The various spellings of Faringdon since early medieval times

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Form	Period	Notes
Farndun	Early medieval	Likely Old English root form (inferred).
Ferendun	1218	Explicitly in market charter.
Ferendon	1218	Variant in same charter context.
Faringdon	13th c. onward	Appears in monastic records.
Faryngdon	14th–15th c.	Middle English variant (inferred).
Faryndon	15th–16th c.	Middle English variant (inferred).

Often the prefix for Market was used:

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Chepyng Faryngdon	13th–14th c.	Earliest Middle English form.
Cheping Faryndon	13th–14th c.	Variant vowel/consonant pattern.
Chyping Faryngdon	14th c.	Phonetic Middle English spelling.
Chippinge Faringdon	15th–16th c.	Transitional Early Modern form.
Chipping Faringdon	16th c. onward	Stabilised modern form.

And the double-R variant

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Farryngdon	14th–15th c.	Middle English phonetic expansion.
Farryndon	14th–15th c.	Variant consonant pattern.
Farringdon	16th–19th c.	Early Modern stabilised form; still seen occasionally.

It is thought that the spelling, Faringdon, was standardized in the late 1500-1600s, where it was adopted on County maps and standardized by Ordnances.