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Subject: Review of Boundaries in Central Bedfordshire

Please accept this as my submission for the review of Boundaries in part of Central Bedfordshire

I have concentrated upon The Wetrn part of the region as that is where I live and represent.

My main concern with the proposal being submitted by Central Bedfordshire Concil is that it removes Heath & Reach from Plantation ward. (At the last review in 2002 it was your recommendation that Heath & Reach be joined with Plantation ward for District purposes. In my view little has changed since you made that decsion and I can see no reson for you to treconsider this.

Heath & Reach Parish Council in my opion make very strong and valid points as to why there should be no change.

I donot propose to repeat them but summarise as follows

- 1) Whilst Heath & Reach has its own identity its has strongs links with Leighton Buzzard
- 2) CBC's Comprehensive Engagement Policy
- 3) The expected growth within plantation Ward which will impact heavily upon Heath & Rea

I would suggest the following Wards

- 1) Leighton Buzzard - Plantation Ward including Heath & Reach 2 Members Population 6568
- 2) Leighton Buzzard North Planets Wards Pluss Allsaints (as Central Bedfordshire Submission less Plantation ward) 2 members Population 6133
- 3) Leighton Buzzard South As per Central Bedfordshires Submission 3 members Population 11085
- 4) Linsade as per CBC's Submission 3 members population 9623

Moving Heath & Reach from the CBC's recommendations means chages to the other Rural areas

- 1) Eaton Bray / Billington and Whipsnade 1 Member Population 2803
- 2) Totternhoe / Stanbridge / Tilsworth / Eggington / Hockliffe / Chalgrave 1 Member Population 3299
- 3) Caddington / Slip End / Hyde / Kensworth / Studham 2 Members Population 7257

I realise that this does not in every case particularlyly Eaton Bray achieve an average of 3251 per councillor but due to the Geographical area the villages are adjacent.

I also realise that this totals to 14 members as opposed to CBC's 13 but I am sure thatchanges can be made elsewhere.

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