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Dear Sir,

I would like to register my opposition to the proposal to link Clophill Parish with the market town of Ampthill.

Clophill is a small rural community in a Conservation area and is currently linked to similar communities as Haynes with which it shares similar problems. It is still an agricultural parish and shares a church parish with Haynes. It's current system of ward representation with 2 Councillors for Haynes, Maulden and Houghton Conquest works extremely well.

The total electorate of the 4 wards projected for 2103 will be 7047 which almost exactly matches the criterion of 3500 per Councillor.

I, and all of my colleagues on Clophill Parish Council, feel that it is totally inappropriate to link the village with Ampthill. Ampthill is a larger market town with differing concerns such as parking, shopping facilities, housing growth etc,. Where we are currently asked to share local forums with the town, the concerns of a small community such as ours are swamped by town issues such as parking, anti-social behaviour etc.

It is for these reasons that I object to the proposed re-organisation as it affects Clophill and request that we retain the status quo which exactly matches the criteria laid down by the Boundary Committee.

Ralph Brough
Clophill Parish Councillor

