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Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like formal receipt of my submission for the proposal of the 'Chiltern Villages' ward for the boundary review for Buckinghamshire Council

Having served the existing ward of West Wycombe for nearly 10 yrs and knowing every road, crook and cranny, it seems very sad to see that in particular the Parishes of West Wycombe and Piddington and Wheeler End to be merged into the vast ward called 'Chiltern Villages'.

I fully support the idea of having 'Sands' the urban part of West Wycombe to have its own one-person ward, as it needs to have its own Parish Council and has its own identity.

I also support that Studley Green and the surrounding hamlets should merge in with the Ridgeway West ward, as this makes sense as they are currently under the Stokenchurch Parish area.

However, I have my own simple proposal for the Parishes of West Wycombe (1061 voters) and Piddington and Wheeler End (496 voters).

For them to join the neighbouring Parish 'Lane End' (2936 voters) and have a combination of 4493 voters (criteria for a 1 member ward = 4521 voters (-1%))

For the creation of a new proposed ward called = 'West of Wycombe Villages.'

There is a historic connection between Lane End Parish and Piddington, in fact they share the hamlet of Wheeler End (in half) already. This goes back many, many years since their creation.

With the neighbouring Parish of West Wycombe being added, they have sat next to the Piddington and Wheeler End Parish since their creation.

There is a very strong link from all Parishes which have the common connection through Wheeler End.

The proposed alternative from the Boundary Commission is to merge West Wycombe and Piddington in with the existing 'Chiltern Ward', which would consist of: -

Lane End (2936 voters)
Ibstone (205 voters)
West Wycombe (1061 voters)
Piddington and Wheeler End (496 voters)
Turville (242 voters)
Hambleton (1131 voters)
Fawley (180 voters)
Medmenham (724 voters)
Great Marlow (1169 voters)

With a total of 8144 voters over a whopping 9 separate Parish Council areas! for a x2 person ward.

In my mind West Wycombe and Piddington would lose out if joining this 'vast mass' of the Chiltern Villages ward with 9 different parish councils.

For 2 Cllrs to work their way around that many Parish Council meetings would not be possible in that both West Wycombe and Piddington would be lucky to see their elected representatives attending their meetings. Both myself and my wife (Cllr Mrs Hayday) know that the Conservative member also representing the ward of West Wycombe has since the last election, not represented himself at one single Parish or Residents Association meeting, or even submitted his apologies once.

So, my simple recommendation for this proposal is to have a smaller more manageable 1-person ward, who would from my own experience of 10 years be able to serve this area well.

Both the West Wycombe and the Piddington and Wheeler End Parish councils have both agreed to this proposal and want to join with Lane End Parish Council.

Also, Cllr Mrs Hayday agrees with this proposed plan, who has also submitted her support.

Kind regards

Cllr Mr Darren Hayday
Buckinghamshire Council
West Wycombe ward



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