & QA**;
INSERT: , ,
ADD: 290/307 electors, from **MA** Eton p-w (~), into new ward,
to be a new **Eton North parish ward** of Eton-CP (^);
* Datchet CP must combine with Horton CP: -10% variance;
** **'xtra > 300-electors, has improved electoral equality**;
* Datchet & Horton, generally N of the SW-railway, are
linked by Horton Rd (Datchet Rd) S of the-QM reservoir.
Suggest new name **Datchet & Horton** ward.

Old Windsor & Wraysbury

- Old Windsor CP's entitlement is 1⁵ (2) councillor:
oh, too few electors to retain 2-members, it needs
'xtra electors - 1350-electors for electoral equality;
- This village has Anglo-Saxon settlement origins.
- Wraysbury CP's entitlement is 1²⁶ (< 1⁵) councillor: it
needs to join riparian neighbour with same problems.
- Flood Plain - both CPs' were inundated in 1947 & 1974,
again recently in early spring 2014 - a joint problem.

Old Windsor & Wraysbury 7119 **7632** **3** **-8% (7^{9%})**
the extant **Old Windsor ward** is -25%
the extant **Wraysbury-CP** is -37% (-36^{932%})
... create a new ward of **TA, TB_ & QB**;
* **Old Windsor** CP must combine with Wraysbury CP;
* negative variance affords best electoral equality;
* riverine Thames flood plain sharing same problems.
Suggest new name **Old Windsor & Wraysbury** ward.

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(~) along C/L of A355(A332) Eton relief Rd, Eton Wick Rd,
railway viaduct, & down the Colenorton Brook (Jordan) [inc
Common Ln - Rossey Place & Swimming Pool Cottages] into river THAMES.

- (^) Eton Wick Rd (South View, east), Broken Furlong, Somerville, Stonebridge,
- Common Ln (Swimming Pool, & Rossey Pl), along C?L of 'Colenorton Brook',
- Pocock's Ln, Slough Rd (Agars Plough), and Willowbrook. == ~

