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"To join the village of Watchfield with the town of Faringdon which would have three councillors representing the area would in my opinion not differentiate between the needs of a town and the rural community which in most cases have vastly different needs.

The original suggestion of one councillor for the Shrivenham Ward and one for Watchfield made more sense. However, the current arrangement of two councillors for the Shrivenham Ward works well. It is of course appreciated that under the proposed reduction in the number of councillors for the Vale that the current electorate in this ward does not warrant two councillors. The proposal to incorporate the villages to the west of Faringdon into Watchfield and the villages south of Shrivenham will increase the numbers. In addition there is significant house building planned for both Shrivenham and Watchfield as well as the smaller villages during the next year to eighteen months and therefore the numbers will obviously increase.

Shrivenham, Watchfield and the surrounding villages share all the local infrastructure based in Shrivenham. It would be more acceptable for the Ward to remain as the Shrivenham Ward with the additional villages and served by two councillors. This proposal would not affect the overall proposed number of 38 Vale councillors. "