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Dear Mr Otterway,

The majority Conservative Group on the Abingdon Town Council wish to recommend to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England a ward structure for Abingdon on Thames comprising five two-member wards. Our reasons for this are:

1. The five wards are likely to be more coterminous to the recently defined Oxfordshire County Council Divisions than the ten single-member ward options that are being suggested.
2. A five-ward configuration will conform more easily to the natural community boundaries within in the town – i.e. arterial routes, roads, rivers, streams, foot footpaths and housing estate boundaries, etc.
3. A five-ward configuration can be better matched to the different local community identities and cultures in the town.
4. The five-ward proposal allows for team working by district and town councillors in representing the different localities in the town.
5. A five ward configuration will be more flexible and adaptable when the Local Community Governance review takes place and in accommodating the localism policies and planning principles that will follow the final recommendations of the Commission regarding the Vale of White Horse boundary review.

A map showing the proposed boundaries is attached. Please note the Red dotted line which shows a slight variation from the Oxfordshire County Council divisions. However, please note that the overriding principle is for five two-member wards. If the Commission can identify more coterminous boundaries based on this principle, we will be satisfied.

Yours sincerely



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