

Boundary Review Group

Monday 22 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 and it was noted that the areas of agreement outlined in the minutes were only possibilities that had been discussed.
3.	DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST
	There were no disclosures of interest
4.	PROPOSALS FOR BOUNDARY REVIEW SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL
	<p>Councillor Sharpe set out that at the last meeting proposals were put forward and there were areas identified for possible agreement. Having looked further into this Councillor Sharpe commented that there was merit in unanimity but little merit in trying to get agreement in 2 out of 3 groups. It had not been possible to find a solution for Radlett Road/Oxhey Fields. The Council could propose up to a 10% variance but going over this percentage would be hard to justify unless there were exceptional reasons. With regards to moving the Avenue completely into Nascot it would mean moving areas of Greenbanks and Courtlands Drive into Leggatts. The disadvantage of this move would be that residents in those areas also identified themselves as part of Nascot. Therefore, no move may be preferable.</p> <p>In response to a question from Councillor Mehta, Councillor Sharpe explained that Nascot would not be too large by 2020 as developments in other wards would have taken place. The Head of Democracy and Governance commented that by 2020 Nascot would only be 8% over.</p> <p>Councillor Khan commented that as the numbers were incorrect initially this meant that parties and residents were working on the wrong figures. As the figures had been changed it had meant less consultation with the parties and a shorter time frame in order to make comments. Councillor Sharpe agreed and thanked the Elections Manager for his e-mail to the Boundary Commission.</p>

	<p>Councillor Sharpe concluded that the Boundary Review Group had sought to achieve unanimous agreement but this had not been reached. He would put forward the Liberal Democrat Group's submission to Council and the Labour and Conservative Groups could move their proposals as amendments. The Council could then send the minutes of the Council meeting to the Boundary Commission along with the submission. Groups could also make their own submissions directly to the Boundary Commission.</p> <p>The Head of Democracy and Governance outlined the next stages following the submission from Council. In August the Council would receive the Boundary Commission's draft recommendation. In October Council would meet to consider the proposals and in December the Council would receive a final response from the Boundary Commission.</p>
	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That unanimous agreement could not be reached and that each group would put their proposal to Council.</p>

The meeting started at 7.00 p.m.
and finished at 7.30 p.m.

Chair
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