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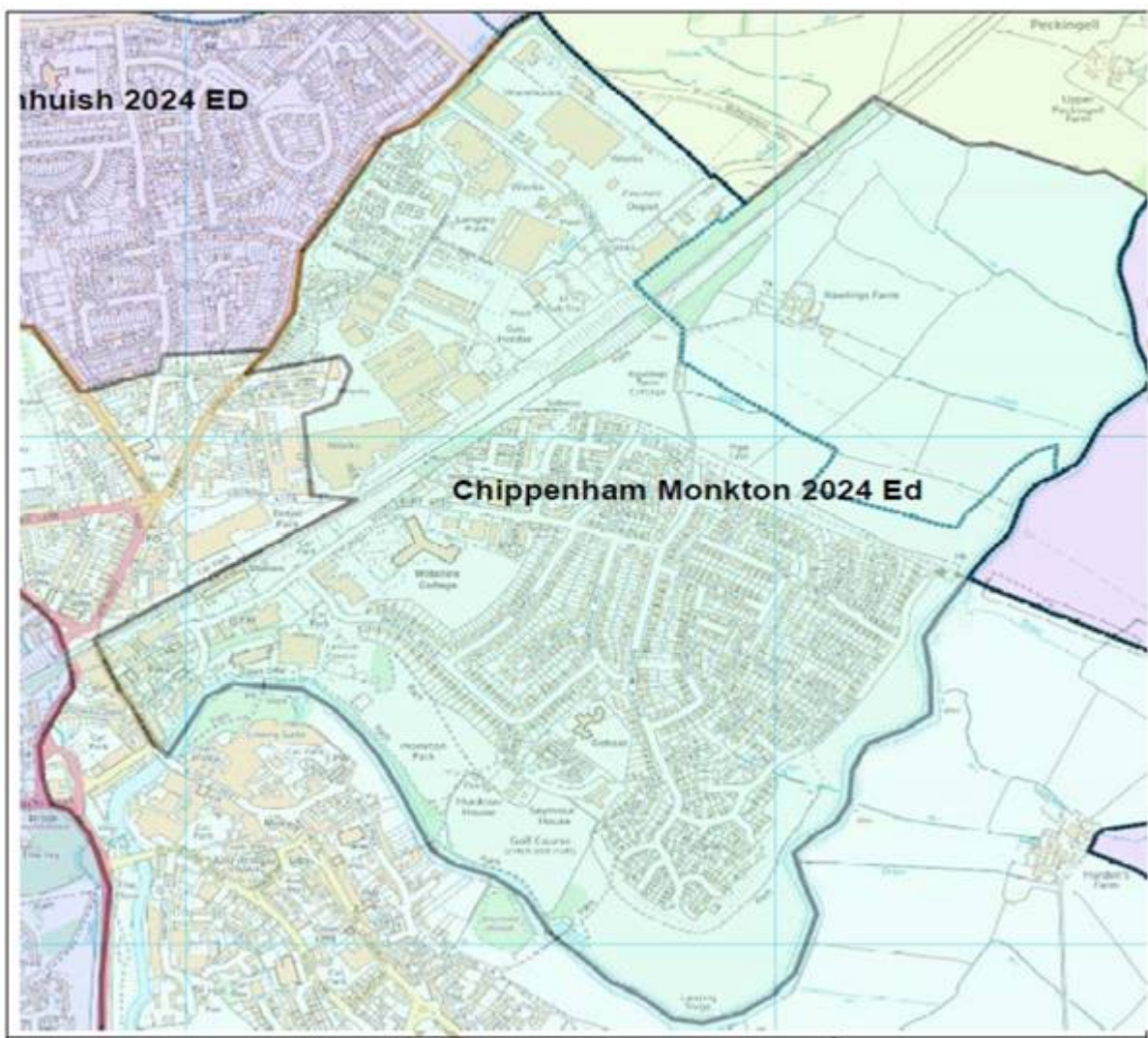
25 March 2019

Proposed Amendment to the Draft Submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England from Councillor Nick Murry, Chippenham Monkton Division

Proposal from Councillor Murry

Monkton Ward

This is the proposal that is supported by Chippenham Town Council, Chippenham councillors, the Monkton division member and Hardens and Central division member.



Division 50			No of Councillors: One	
Polling district	Description of area	Parish	Old Division	Electorate 2024
QH1	Chippenham (Monkton) Part 1	Chippenham	Chippenham Monkton	1,059
QH2	Chippenham (Monkton) Part 2	Chippenham	Chippenham Monkton	2,615
OJ1 b	Langley Burrell Without	Langley Burrell Without	Kington	602
Forecast Electorate in 2024		4276	Variance	0%
Evidence and rationale that the proposals meet the three statutory criteria				

It is proposed to include the existing division of Chippenham Monkton minus the Ivy Lane and New Road area, and the new development of Rawlings Green (from the parish of Langley Burrell) to get within acceptable variance of the electoral average. From a community perspective, it was felt that the Rawlings Green development should be part of a Chippenham urban division, as it has direct links to the existing Chippenham Monkton division, and no links to the parish of Langley Burrell. It was also felt that due to the geography of the River Avon, Monkton Park is a well-defined community, and as such it was important to keep it wholly in one electoral division.

Impact on Parish Council arrangements: Chippenham re-warded, Langley warded

LG Boundaries Commission Criteria

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1. the need to secure equality of representation;
2. the need to reflect the identities and interests of local communities; and
3. the need to secure effective and convenient local government.

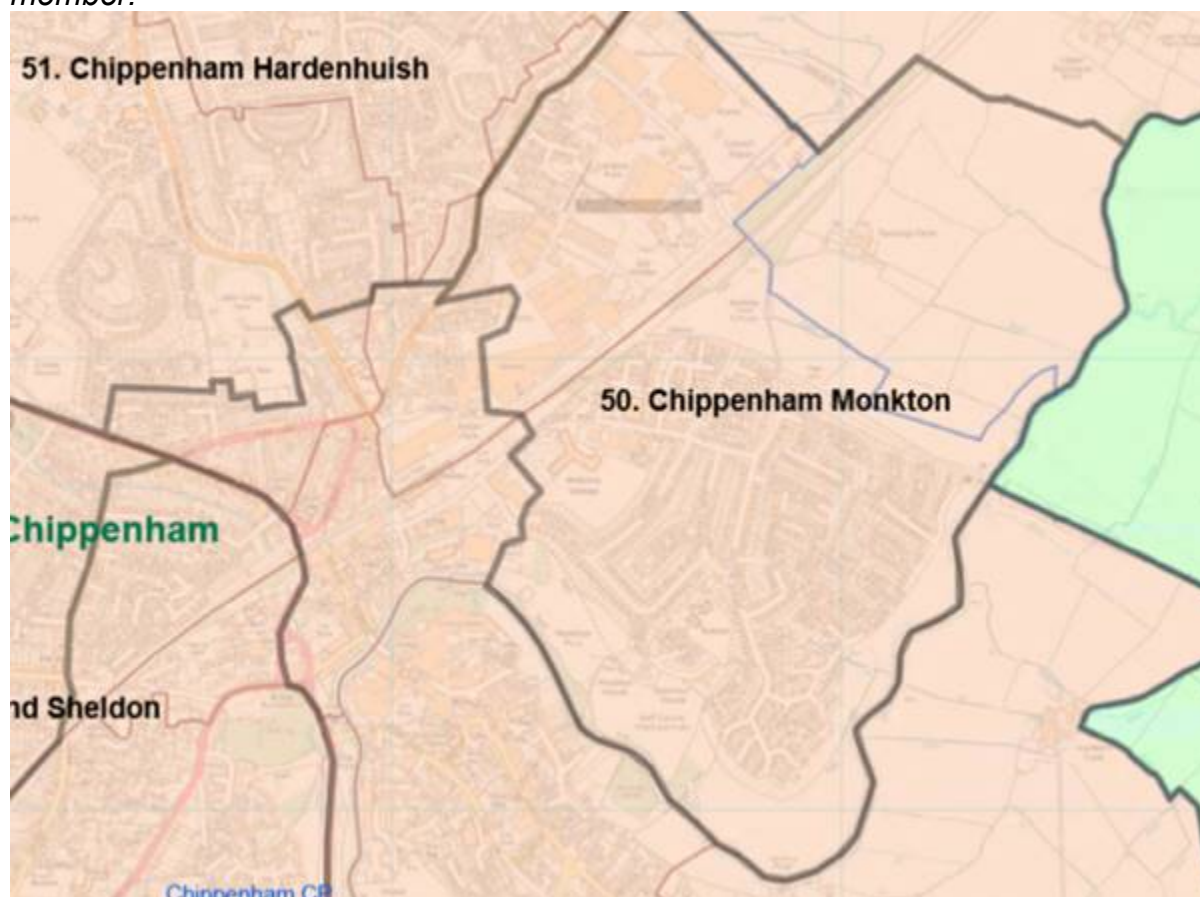
The above proposal meets all 3 criteria

Chippenham Town Council are in agreement with this proposal (see consultation response)

The member for Monkton is in agreement with this proposal

The member for Hardens and Central is in agreement with this proposal

This is the proposal that is **not** supported by Chippenham Town Council, Chippenham councillors, the Monkton Ward member and Hardens and central Ward member.



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The above proposal fails on criteria 2 and 3:

On criteria 2: The identities and interests of the residents of Station Hill, St Marys Place and Monkton Hill are completely aligned with those of residents of Cocklebury Road, Sadlers Mead and the wider estate, including traffic congestion, air pollution and new development around the station.

The residents of Station Hill, St Marys Place and Monkton Hill are not aligned with the Town Centre and there are no residents that live above their business premises.

On criteria 3: The residents of Monkton Park estate cannot be represented if the main part of the area which affects the quality of their lives is in another councillor's ward.

Chippenham Town Council oppose this proposal (see consultation response)

The member for Monkton opposes with this proposal

The member for Hardens and England opposes this proposal

Nick Murry

Officer Note: The net effect of this change based on the Council's previous submitted data would be to transfer 45 electors from Monkton Division to Hardens Division

The LGBCE proposal for Hardens and Central would be a division of 4563 electors, a variance of +7% from the average. The amendment would result in a division of 4608 electors, a variance of +8% from the average.

The LGBCE proposal for Monkton would be a division of 3983 electors, a variance of -6% from the average. The amendment would result in a division of 3938 electors, a variance of -8% from the average.

Therefore, the proposed division would be acceptable on electoral equality grounds.