CGR 3

Parishes Affected

Benson, Ewelme

Matter to be considered

Amending the boundary of Benson parish so that the whole of RAF Benson lies within the parish

Impact on district and county council boundaries

None (in light of the recommendation)

Summary of parish council responses

Ewelme parish council objects to the proposal for a variety of reasons. Benson parish council sought further information, which was not provided in the light of the recommendation

Summary of other responses

The Station Commander at RAF Benson advises that, "the boundary as it stands does not cause any operational difficulty". He adds that the base has excellent relationships with both parish councils.

Recommendation

To make no change to the boundary between Benson and Ewelme parishes

Justification

The key factor here was whether the RAF regarded the existing boundary as satisfactory. Having confirmed that it did, the working group concluded that there was a very limited case for change. The current boundary was created as part of the review of parish arrangements that took place in 2000 and uses a variety of man-made features, so the working group proposes no change.

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