Map Features:

Annotation 1: Proposed new boundary for Beenham parish

Annotation 2: Completely illogical for the housing at Aldermaston Wharf to be either in Beenham parish or Aldermaston parish.

Annotation 3: Proposed boundary to include Aldermaston Wharf in Padworth parish / Mortimer ward

Comment text:

It is completely illogical for the residents of Aldermaston Wharf to be split by apparent arbitrary divisions into Beenham parish, Aldermaston parish. The housing to the north of the Kennet and Avon canal has been included in Beenham parish but the residents have absolutely no community links or affiliation to the only parish centre of population i.e. Beenham village. This is further emphasised / exacerbated by the geographical separation. Public transport links between the two are non-existent and travel by other means involves large detours on winding country lanes. Their community affiliation / adhesion is to “the Wharf” and logically Padworth parish. This would also apply to the residents to the south of the Kennet & Avon canal. I can only assume that the arbitrary delineations were made on the simple basis of population density and the concomitant financial benefits that might accrue to each parish in which the subdivided residents of Aldermaston Wharf were placed. It is in effect an administrative convenience and has little or no relevance to the residents of the Aldermaston Wharf. Their collective voice on matters such as planning, road traffic problems, speeding etc are not heard. Beenham parish
has a very active council but the concerns of residents in Aldermaston Wharf who are at the furthest flung limit of the parish, divided by distance and the A4, are unlikely to carry much weight. In the same way that Aldermaston Wharf has little or no interest in the plans, aspirations, developments in Beenham village which I would argue, many have never even visited. If the delineations were and are made simply on the basis of population calculations and financial contribution (current and anticipated) then this should be made categorically clear to the residents. In summary, Aldermaston Wharf to be included in its entirety in either Padworth parish or Aldermaston parish where community affiliation and cohesion would be significantly increased and the likelihood of resident’s involvement to parish matters equally enhanced. Thank you

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