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To the Review Manager (Central Bedfordshire)

Please find attached submission from Leighton-Linslade Liberal Democrats which has also been posted to you today.

Cllr Peter Snelling
Chair Leighton-Linslade Liberal Democrats



LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

SUBMISSION TO THE BOUNDARY COMMITTEE FOR ENGLAND FOR REWARDING OF CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

We support the proposal submitted by Central Bedfordshire Liberal Democrat Group but wish to concentrate on the town of Leighton-Linslade. Our approach has no external impact on other wards. We note that the submission by Central Bedfordshire Council was that of the majority Conservative group with no attempt to reach a political consensus.

Leighton Buzzard and Linslade were not only separate communities, but in different counties until the 1960s. The river and canal that divide them form a natural electoral boundary and the four member county division straddling the centre of the town that was produced by the last review has not been a success.

While we would ideally prefer Linslade to divide into one two member and one single member ward, this cannot be achieved without breaching the 10% guidance. However, a proposal for this is attached for your consideration, as Linslade and Southcott have been separate district and town council wards for many years and we would prefer to sustain this arrangement. The alternative is for one three member ward.

Leighton Buzzard, to be consistent with both past arrangements and with the Central Bedfordshire Council proposals for both Dunstable and Houghton Regis, should be split into three two member wards. Our proposals are based around the previous wards of Grovebury, Plantation and Planets (renamed Brooklands) with All Saints redistributed. Preservation of at least part of the previous arrangements that residents have become used to is preferable to an artificial north /south division of the town which has no community logic.

Submitted by Cllr Peter Snelling (Chair) on behalf of the Leighton-Linslade Branch of South-West Bedfordshire Liberal Democrats.

8th January 2010



CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

PROPOSED WARDING FROM 2011

				Required average	3521		
LEIGHTON-LINSLADE				CIrs	Avge	+/-	
BROOKLANDS	PLS1	Leighton- Planets	1632				
Planets	PLS2	Leighton- Planets	1222				
pt Plantation	PLS3	Leighton- Planets	709				
pt Grovebury	PLTN4	Leighton- Plantation	918				
	G1	Leighton- Grovebury	1027				
	G2	Leighton- Grovebury	1842				
				7350	2	3675	4.37%
GROVEBURY	G3	Leighton- Grovebury	1115				
	G4	Leighton- Grovebury	1576				
	G5	Leighton- Grovebury	2029				
	G6	Leighton- Grovebury	1925				
pt AS2	Transfer from All Saints		263				
pt AS3	Transfer from All Saints		720				
				7628	2	3814	8.32%
PLANTATION	PLTN1	Leighton- Plantation	1665				
	PLTN2	Leighton- Plantation	1239				
	PLTN3	Leighton- Plantation	1601				
	AS1	Leighton- All Saints	1865				
	AS2	Leighton- All Saints	942				
	AS3	Leighton- All Saints	1514				
pt AS2	Transfer to Grovebury		-263				
pt AS3	Transfer to Grovebury		-720				
pt AS1	Transfer to Linslade		-180				
				7663	2	3832	8.82%
LINSLADE inc Southcott	L1	Leighton- Linslade	1953				
	L2	Leighton- Linslade	1476				
	L3	Leighton- Linslade	562				
	SO1	Leighton- Southcott	1882				
	SO2	Leighton- Southcott	1538				
	SO3	Leighton- Southcott	1342				
	SO4	Leighton- Southcott	690				
pt AS1	Transfer from All Saints		180				
				9623	3	3208	-8.90%
LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOTALS				32264	9	3585	1.81%

ALTERNATIVE FOR LINSLADE (2 WARDS)

				Cllrs	Avg	+/-
LINSLADE	L1	Leighton- Linslade	1953			
	L2	Leighton- Linslade	1476			
	L3	Leighton- Linslade	562			
	SO3	Leighton- Southcott	1342			
	SO4	Leighton- Southcott	690			
	pt AS1	Transfer from All Saints	180			
			6203	2	3102	-11.91%
SOUTHCOTT	SO1	Leighton- Southcott	1882			
	SO2	Leighton- Southcott	1538			
			3420	1	3420	-2.87%
			9623	3	3208	-8.90%

Transfer Detail

AS1	Leighton Road	10
	Town Bridge Mill	50
	Vimy Road	120
	Total	180
AS3	South Street	86
	Woodman Close	145
	Woodman Mews	8
	Albany Road	97
	Dudley Mews	8
	Dudley Street	93
	Hartwell Crescent	86
	Hartwell Grove	51
	Lovent Drive	62
	Magnon Court	84
		720
AS2	Lindler Court	96
	Lake Street etc	35
	Grove Place etc	22
	Grove Road etc	110
		263