

19th June 2006

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

**BOUNDARY REVIEW - NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE**

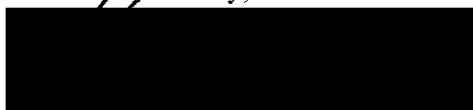
I am concerned that the proposal made by the Boundary Committee to change the area of our Ward for District Council elections will result in an oversized area making it much harder for the Councillors to be in touch with their electorate.

The proposed Ward will include the villages of St.Paul's Walden, Whitwell, Bendish, Langley, Hexton, Breachwood Green, Ley Green, Lilley, Preston, Cockernhoe, Pirton, Offley, Easthall and a number of small hamlets.. This area is currently under three Wards of Hitchwood, Offa and Hoo.

The changes, if carried out, will I believe have a very adverse effect on our elected Councillor being able to have any close relationship with our Parish. He often attends our Parish Council meetings; something that will be difficult to maintain over the enlarged area with an increased number of Parish Councils to keep in touch with.

There is no apparent advantage to the idea of creating the larger Ward. Indeed, it will have the detrimental effect of making the link between people at Parish level and their elected representatives at District level much harder to maintain.

Yours faithfully,



K M Green

Chairman, St.Paul's Walden Parish Council