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Parishes Affected

Thame and Great Haseley

Matter to be considered

Amending the parish boundary to include land currently in Great Haseley parish within Thame parish.

Impact on district and county council boundaries

Any change to the parish boundary would impact on both the Thame and Haseley Brook District Wards and both Thame and Chinnor and Chalgrove and Watlington County Divisions.

Proposal agreed by the Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee on 25 May 2022 for consultation

To consult on a proposal to make no change to the parish boundary between Thame parish and Great Haseley parish.

Summary of responses to the draft proposal consultation

Details of the responses received are set out in the engagement summary document.

Thame Town Council proposed the change and has restated its support and reasons for seeking a change to the parish boundary.

Great Haseley Parish Council has confirmed its objection to any change to the parish boundary.

Recommendation

To make no change to the parish boundary between Thame parish and Great Haseley parish.

Justification for final recommendation

The requested change does not address the criteria set out in the terms of reference for this review. Whilst Thame's Cattle Market has planning permission to relocate to a site in Great Haseley parish and there is planning permission for an employment site, also within Great Haseley parish, adjacent to the proposed cattle market site, these are not considered reasons to change the boundary at this time. It is the case that these sites lie closer to

Thame than the village of Great Haseley. However, within rural areas it is normal for a parish area to comprise a number of hamlets, business and other facilities over a large area of land. Thame Town Council's proposed boundary change extends well beyond the area impacted by these planning permissions, neither of which have been implemented. Neither of the sites impact on the identity and interests of the local community or the effective and convenient representation of local residents in Thame to a greater extent than those in Great Haseley.