

Review Officer
Central Bedfordshire Review
The Local Government Boundary
Commission for England
78-86 Turnmill Street
London EC1M 5LG

8th July 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Central Bedfordshire Council and Dunstable Town Council
Boundaries

Dunstable Watling Ward submission

Central Bedfordshire Council

We are content with the general approach to the Ward boundaries in Dunstable save for an opportunity to bring together more like populations by exchanging a number of roads presently proposed in Central Ward and Watling Ward as per Appendix 1 (see also notes at foot of that page and Appendix 2). This retains and improves the integrity of the current proposals. We see no reason to make any further proposals to the movement of electors from one Ward to another.

Those who live to the north and immediate south of Tring Road have little relationship with those essentially to the south of the cemetery and allotments. With an emphasis on 'community' the Lakes and Laing estates (currently a major element of Watling Ward) and the additional neighbouring roads, make more community sense, (and this was the case before the last boundary changes), than the current draft electoral arrangements. To exchange the roads as suggested one considerably improves the proposals put forward by the Commission and retains the proposed number of councillors for each Ward - see Appendix 3.

Dunstable Town Council

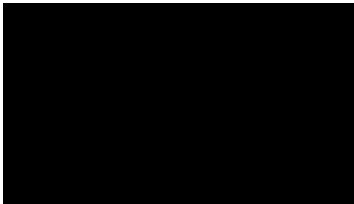
We agree that it is sensible to retain the same boundaries for both Central Bedfordshire and Dunstable Town Councils being 5 Wards.

However, we are not of the opinion that Northfields should have 7 members (and do not follow any reasoning behind this number) but agree that if there are to be 21 members on the Dunstable Town Council then the Central Bedfordshire submission should be adopted:

Central	3
Icknield	5
Northfields	5
Manshead	3
Watling	5

This reflects the number of councillors as they are distributed between the Wards on Central Bedfordshire i.e. Central 1, Icknield 2, Northfields 2, Manshead 1, Watling 2 and illustrates the opinion that Northfields cannot warrant 7 members on the Town Council.

Yours faithfully,



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Cllr P N Hollick	Dunstable Town and Central Bedfordshire Councils
Cllr A Sparrow	Dunstable Town and Central Bedfordshire Councils
Cllr & Mrs M Mullany	Dunstable Town Council
Cllr C Meakins-Jell	Dunstable Town Council
Mrs B Boatwright	Resident and Ward Chairman
Mr & Mrs P Chapman	Residents
Miss C Scott	Resident

DUNSTABLE WATLING WARD SUBMISSION

The following roads (a) situated essentially to the north and south of Tring Road and West Street and currently in the proposed Dunstable Watling Ward, and those roads (b) to the south of the allotment gardens and currently in the proposed Dunstable Central Ward, be exchanged to create a better sense of community within both Wards as well as remaining within the Boundary Commission's current proposals.

- (b) Buttercup Close
- Osborne Road
- First Avenue
- Bullpond Lane
- Friary Field
- Friars Walk
- Penrith Avenue
- Ennerdale Avenue
- Keswick Close
- Grasmere Close
- Appleby Gardens
- Windemere

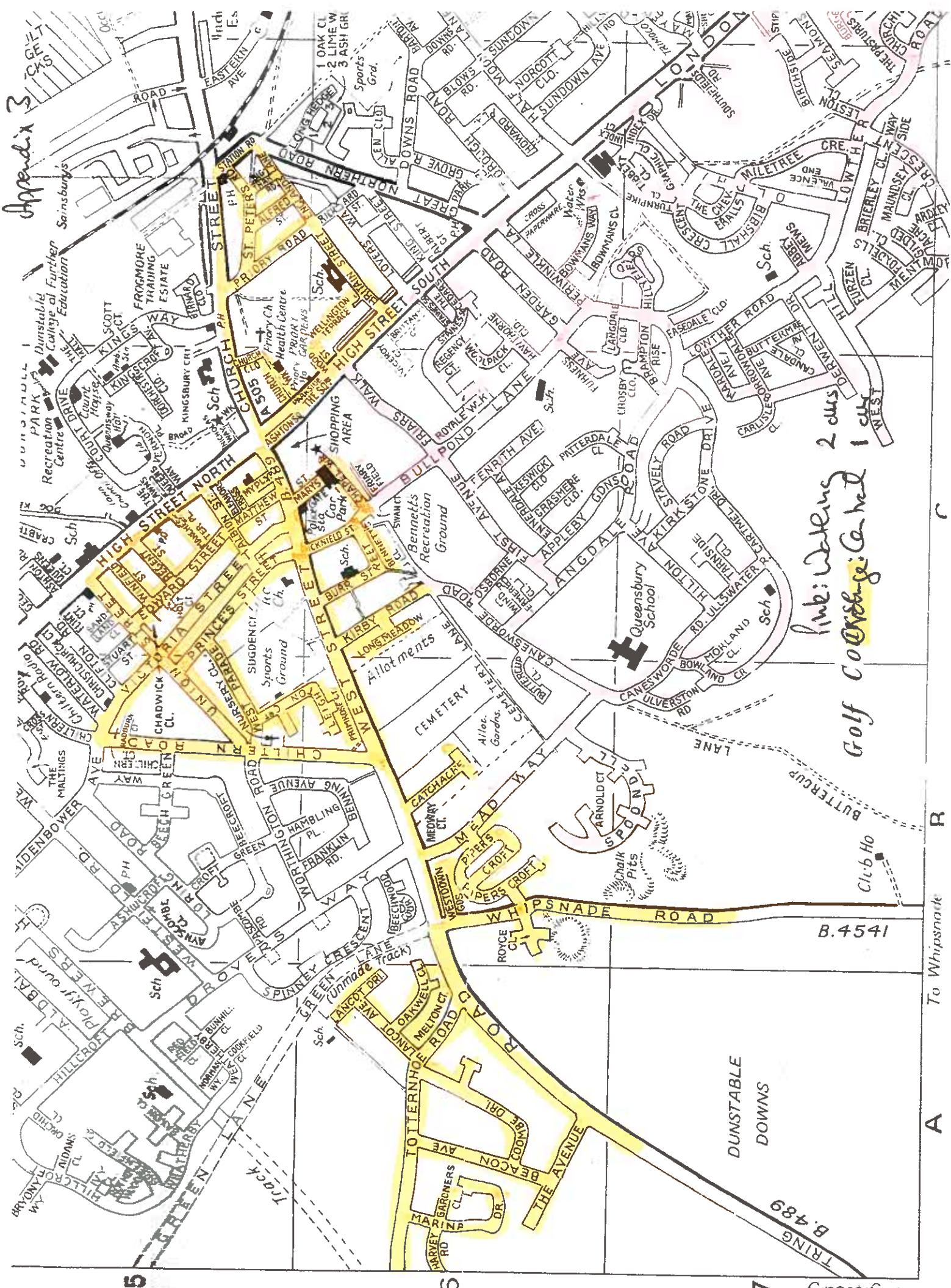
Total electors 700

- (a) Pipers Croft
 - Quarry Walk
 - Westdown Gardens
 - Whipsnade Road
 - Badgers Gate
 - Beacon Avenue
 - Combe Drive
 - Gardners Close
 - Harvey Road
 - Lancot Avenue
 - Lancot Drive
 - Lancot Place
 - Marina Drive
 - Oakwell Close
 - Melton Court
 - Royce Close
 - The Avenue
 - Totternhoe Road
 - Tring Road
- Total electors 1423

On Map 4 the boundary is drawn through Meadway, part Canesworde, part Langdale and Patterdale. The numbers of electors will be better balanced when dividing up the electors on these roads between the two Wards – Central and Watling; Patterdale has always been in Watling; Langdale from the east up to First Avenue used to be in Watling. The above essentially gives Watling back those roads which were taken away at the last boundary change (7) plus adjoining roads (5) one of which is an extension of an existing Watling road, namely Bull Pond Lane,

There is room to reduce the variance from average for Watling Ward (currently 10%) and increase that for Central (currently 5%).

Appendix 3



Inb: Watens 2 clubs
 Golf Coombe College

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To Aylesbury

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