

Boundary Review Group

Wednesday 17 June 2015

Present: Councillor Sharpe (Chair)

Councillors Bell, Johnson, Khan, Mehta and Scudder

Also present: Head of Democracy and Governance
Electoral Services Manager
Democratic Services Manager

1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	None were received
2.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
	The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.
3.	DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST
	There were no disclosures of interest
4.	POLITICAL GROUP PROPOSALS FOR BOUNDARY REVIEW
	<p>Councillor Iain Sharpe outlined the structure of the meeting, that each group had been asked to produce a proposal for the Boundary Review and they would present this in turn and collectively look for any common ground to go forward with as a Council proposal.</p> <p>The first map considered was one produced by officers showing near electoral equality across the Borough. The Elections Manager explained that this was not a proposal and no community considerations had been taken into account. The exercise had just been undertaken at Members' request to illustrate wards as close to equality as possible.</p> <p>Councillor Khan presented the Labour Group proposals. Which included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moving Courtlands Close to Woodside (from Leggatts)• Moving the Meriden section of St Albans Road into Stanborough• Extending Nascot ward further down Langley Road• Moving Raven Close into Park (from Holywell)• Ending Callowland boundary at Penn Road• Moving new development at Watford Junction into Tudor along with part of Central ward• Move Watford Fields into Oxhey along with a section of the Health Campus• Split Health Campus across Oxhey, Vicarage and Holywell

The Elections Manager commented that with regards to the Oxhey proposals it would need to be Watford Health Campus or Watford Fields moving and not both. Therefore, the Labour Group proposal could put Watford Fields back in Central.

Councillor Mehta presented the Conservative Group proposals. These included:

- Move whole Health Campus into Oxhey Ward (Health Campus development seen as one community) or move Watford Fields into Oxhey
- Make whole of Avenue into Nascot (currently half Nascot, half Park)
- Nascot ward – move Greenbanks into Leggatts
- Kytes estate move to Woodside from Meriden
- Tudor to gain electoral district HA (Radlett Road)

Councillor Sharpe presented the Liberal Democrat Group proposals. These included:

- Moving the blocks of flats in the Health Campus that would be overlooking the river into Oxhey (to take in Colne Valley)
- Vicarage – move Raven Close into Park
- Nascot – move Greenbanks into Leggatts. However, Nascot is currently at 8% and the percentage difference would be decreasing as a result of developments in other areas of the Borough
- Radlett Road estate to Tudor
- No change to Woodside and Stanborough as both are at the lower limit.

Following discussion around whether the Watford Junction development would be completed by 2020 the Elections Manager advised that in the Council's supporting evidence detailed explanation could be given on expected developments. This was in response to Members concerns that moving the whole of the development into Tudor may not increase Tudor's numbers sufficiently by 2020.

Areas of possible agreement between the groups' proposals were identified as:

- Health Campus into Oxhey
- Watford Fields into Central
- Radlett Road into Tudor
- Raven Court into Park

RESOLVED

Group representatives to remain in contact over next few days to look for areas of common agreement.

Extra meeting if needed on Monday 22 June 6.30pm

Chair
Boundary Review Group

The meeting started at 6.30 p.m.
and finished at 7.35 p.m.