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Related subject: Woughton and Fishermead / Ouzel Valley

Woughton Community Council would like to express concerns about the new proposals, specifically around the loss of the two (2) residential estates of Peartree Bridge and Tinkers Bridge. Whilst community feedback suggests that Peartree Bridge is less concerned, the people of Tinkers Bridge have stated clearly that they are eager to remain within the existing ward.

Tinkers Bridge has been part of the Woughton 'family' for many years, and the demographics of the estate lend themselves to remaining within the parish. There is a real danger that inclusion within the proposed new ward of 'Ouzel Valley' would leave this small estates as an outlier, both geographically and demographically, being included within a new parish that is very different.

Additionally, the estate is well served by neighbouring estates, by the over arching support offered through the Woughton and Fishermead ward and, more locally, with the parish of Woughton. The danger of viewing Marlborough Street as a 'natural boundary', rather than the existing boundary of the Grand Union Canal, means that there is potential for this to be used in any further discussions around parishes, leaving Tinker Bridge even more isolated.

We would encourage a review of this recommendation, encouraging alternative options to be explored and for Tinkers Bridge to remain within the existing ward.

This submission was agreed at the relevant committee and is submitted on behalf of Woughton Community Council, minute LD207/24

Attached Documents:

None attached