

Review Officer  
Central Bedfordshire Review  
The Local Government Boundary  
Commission for England  
78-86 Turnmill Street  
London EC1M 5LG

8th July 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Central Bedfordshire Council and Dunstable Town Council  
Boundaries

Dunstable Watling Ward submission

**Central Bedfordshire Council**

We are content with the general approach to the Ward boundaries in Dunstable save for an opportunity to bring together more like populations by exchanging a number of roads presently proposed in Central Ward and Watling Ward as per Appendix 1 (see also notes at foot of that page and Appendix 2). This retains and improves the integrity of the current proposals. We see no reason to make any further proposals to the movement of electors from one Ward to another.

Those who live to the north and immediate south of Tring Road have little relationship with those essentially to the south of the cemetery and allotments. With an emphasis on 'community' the Lakes and Laing estates (currently a major element of Watling Ward) and the additional neighbouring roads, make more community sense, (and this was the case before the last boundary changes), than the current draft electoral arrangements. To exchange the roads as suggested one considerably improves the proposals put forward by the Commission and retains the proposed number of councillors for each Ward - see Appendix 3.

## **Dunstable Town Council**

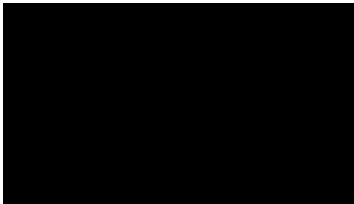
We agree that it is sensible to retain the same boundaries for both Central Bedfordshire and Dunstable Town Councils being 5 Wards.

However, we are not of the opinion that Northfields should have 7 members (and do not follow any reasoning behind this number) but agree that if there are to be 21 members on the Dunstable Town Council then the Central Bedfordshire submission should be adopted:

Central	3
Icknield	5
Northfields	5
Manshead	3
Watling	5

This reflects the number of councillors as they are distributed between the Wards on Central Bedfordshire i.e. Central 1, Icknield 2, Northfields 2, Manshead 1, Watling 2 and illustrates the opinion that Northfields cannot warrant 7 members on the Town Council.

Yours faithfully,



pp Watling Ward

Cllr P N Hollick	Dunstable Town and Central Bedfordshire Councils
Cllr A Sparrow	Dunstable Town and Central Bedfordshire Councils
Cllr & Mrs M Mullany	Dunstable Town Council
Cllr C Meakins-Jell	Dunstable Town Council
Mrs B Boatwright	Resident and Ward Chairman
Mr & Mrs P Chapman	Residents
Miss C Scott	Resident

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The following roads (a) situated essentially to the north and south of Tring Road and West Street and currently in the proposed Dunstable Watling Ward, and those roads (b) to the south of the allotment gardens and currently in the proposed Dunstable Central Ward, be exchanged to create a better sense of community within both Wards as well as remaining within the Boundary Commission's current proposals.

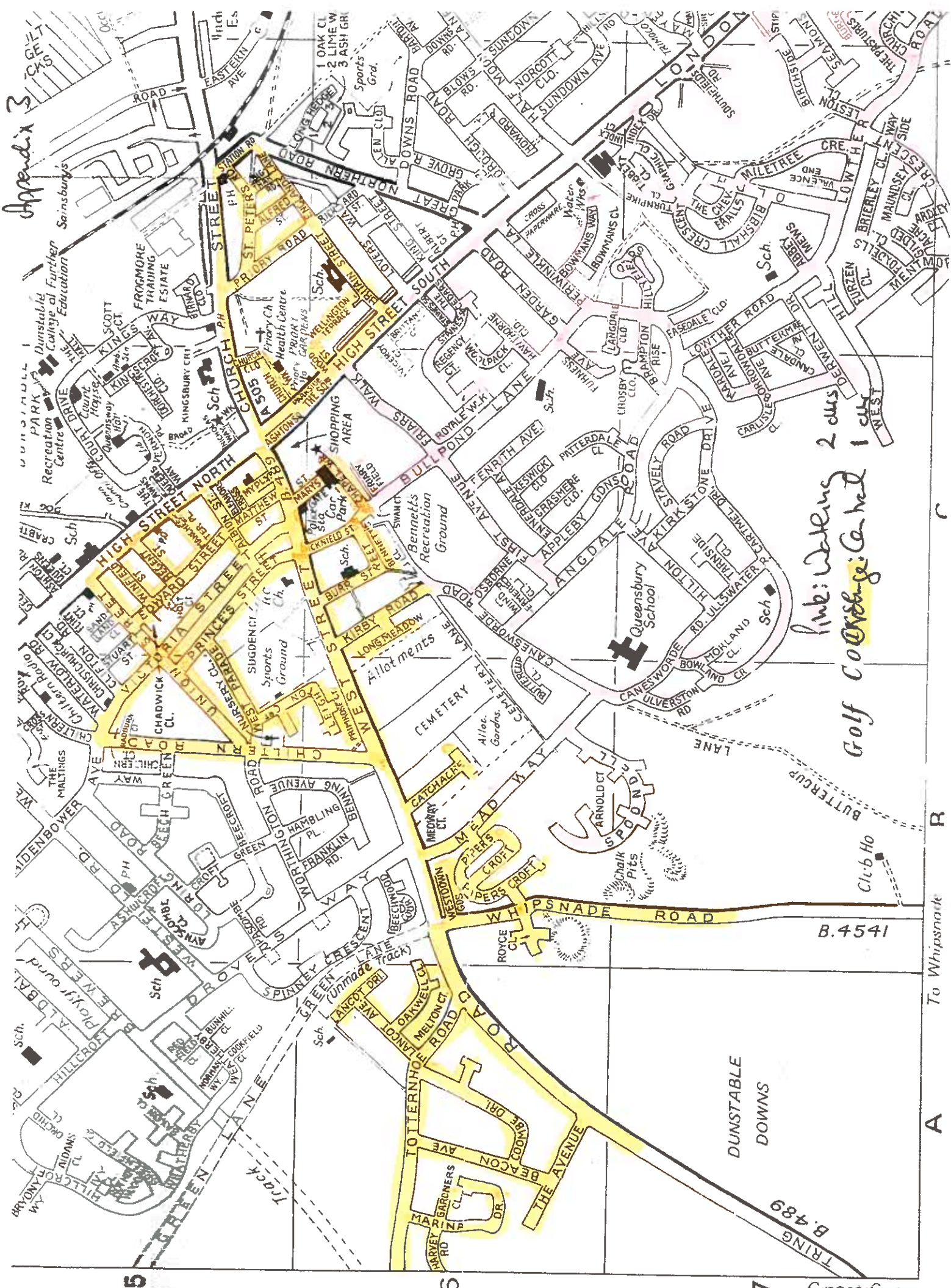
(b)	Buttercup Close	(a)	Pipers Croft
	Osborne Road		Quarry Walk
	First Avenue		Westdown Gardens
	Bullpond Lane		Whipsnade Road
	Friary Field		Badgers Gate
	Friars Walk		Beacon Avenue
	Penrith Avenue		Combe Drive
	Ennerdale Avenue		Gardners Close
	Keswick Close		Harvey Road
	Grasmere Close		Lancot Avenue
	Appleby Gardens		Lancot Drive
	Windemere		Lancot Place
			Marina Drive
			Oakwell Close
			Melton Court
			Royce Close
			The Avenue
			Totternhoe Road
			Tring Road
	Total electors 700		Total electors 1423

On Map 4 the boundary is drawn through Meadway, part Canesworde, part Langdale and Patterdale. The numbers of electors will be better balanced when dividing up the electors on these roads between the two Wards – Central and Watling; Patterdale has always been in Watling; Langdale from the east up to First Avenue used to be in Watling. The above essentially gives Watling back those roads which were taken away at the last boundary change (7) plus adjoining roads (5) one of which is an extension of an existing Watling road, namely Bull Pond Lane,

There is room to reduce the variance from average for Watling Ward (currently 10%) and increase that for Central (currently 5%).



Appendix 3



Hub: Waters 2 clubs  
Golf Course: 1 club

5 6 7 To Aylesbury To Whipsnade

Sainsbury's

Dunstable College of Further Education

Recreation Centre

High Street

Church Street

Whipsnade Road

Queensbury School

Cemetery

Dunstable Downs

To Aylesbury To Whipsnade