Electoral Review of West Berkshire:

Inkpen Parish Council - Proposed new boundary for Hungerford & Kintbury Ward, West Berkshire

The new Hungerford & Kintbury Ward has a recommendation of a 3 councilor ward. These comments relate to the proposed recommendation of Hungerford & Kintbury Ward which includes Boxford & Welford:

Inkpen Parish Council has recorded an objection to the current recommendation.

The proposed new ward is geographically too large to be represented by 3 councilors. Both the Hungerford and the current Kintbury wards have significant commonality in travel to work pattern; common community interests and interaction; and transport links. Traditionally these wards have been linked together and share a common bond for local people i.e shops, medical facilities, transport, schools and leisure.

The new proposed geographical area would extend the boundary across the A4 and M4 to the north and give links where none exist and would seek to distort local representation. Three Ward Councillors would not be able to give fair representation for those communities at the district level.

The current relationship of the Hungerford and Kintbury Ward should be maintained excluding Boxford & Welford i.e to include Hungerford, Kintbury, Inkpen, Combe, Hamstead Marshall and Enborne, all of which form a natural association and community values.

Clerk to Inkpen Parish Council