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**From:** WEBBER RICHARD [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 31 August 2012 15:56  
**To:** Otterway, Richard  
**Subject:** Electoral Warding Review VWHDC - Lib DEm Proposals

Dear Mr Otterway

As you aware, VWHDC was granted an extension for submissions until the end of today, Friday 31st August. Following our full Council Meeting on Wednesday 29th, I am able to send you the full submission of the Liberal Democrat Group of VWHDC for consideration by the Commission. I would appreciate acknowledgment of receipt.

Many thanks

Richard Webber Cllr  
 Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group  
 VWHDC

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FAO Electoral Commission

**Submission for Warding arrangements in  
 the Vale of White Horse District**

Submitted by The Liberal Democrat Opposition Group at VWHDC

Two Senior Members of our Group have been involved in meetings of the Electoral Review Group of VWHDC over the past few months. Both have read the Electoral Reviews Technical Guidance 2012 publication of the Boundary Commission. As have all those involved in producing this submission.

06/09/2012

We have endeavoured to comply with all guidance given, particularly that relating to:

1. Arguing from detailed evidence
2. Avoiding any party political considerations
3. Coterminosity
4. Implications for Parishes

We are firmly convinced that lines which divide natural communities should be avoided wherever possible. We also support the principle that 1 member wards, where possible, serve the needs of our residents best.

Whilst as a Group, we have some concerns over certain rural wards, namely -

1. 1. The very large Thames Ward – but we accept that there is almost certain to be a large rural ward somewhere in this part of the Vale
2. 2. The large size of the Blewbury Ward and the small size of the neighbouring Harwell Ward – but given the alternative of drawing a line through Chilton, we agree that this is unavoidable.
3. 3. That Kennington and Radley should have to become a 2 member Ward – but again the alternative would be to draw a line through Kennington.

we are firmly of the view that the Council's proposals are the best solutions in these three cases. In other proposed areas, we are in broad agreement with the Council's proposals with *two* exceptions.

1. We believe for a number of reasons, we have better solutions for the Warding of the proposed Botley and Sunningwell & the Hinkseys Wards.
2. We also believe that the Council's proposed Warding arrangements for Abingdon have been too rushed and that our proposals more properly address your guidance document.

Our detailed proposals argument and evidence for these two cases is attached: