

Responses to The Spires Consultation

Appendix A

Name	Address/Contact details	Comments
Caroline Godwin	[REDACTED]	<p>Having moved into this development last August it has always seemed to me that this is more allied to Bedford rather than the North Beds villages. Indeed I was surprised that I had to vote in the N.E. Beds constituency at the General Election.</p> <p>My life and allegiances are in the town of Bedford, and if anything I would say that The Spires development should be Putnoe rather than Goldington. The development feels much more town than Renhold village and the postal address is <u>Bedford</u>.</p>
Jonathan Woolf	[REDACTED]	I would prefer The Spires to remain in the parish of Renhold or Ravensden, as opposed to Goldington.
Catherine Scerri	[REDACTED]	I think that this is a terrible proposal, I purchased a property in Renhold/Ravensden not Goldington & if my house had been on the Poppyfields estate over the road then I would not have even considered buying it. Goldington is rough area & Renhold is a much nicer more sedate area, to be linked with Goldington would be a disappointment & would probably increase insurance prices for the properties & cars here. Also would council tax change? This hasn't been outlined in any documents I've received. Please fight against this ridiculous proposal made by LGBCE.
Matthew Dickerson	[REDACTED]	We wish the development known as The Spires to be left to the rural ward of Renhold. We love the Rural Community feel/school/local magazine and want this to continue.
Adrian Dunn	[REDACTED]	<p>When moving into The Spires estate it was of the understanding that we would be considered part of the Parish of Renhold/R'den. It was preferred to be part of a rural ward, especially as the school in Renhold has very good reports.</p> <p>It would be my preference to stay part of the Parish of Renhold.</p> <p>Also, as part of the costs of moving in, a Chancel fee was paid as we were part of the parish of Renhold and required to pay this for the Renhold church. If moving Parishes to the urban parish I trust this would be refunded?!</p> <p>Thanks.</p>

Dr Graham Phillips		<p>Re. [REDACTED]</p> <p>Leave this development in the parish of Renhold.</p> <p>Goldington already has a massive population.</p> <p>Stop wasting public money.</p> <p>"If it aint broke don't fix it."</p>
Alison Looker		<p>I would prefer to remain in the Parish of Renhold, as the property is within/on the Renhold border, rather than the Goldington ward. We are not in the Goldington ward, and the land within the development is built on is actually in Renhold.</p>
Mr James Robertson Halby		<p>We have lived here since Jan 2009, we agree with Bedford Borough that The Spires stay as a rural ward within the Parish of Renhold and Ravensden.</p>
Antony Rayes		<p>Having recently moved into the area I was attracted to the ward of Renhold and Ravensden and to that end my local authority taxation is subject to the levy set by the said parish. I do not want to pay my tax to Goldington, I do not want the value to depreciate by being assessed with Goldington and would see this as a negative impact against my property. If I knew that the boundary would change I would have bought my house in the parish as I thought I had done.</p>
Justin Parker		<p>J Since moving to The Spires 12 months ago we have regularly used the Village Hall facilities up Renhold Parish and strongly feel that due to our ties to the village school that we should remain part of the Renhold and Ravensden Parish. A large proportion of the Renhold residents on The Spires also have links into the school at Renhold which gives a stronger sense of community as part of Renhold Parish.</p> <p>I don't feel any connection to the proposed Goldington ward and feel I would be losing an important way of having a voice in the council representation for the areas I spend most time.</p>
Lianne Relf		<p>After much research on the local wards, I strongly feel that The Spires should fall within the Parish of Renhold as it is more befitting to a rural location.</p>

Nicola Rae	[REDACTED]	<p>We recently recieved your letter re The Spires electors being part of Goldington. My family and I would personally like it to be part of the Parish of Renhold and Ravensden. We previously lived in both Renhold and Wilden and loved the community spirit that we got from both areas. We were aware of the objections the homeowners in Renhold had when the Spires development was originally built however they have welcomed us with open arms and it would be a shame for the development to be moved out of it.</p> <p>Also a key concern of ours is the schooling, our son is on the list to join Renhold Pre School and therefore moving us out of Renhold parish puts his place in jeopardy for both the Pre School and the main School. Renhold is the best School in this area for his age, the size and atmosphere at the School is perfect for him and it would be incredibly disappointing for him to lose the opportunity to go.</p> <p>I do hope the Borough Council make the right decision and puts The Spires into the Parish of Renhold rather than putting us into an already overpopulated Goldington</p>
Catherine and Simon Dutton	[REDACTED]	<p>I write with reference to your letter of 7 June, inviting comment regarding the LGBCE proposals to include electors in The Spires development with the Goldington Ward.</p> <p>We would like to strongly object to this proposal.</p> <p>We live at [REDACTED] within The Spires development.</p> <p>The development is part of the Parish of Renhold, we are subject to Chancel Repair Liability for the Parish Church of Renhold, we pay an additional Council Tax amount to the Renhold Parish Council and our catchment lower school is Renhold V.C Lower School, which our eldest child attends (with our youngest child due to start there in September 2012).</p> <p>In short, we are part of Renhold Village and as such we should be allowed to vote as part of the Parish of Renhold.</p> <p>I would strongly urge you to argue again for the original proposal.</p>

Ruth Hunt	[REDACTED]	<p>I am writing in response to your letter dated 7th June 2010 regarding the LGBCE draft recommendations. At the time of our purchase of our property, one of the attractions to the location was that our property fell within the Parish of Renhold. I am an avid reader of the parish magazine and was delighted to see that Renhold parish members wanted to retain our development within their parish. The development and neighbouring development have contributed to the numbers of children attending the primary school in Renhold and I myself in the future would be looking for my children to attend the same. The farmers land that our house is built on has always been deemed to be within Renhold and I see no reason why we should become part of Goldington. I whole heartedly disagree with the recommendation that we become part of Goldington and would urge that you push for the development to remain within the Parish of Renhold.</p>
Danny & Jane Jacob	[REDACTED]	<p>Following your recent letter regarding the warding arrangements of The Spires, we would like to register our preference to remain under the rural ward covering Renhold and Ravensden. The primary reason for this is that it will allow us to register our children with the local primary school, which was one of the main reasons we moved to this area of Bedford.</p> <p>Also without The Spires forming part of the rural ward, the local parish council will have less funds.</p> <p>Is the same re-warding being applied to Cranbourne Gardens?</p>
Michael Day	[REDACTED]	<p>I should like to support the LGBCE proposal. I think we should be part of an urban ward. The Spires is an urban area, with needs similar to that of Goldington. This area is not rural. In a number of ways I feel my vote is wasted in that if you do not vote the way the rural area votes it is wasted. This is not the case in urban wards where there is a wider/varied view of the candidates.</p>

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Subject: Warding Arrangements for the Spires Development:

Please use the space below to outline your views on the proposal from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's proposals for the warding arrangements for the Spires development:

We would strongly prefer to be included as part of the Kenhold and Ravensden wards.

Predominantly because we have a small child and want him to go to Kenhold Lower school which was a strong factor in our ~~decision~~ choice to move to the development

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

21/6/10

Name: _____

Sarah Griffiths

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