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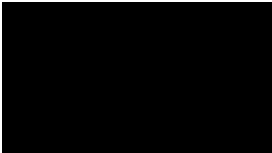
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From: Ian Morton [REDACTED]
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As a resident in the Bowerdean Micklefield and Totteridge ward I would like to make the following submission to your review.



8th October 2011

Review Officer
Buckinghamshire Review
The Local Government Boundary Commission for England Layden House
76-86 Turnmill Street
London EC1M 5L

I am concerned about a number of the proposed changes to the Buckinghamshire County Boundaries.

1. Single member divisions.

Single member divisions are in danger of damaging the delicate community cohesion in a number of divisions and will damage the advances made in recruiting Councillors from the BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) community.

At present 4 of the 7 BAME Councillors on Bucks County Council are in 2 member divisions. All have been elected alongside white Councillors. With the under representation of BAME members in all of the political parties there is a danger that political parties will find it harder to select candidates from the BAME community for single member divisions.

The 2 member divisions at present that have a mix of Councillors (BAME & White) are able to represent fully all electors in their area. There is a danger that if a mixed community is represented by just one Councillor then part of the community may feel excluded and not represented.

2. Ryemead & Micklefield

There are a number of issues with breaking up the existing Bowerdean, Micklefield & Totteridge division.

The proposed creation of the new Ryemead & Micklefield division splits in half the Wycombe Marsh community.

Ryemead has no affinity with Micklefield. Micklefield does however have an affinity with Totteridge as the main secondary school (Highcrest) is located there.

Traditionally the boundary to Micklefield is the railway line so if the division has to change (which I would advise against because of the implications of 1) then it would be preferable to have a Micklefield and Totteridge ward with the boundary being

the railway line.

Yours sincerely

Ian D Morton