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Dear sirs

I am writing to give my views on the re-warding of Dacorum Borough Council that has been undertaken recently.

I have lived here in Bennetts End for 50 years and I have great difficulty in supporting the outcome those deliberations and seriously question a process which could lead to such a crass recommendation for the area I know like the back of my hand.

It seems to me that what has happened here is that some people have been organised to complain about the possibility of being joined up with Bennetts End by the Leverstock Green Village Association. How the committee can take the view that the consultation has not been "unduly influenced" flies in the face of the facts.

So what does the boundary committee do? Well, just continue to nibble away at what is quite clearly Bennetts End and carry on giving slices of it to Leverstock Green ward to artificially keep it as a three-member ward.

Ironically, the very people who didn't want to have anything to do with Bennetts End now have a large chunk of it forced into a ward on a whim - that really makes no sense at all.

I do not understand how the boundary committee can decide that Leverstock Green has a community which merits three councillors when as the overall size of the council is being reduced. Clearly they then had to find some voters to shove in to make up the numbers who live, work and shop in Bennetts End and rarely need to go anywhere near Leverstock Green. These, of course, would be the very people that those complaining loudest in Leverstock Green said were nothing to do with them, but they still got them!

It seems pretty clear to me on the numbers that there is a distinctive area that is between both Bennetts End and Leverstock Green and that a single member ward there would actually resolve many of the issues as the stroke of a pen and I cannot comprehend why, when it is so self-evidently the optimum solution, it has not been adopted.

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