

ELSTOW PARISH COUNCIL



14th September 2009

The Review Officer (Bedford)
The Boundary Committee for England
Trevelyan House
Great Peter Street
London SW1P 2HW

Dear Review Officer,

RE: UNITARY AUTHORITY ELECTORAL REVIEW OF BEDFORD

Following notification of the preliminary consultation on council size, Elstow Parish Council discussed this item at the full Council meeting on Tuesday 2nd September.

The Council would like to submit the following at this stage of the consultation:

Discussion centred on ensuring a fairer spread so that there are an equal number of constituents per elected Councillor. The former County Council operated with approximately 70 Councillors, and the Borough currently operates with 36 Councillors. It was felt that this number should not necessary change, just the distribution of, in order to maintain an even representation. In conclusion wards with up to 3,000 electors should have the representation of one Councillor, whilst wards with over 3,000 electors should have the representation of two Councillors.

If you have any questions regarding the above, then please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Lizzie Barnicoat
Renhold Parish Clerk