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**From:** adrian [REDACTED]  
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Dear Review Officer,

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Reference: Bedford Ward Consultation, Castle Ward area.

I today heard that that a proposal has been put forward to divide the Castle Ward area of Bedford into 3 separate wards.

If you have Google earth or a map of the Castle Ward area, I live in the south end of Howbury Street (MK40 3QU).

I live in a vibrant and very active community, with the part of Castle Road that divides Howbury Street, being the hub of this community. You'll notice that the current Castle Ward has the Goldington Road as it's natural boundary to the north, and the river as it's natural boundary to the south. If you visit the area, this makes absolute sense. Castle Road run's east to west through the centre of this area hosting the pubs, shops, cafes and community centres that make this a brilliant community.

With the new proposed ward plans, one of the most active areas of Castle Road and the Castle Area community is being separated off into De Pary's Ward. Please take a look at the plans, and ask why our community is being cut into two.

If the new proposed ward plans go through, I lose my voting rights for the one part of the Castle Area that means the most to me. When I vote, I vote on issues that affect the Castle Road shops at the end of my street, the introduction of speed restrictions on Castle Road to make it a safer place,

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improved community services. I will lose the ability to have my voice in the local community.

I petition the committee to consider the community in the Castle Road area, and to challenge any proposal that takes the shopping and community area (the area from Bushmead Avenue, to York Street, from Goldington Road down to the river) out of the Castle Ward.

Give people both sides of Castle Road the right to vote for councillors that can influence the development of the community.

The current ward: <http://www.bedford.gov.uk/idoc.ashx?docid=cda28eb7-1aae-41a9-9eec-1557ed758457&version=-1>

The proposed ward: <http://www.bedford.gov.uk/idoc.ashx?docid=ebfb7b8b-e63b-4041-9428-4a1c6fab9756&version=-1>

Yours sincerely,

**Adrian Drewett**

