

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

Vale of White Horse District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (Western Valley) Order 2023

Made 23 February 2023

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Vale of White Horse District Council (“the council”), in accordance with section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (“the 2007 Act”), has undertaken a community governance review and made recommendations dated 6 December 2022.

The council has decided to give effect to those recommendations and, in accordance with section 93 of the 2007 Act, has consulted with the local government electors and other interested persons and has had regard to the need to secure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community and is effective and convenient.

The council, in accordance with section 100 of the 2007 Act, has had regard to guidance issued under that section.

The council makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 86 and 98(3) of the 2007 Act and all other enabling powers.

Citation and commencement

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Vale of White Horse District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (Western Valley) Order 2023.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) below, this Order comes into force on 1 April 2023.

(3) Article 6 of this Order shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2023.

(4) For the purposes of;
 - (a) this article;
 - (b) Article 5; and
 - (c) proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of parish councillors for the parish councils affected by changes made by this Order to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2023,

this Order shall come into force on the day on which it is made.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“district” means the district of Vale of White Horse;

“map” means the map attached to this Order marked “Map referred to in the Vale of White Horse District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (Western Valley) Order 2023” and deposited in accordance with section 96(4) of the 2007 Act;

“ordinary day of election of councillors” has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983; and

“registration officer” means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Effect of Order

- 3.** This Order has effect subject to any agreement under section 99 (agreements about incidental matters) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 relevant to any provision of this Order.

Constitution of a new parish

- 4.** (1) A new parish, comprising the area edged black and hatched blue on the attached map, shall be constituted within the district.
- (2) The name of the new parish shall be Western Valley.

Calculation of budget requirement

- 5.** For the purposes of regulation 3 of the Local Government Finance (New Parishes) (England) Regulations 2008 there is specified in relation to the parish of Western Valley the sum of £50,188.

Parish Council for the parish of Western Valley

- 6.** (1) There shall be a parish council for the parish of Western Valley.
- (2) The name of that council shall be Western Valley Parish Council.

Elections to the parish of Western Valley

- 7.** (1) The election of all parish councillors for the parish of Western Valley shall be held simultaneously on the ordinary day of election of councillors in May 2023 and then every four years thereafter.
- (2) The term of office of every parish councillor elected on the ordinary day of the election in May 2023 for the parish of Western Valley shall be four years.

Wards of the parish of Western Valley and numbers of parish councillors

8. (1) The parish of Western Valley shall not be warded.

(2) The number of parish councillors to be elected for the parish of Western Valley shall be eight.

Annual meeting of parish council

9. The annual meeting of the new parish council in 2023 shall be convened by the head of legal and democratic of the district council. The meeting shall take place no later than 14 days after the day on which the councillors elected to the new parish council take office.

Electoral register

10. The registration officer for the district shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

Transfer of property, rights and liabilities

11. The land, property, rights and liabilities described in Schedule 1 shall transfer from Harwell Parish Council to Western Valley Parish Council.

Transitional provision

12. Until the councillors elected to the council of the new parish of Western Valley at the elections to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2023 come into office, the new parish shall be represented by those persons who immediately before 1 April 2023 are the elected councillors for the district ward of Blewbury and Harwell and the county division of Hendreds & Harwell.

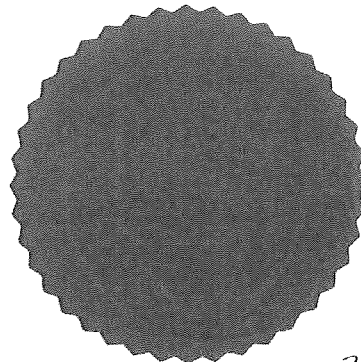
Order date

13. 1 April 2023 is the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

The Common Seal of
Vale of White Horse District Council
was affixed in the presence of



Authorised Signatory
Dated 23 February 2023





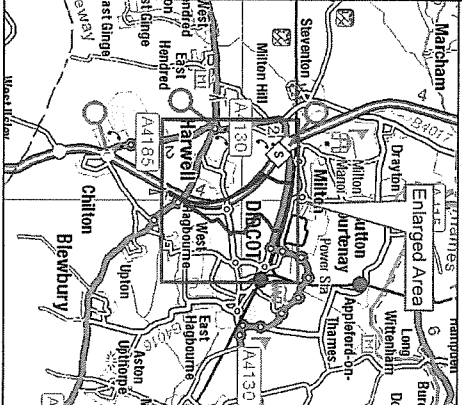
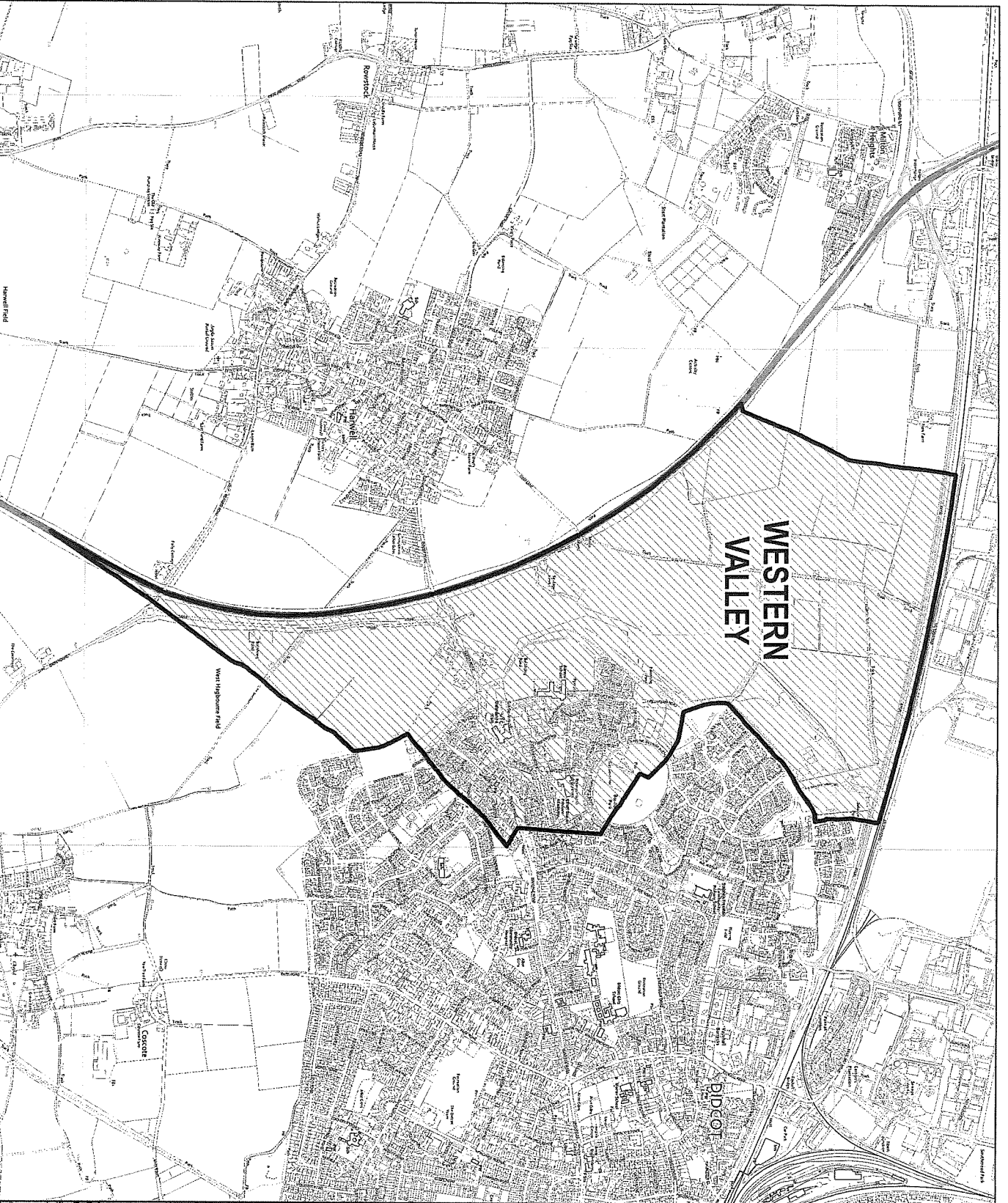
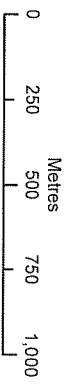
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Map referred to in the Vale of White Horse District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) (Western Valley) Order 2023



Vale of White Horse
District Council

-  Parish Boundary
-  Area of New Parish



EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by Vale of White Horse District Council's Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee on 6 December 2022.

The parish of Western Valley will be created with effect from 1 April 2023. The electoral arrangements apply in respect of parish elections to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2023.

The new parish council will be a precepting authority for the purposes of Part 1 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. Section 32 of that Act requires Vale of White Horse District Council, as the billing authority, to calculate its budget requirement taking into account the amount of any precept issued to it for a given year by a local precepting authority. Article 5 sets out how the initial precept will be calculated for those purposes.

Article 7 provides for parish elections in the parish of Western Valley in 2023, and then to continue according to the established system of parish elections every four years.

Article 8 and the map establish that the new parish of Western Valley will not be warded and sets the number of parish councillors.

Article 10 obliges the registration officer to make any necessary amendments to the electoral register to reflect the new electoral arrangements.

Article 12 sets out the transitional arrangements that will apply between 1 April 2023 and the date when councillors are elected to the new Western Valley Parish Council.