

CGR 10

Parishes Affected

Great Faringdon

Matter to be considered

Warding of the parish

Impact on district and county council boundaries

None

Summary of parish council responses

Faringdon town council asked that we create two wards covering the parish using the A417 to provide a split north-east/south-west, each ward comprising seven councillors.

Summary of other responses

None

Recommendation

To make no change to the current arrangements for parish elections in Great Faringdon parish

Justification

Faringdon town council currently comprises 14 councillors. This proposal is to divide those councillors between two wards. The A417/A420 would be an appropriate man-made boundary if the town was warded.

The Local Government and Public Involvement and Health Act 2007 requires that in relation to warding a parish the council considers whether:

- a) the number, or distribution of local government electors for the parish would make a single election of councillors impracticable or inconvenient; and
- b) it is desirable that any of the areas of the parish should be separately represented

The working group does not consider that the case for change is strong. Faringdon town council has not provided any rationale for its request and, on

the face of it, the proposal does not meet the criteria laid down in statute. The request fails on a) because, in the view of the returning officer, it is practicable to hold an election for the whole parish. At present, therefore, the working group does not consider that it can support this proposal and recommends no change to the existing arrangements, which comprise a single election for the whole parish of Great Faringdon.