



The Secretary  
The Electoral Commission  
Trevelyan House  
Great Peter Street  
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Dear Sir,

## **ELECTORAL COMMISSION BOUNDARY COMMITTEE REVIEW NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

I would like to make representations against the proposed changes to electoral boundaries contained within the above review.

The review was instigated as a result of the electoral imbalance within the Graveley and Wymondley ward as a result of the development of the Great Ashby estate in that ward. The District Council proposed that a single additional councillor be allocated for the ward and that the remainder of the District's electoral boundaries should remain unchanged. Your review has discounted this proposal and as a result nearly all the electoral boundaries within the District have been tampered with.

There is a clear case for making changes with regard to Graveley and Wymondley. However, I totally reject the need to make any other changes within the District. The proposals made by the review appear to have been made according statistics, rather than taking into account historic and established boundaries that the community are happy with. The proposals take no account of community cohesion.

I am enclosing copies of 30 responses that have been received concerning the proposed changes within the ward that I represent as a district councillor. The local branch of the conservative association sent a questionnaire to all those residents that were being proposed to move from the Baldock Town ward to the Baldock East ward. All responses received were adamant that they opposed the proposed changes. As one of the district councillors for the Baldock Town ward I have been approached by many of the residents in this area who cannot understand the reason for the changes as they feel that they have been historically part of Baldock Town and continue to feel part of that community.

I would ask that you re-consider the proposed changes and take on board the proposal suggested by North Herts District Council.

Yours faithfully,

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**Ian Knighton**  
**District Councillor**  
**Baldock Town Ward**