Dear Sirs,

Re Fisheries inclusion in Bray Borough Ward

RBWM have made the determination that at the 2019 Elections a part of the Fisheries Estate will be included within the Parish of Bray, and this decision is welcomed by Bray Parish Council. The current proposal is that this part of the Fisheries Estate has been left within the Oldfield Borough Ward as part of the Windsor & Maidenhead Electoral Review. On four counts this does not seem to Bray Parish Council to be a sensible decision and we ask that you review this.

In the first place, the original decision to include part of the Fisheries Estate in Bray Parish is to do with identity. The Residents of the Fisheries Estate have always identified themselves with Bray Village and have always felt that their rightful "home" was within Bray Parish. The Fisheries fits much more closely with Bray than it does with Oldfield.

Secondly, adding the circa 200 Electors in that part of the Fisheries Estate to Bray Borough Ward would not breach the target of 2700 electors per Borough Councillor, plus or minus 10%, that you wish to achieve with the Boundary Review.

Thirdly, we already have an anomaly between Parish and Borough Ward boundaries at the Eastern end of the Parish with respect to Clewer Ward and we understand that residents there also identify more closely with Bray Parish.

Finally, the Residents themselves, having instigated and achieved inclusion within Bray Parish, would not want their representation to be confused by having different Borough Councillors’ representing them.

There is an opportunity now to remove any future confusion by making the decision to include that part of the Fisheries Estate within the Bray Borough Ward.

We trust you will find these suggestions constructive and acceptable.

With kind regards

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