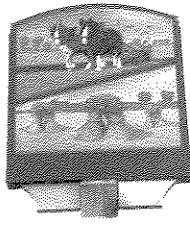


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Rachel Scanlan

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20<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re; Boundary Commission recommendations for North Hertfordshire.


At the last monthly meeting it was agreed that Offley Parish Council would write to you to expressing their concern regarding the boundary changes that will affect this parish.

It is proposed to combine the wards of Hitchwood, Offa and Hoo. Offley Parish Council objects to this proposal on a number of grounds.

1. The change will remove the close relationship enjoyed by the current ward members and their electorate and local groups.
2. The service provided by ward councillors will be diluted and ineffective. The specialist knowledge that is currently put to such good use would be lost, disenfranchising many people in a diverse rural environment.
3. The individual needs of each parish/village would be lost.

Offley Parish Council urges you to reconsider your decision and leave the current boundaries in place. This system works well, representing the people of this area properly. The new proposal would, in our opinion fail the community.

Yours Sincerely,

  
Rachel Scanlan.  
Clerk  
Offley Parish Council.