

Strategic Management Board



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Sent by email only to shiplakepc@hotmail.com

Letter also sent to Harpsden Parish Council

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Dear Mr Hudson

Community Governance Review

As you know, we are currently carrying out a community governance review. The councillor working group formulated recommendations in relation to a whole variety of proposals; Council considered these recommendations at its meeting on 20 February and agreed the formal draft proposals for consultation.

One of these draft proposals relates to a change to the parish boundary at Shiplake and Harpsden; we are therefore consulting the relevant town or parish council(s) and all residents whose property lies within the affected area. I attach a report schedule that sets out the recommendation and justification, together with a map showing the proposed boundary change.

If your council would like to make representations about these proposals you can do so by **31 May 2014** by email to cgr@southandvale.gov.uk. If you do not have access to email then please write to:

CGR
South Oxfordshire District Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Benson Lane
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The Council will take the following assessment criteria into account when making its decisions:

- natural or man-made boundaries that help to define clearly one community from another
- housing developments that straddle parish boundaries, thereby resulting in people being in different parishes from their neighbours
- effective and convenient representation of local residents at parish level
- the LGBCE's proposals for the warding of South Oxfordshire for the purposes of district council elections
- the newly created county council electoral divisions
- views expressed in relation to any changes, particularly from those people directly affected
- the extent to which proposals reflect the identities and interests of the affected community.

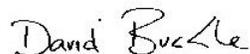
It is very important that any representations you make address these criteria. It is important that your council responds to this formal consultation, even if you have written to us previously.

Finally, we have produced a Frequently Asked Questions paper, which is available on our website at <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/local-democracy/town-and-parish-councils/local-government-and-public-involvement>; we may add to this as new questions are raised.

If you require any further information, or need clarification on the review, please contact:

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Yours sincerely



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