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In 1953 I moved to Stevenage and into Bedwell.

Bedwell was then a small and isolated part of the big plan, but then stood alone surrounded by fields, woods and very little else.

In Shephall View we were like the edge of the known world with nothing to the East but farmer's fields and Walkern.

Historically, Bedwell formed the birthplace of the Union movement, the formation of a strong community association that still is in place.

It has of course seen itself surrounded by the growth of the town but to the east the boundary has always been fixed and firm, more so when the lakes complex was developed.

Colstrete and Shephall View are at the heart of Bedwell, and to split its identity for reasons of political expediency is an outrage.

Areas to the West and the town centre are new, but for the most part Bedwell has retained its integrity and identity. And therefore to add Colstrete and Shephall View to the newer and distinctly separate area of Chells is nonsensical. There is no road that connects them other than the trunk roads. Once there was a muddy track that linked them but it was not well used and is now a mere walk way near the Sailing centre.

Chells may have a problem of low numbers, but correct that with the houses in Manor and leave the historic community of Bedwell alone.

For the History contact [REDACTED]!

I once delivered the 'Echo' the residence association news letter for Bedwell and my patch was Shephall View and Colstrete.

You need to reconsider these proposals.

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