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To: Arion Lawrence
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Dear Arion

Please find attached the submission of North Bedfordshire Liberal Democrats on the boundary review for Central Bedfordshire.

Regards
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Submission of North Bedfordshire Liberal Democrat Local Party: Electoral Review of Central Bedfordshire

North Bedfordshire Liberal Democrats is a local party of the Liberal Democrats. We cover the two constituencies of Bedford & Kempston and North East Bedfordshire which comprise all of Bedford Borough Council area and part of Central Bedfordshire Council area. This submission concerns proposals for Central Bedfordshire.

Following meetings to discuss proposed warding schemes we support the proposals of the Liberal Democrat Council Group of Central Bedfordshire. The particular strengths of the scheme are:

[1] Minimizing the number of 3-member wards (to just one) as we believe the smaller wards have the best chance of giving good representation to residents, particularly in rural wards, where a councillor would expect to work well with the Parish Councils and could not do so if the ward takes in too many Parishes.

[2] The scheme conforms more closely than the Central Bedfordshire Council submission with the target number of electors per member.

[3] From our local knowledge we feel that the proposed ward boundaries have respected natural community identities.

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