



10 January 2024

**Notice**  
**Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011**  
**Draft Pastoral Scheme**

The Church Commissioners have prepared a draft Scheme in respect of proposals sent to them by the Bishop of Oxford for the union of the parish of Kintbury with Avington and the parish of Hamstead Marshall, being two of the six parishes within the area of The Walbury Beacon Benefice; for the parish church of the parish of Kintbury with Avington and the parish church of the parish of Hamstead Marshall to be the parish churches of the new parish; for the transfer of the parish of Enborne in The Walbury Beacon benefice to the benefice of Newbury Saint George and Saint John where it shall continue distinct; for the consequential amendment of benefice names; and for the transfer of the parsonage house of The Walbury Beacon Benefice to the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes.

The draft Scheme is on our website [www.churchofengland.org/consultation](http://www.churchofengland.org/consultation) or you may obtain a copy from me. **Large print and/or audio copies are available on request.** Anyone may make representations **for** or **against** all or any part of the draft Scheme (please include the reasons for your views) by post or, preferably, by email to reach me no later than midnight on **Monday 19 February 2024**. If I have not acknowledged its receipt, please ring or e-mail me. For administrative purposes, a petition will be classed as a single representation and we will only correspond with the sender of the petition, if known, or otherwise the first signatory for whom we can identify an address – “the primary petitioner”.

- When making a representation, please indicate the nature of your interest in the proposals (e.g. parishioner, member of parochial church council, etc) and whether you would like an opportunity to speak to the Commissioners regarding your representation if they decide a hearing should be held regarding the case.
- If we receive representations against the draft Scheme, we will send them, and any representations supporting the draft Scheme, to the Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors and the primary petitioner will then receive copies of the correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and will be told whether a hearing is to be held. They and individual petitioners may comment further to the Commissioners. Copies of all of the representations received and associated correspondence will be published on the Commissioners’ website if the matter needs to be considered by the Commissioners.
- If a hearing is held, anyone may attend the meeting of the Commissioners’ Committee that considers the case and representors may have an opportunity to speak to it. Otherwise, if a hearing is not to be held, the case will be considered in private and you will be informed accordingly.
- When we acknowledge representations we will let individual representors (and the primary petitioner) know the next few dates of our Committee’s meetings. We will confirm the actual date if a hearing is to be held nearer the time.
- The Committee will decide if the draft Scheme should proceed when it considers all the representations on the basis of a paper prepared by the Commissioners’ staff and any points raised at the meeting. The Commissioners will notify all representors of their decision and give a statement of the reasons for it.
- If they so decide, any representor or petitioner against the draft Scheme may seek leave from the Privy Council to appeal against the decision.
- Please see [www.churchofengland.org/consultation](http://www.churchofengland.org/consultation) for further information about the procedure.

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