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I wish to make small but hopefully constructive comments relating to the review of the Vale White Horse District Council which currently being undertaken.

I have for the last 28 years approximately been at various times a Town Councillor – Faringdon Town Council, a District Councillor – Vale White Horse District Council and now a County Councillor for the Faringdon and the Coxwells Division. I am not “multi-hatted” I have at each stage of my progression from town councillor to county councillor relinquished my position in the previous authority .

The Boundary Commission has undertaken a review of the Oxfordshire County Council seats and I believe that it is appropriate that the Vale White Horse District Council is reviewed in a similar manner. I have been a County Councillor for 4 terms and will be standing in 2013 for a 5th term of office. I find it amazing that I have coped as a single member to undertake the work of my Division when I have 3 District Councillors serving with me covering the same area and in 2013 the number of District Councillors would increase to 4 as my Division is changing to encompass a further 4 villages . The County Council undertakes 80% of the work in delivering services to the people of Oxfordshire whereas the District Council undertakes only 20% of service delivery. I am therefore supportive of a review and supportive of a reduction in the number of councillors sitting on the Vale White Horse District Council. My only thought is that I would wish the County Divisions and the District Council Wards to be co-terminus with each other as this would not only aid working together as elected members but would insure and assure a lack of confusion with the general public who will be able to identify with one group of councillors for one geographic area.

I hope my comments above are helpful.

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