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I have set out in the enclosed file entitled 'Boundary Review Member Consultation Submission to the Boundary Review 7 11 2022.pdf ' my evidence for the revisions to the Hackleton and Grange Park ward to become the Hackleton and Roade ward following the Boundary Commission Review.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded

Boundary Review Member Consultation

Introduction

The Parishes in the ward of Hackleton and Grange Park are Brafield, Castle Ashby, Cogenhoe, Whiston, Denton, Hackleton, Piddington, Hartwell, Little Houghton, Quinton, Yardley Hastings, and Grange Park. It is a three-member ward with 10,223 electors in 2021 and 10,969 electors forecasted in 2028 as per the Boundary Commission D Polling Forecasting tool.

Under the Boundary Commission Review from 2025, each member of West Northants will represent an average of 4,227 electors each. This number is now fixed, and it means that if the new ward was to be three members it would need to have approximately 12,831 electors or if it was to be a 2 member Ward it would need approximately 8,554 electors.

In the Boundary Review Member Consultation Form enclosed, I have provided evidence for the exclusion of Grange Park and the inclusion of Great Houghton, Roade, Blisworth, Milton Malsor, Shutlanger, Stoke Bruerne, Courteenhall and Ashton for a 3 Member ward. The revised number of electors would meet the criteria set by the Boundary Commission and provide evidence of a strong community identity and the evidence is set out below.

The ward is now entitled Hackleton and Roade. The proposal in this area is for a three-member ward which will result in a ward of 12,893 electors by 2028. This will result in a variance of 3.27% on 78 members or 1.94% on 77 members. It is a ward bordered to the east and south by the boundaries of North Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire. The river Nene forms the northern boundary. The M1 motorway runs to the west. The area is predominately rural, with no large settlements that are dominant. Connectivity is via the A428 which links Northampton and Bedford and the Newport Pagnell Road, which links Northampton with Newport Pagnell and Milton Keynes. The proposal for this area would be for a ward formed of the parishes around the A508, and Junction 15 of the M1 Junction, as well as parishes further east.

The existing Wootton growth together with planned future growth to 2028 must be incorporated into the new Nene Valley ward for the benefit of Northampton town as an urban centre. This boundary change has been reflected in the WNC proposal and this submission. I anticipate that following the implementation of the outcome of this Boundary Commission Review a Community Boundary Review will take place in Hackleton and Piddington to reflect the new ward boundary between the new wards of Nene Valley and Hackleton and Roade.

This proposal would join the 18 parishes of Roade, Blisworth, Milton Malsor, Shutlanger, Stoke Bruerne, Courteenhall, Ashton, Hartwell, Quinton, Hackleton, Piddington, Yardley Hastings, Denton, Brafield on the Green, Castle Ashby, Cogenhoe and Whiston, Little Houghton and Great Houghton.

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Member for Hackleton and Grange Park

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Boundary Review Member Consultation

Councillor Name(s)		STEPHEN CLARKE
Submission on behalf of (individual/group)		Self. I have discussed this with various Parish Councils and Community Groups
Ward Member for		HACKLETON AND GRANGE PARK
Evidence for:	HACKLETON AND ROADE	
a)	<p>Communities in my ward (e.g., evidence of the groups of villages that are aligned, residents' groups, events which connect communities)</p> <p>(e.g., the villages of X, Y and Z organise joint events).</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Church of England (CofE) Wymersley Benefice covers Cogenhoe, Brafield, Great Houghton and Little Houghton. 2) The CofE Yardley Hastings Benefice covers Yardley Hastings, Denton, Castle Ashby and Whiston. 3) The CofE Living Brook Benefice covers Hardingstone & Piddington with Horton & Quinton & Preston Deanery. 4) CofE Salcey Churches Group (Benefice) consists of 4 churches - St. Michael & All Angels in Ashton, St. Peter's and St. Paul's in Courteenhall, St. John the Baptist in Hartwell and St. Mary the Virgin in Roade. 5) The Grand Union benefice consists of the parishes of: Blisworth, Milton Malsor, Stoke Bruerne and Shutlanger 6) All the Churches arrange many events within the Benefices and across the ward including Harvest Festivals, Open Gardens, Coffee Mornings and Afternoon teas, Community Lunches, Food Larders, and Warm Spaces etc. I have participated in many of these over the past year. The Benefices have been instrumental in supporting the parishes during and post covid and now with the cost-of-living crisis. 7) The Wymersley Benefice is building a Food Larder initially in Denton, Castle Ashby, and Cogenhoe built on the model of the Roade Food Larder. 8) The Village Hopper bus service is run by Cogenhoe & Whiston Parish Council (Operator). This service is being run through a consortium of the rural parishes who operate a 16-seater mini-bus on the route. It travels between Wollaston, Bozeat, Easton Maudit, Grendon, Whiston, Cogenhoe, Brafield, Little Houghton, Great Houghton and Northampton and it is a very important service which is timetabled for work and full-time education. It

is looking to extend its route with the Stagecoach 41 bus services being removed.

- 9) Cogenhoe and Whiston Parish Council run a Weekly Prescription service for those unable to collect their prescriptions from Denton GP Surgery.

Thursday 6 th October	Parish Helpdesk with Prescription collection service 11am-12pm
Monday 10 th October	Forget-Me-Not group 1.30pm-2.45pm, York Room. Social group for anyone living with dementia (or similar condition)
Wednesday 12 th October	Community Lunch 12.30pm with prescription collection service in the Mud Kitchen Café. £6 in advance
Thursday 13 th October	Storytime 9.15am in the Mud Kitchen Café Parish Helpdesk with Prescription collection service 11am-12pm
Thursday 20 th October	Parish Helpdesk with Prescription collection service 11am-12pm
Monday 24 th October	Community Lunch Club – Harvest lunch with Autumn crafts 12.30pm in the York Room £6 (in advance)
Tuesday 25 th October Half-term	Autumn Fun session for all primary school aged children & their grown-ups 10am-12pm £5 per family (see separate advert)
Thursday 27 th October	Parish Helpdesk with Prescription collection service 11am-12pm
Thursday 3 rd November	Parish Helpdesk with Prescription collection service 11am-12pm
Monday 7 th November	Community Lunch Club – talk & lunch 12.30pm in the York Room. £6 in advance
Thursday 10 th November	Storytime 9.15am in the Mud Kitchen Parish Helpdesk with Prescription collection service 11am-12pm
Monday 14 th November	Forget-Me-Not group 1.30pm-2.45pm, York Room. Social group for anyone living with dementia (or similar condition)
Monday 21 st November	Stay & Play 2-3pm in the York Room for under 5's & their grown-ups.

The Parish Helpdesk takes place every Thursday from 11am-12pm, in the Mud Kitchen Café (or quiet room available) and is your opportunity to collect your prescriptions from Denton Surgery & raise any concerns you may have.


Deborah the Clerk has internet access and is there to help with any problems / concerns, especially with the cost-of-living crisis. Please don't sit at home and worry, come and have a chat and we will see what we can do to help. If you can't get to the village hall, please phone 07512 045418 and we can chat on the phone or organise some transport for you.

Prescriptions from Denton Surgery - If you haven't registered for this service do pop in and complete the form to authorise the surgery to deliver your prescription to the Village Hall (or ask for one at the surgery).

- 10) Northamptonshire Carers run a Carer Support Group every month on the 2nd Tuesday in Yardley Hastings for the Denton and surrounding Rural Group.

- 11) Cogenhoe and Whiston Parish Council run a 'Forget-Me-Not' Social Group for anyone living with Dementia. Currently this involves some Cogenhoe, Little Houghton and Yardley Hastings residents.

- 12) Roade and Quinton Old Folks Fund supports pensioners on the following basis. If you have lived in Quinton or Roade for 6 months, receive the State Pension and have been on the tote for at least 6 months, you are eligible for the benefits of the fund. This includes an annual subsidised coach holiday, day trips, Christmas Hampers, and gifts for those in Nursing care and other benefits.

		<p>13) Patients of Denton Village Surgery or perhaps a user of the Volunteer Patient Transport Scheme run by the DSPG have regular Patient Voice meetings across the surgery practice area. They also run a Volunteer Patient Transport Scheme for those across the practice area to get to the surgery and Hospital Appointments.</p>  <p>The Patients' Voice & DSPG Annual General Meeting 7:00pm 12th October 2022 Yardley Hasting Village Hall* <small>(*Held in the small meeting room, please enter by side door)</small></p> <p>Speakers will include: Dr Wade - Running a rural practice, challenges and benefits Dr Pickering - Access to patient services Practice Manager & Dispensary Manager - How the dispensary works The DSPG—the role of the DSPG There will be an opportunity to put your questions to both the DSPG and speakers After the speakers the DSPG will hold its AGM to which everyone is invited. Tea and coffee will be available</p> <p>14) Blisworth and its tunnel together with Stoke Bruerne and its Canal Museum are points of interest for tourists and day trippers.</p>
b)	<p>Services and shopping etc serving my ward</p> <p>(e.g., the villages of X, Y and Z are all served by the local town of W for schools, GP, and shops)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The majority of the secondary school age pupils in the seven parishes: Brafield, Castle Ashby, Cogenhoe, Whiston, Denton, Little Houghton and Yardley Hastings attend Wollaston School. The catchment area covers: Children who live in the designated villages: Bozeat, Brafield-on-the-Green, Castle Ashby, Chadstone, Cogenhoe, Denton, Easton Maudit, Great Houghton, Grendon, Irchester, Little Houghton, Strixton, Whiston, Wollaston, Yardley Hastings. Further evidence that Great Houghton should be included in new Hackleton and Roade ward. 2) Children attending Wollaston School's designated contributory Primary Schools in the year of application are eligible for a formal offer of places: Cogenhoe Primary School, Denton Primary School, Grendon CE Primary School, Little Houghton CEVA Primary School, Wollaston Primary School, Yardley Hastings Primary School. 3) There are primary schools in Ashton, Little Houghton, Hartwell, Hackleton, Denton, Cogenhoe, Yardley Hastings, Stoke Bruerne, Roade, Blisworth and Milton Malsor. 4) The majority of secondary school age children who live in the linked areas of Grange Park, Wootton, Wootton Fields, St George's Fields, Courteenhall, and Quinton attend Caroline Chisolm School.

		<p>5) Elizabeth Woodville School, North Campus serves children who live in the linked area associated with the school: Ashton, Blisworth, Collingtree, Hackleton, Hardingstone, Hartwell, Horton, Piddington, Preston Deanery, Roade, Shutlanger, Stoke Bruerne or Wootton Hall Park or Grange Park.</p> <p>6) The Parks Medical Practice serves: Blisworth, Milton Malsor, Roade, Hartwell, Ashton, Stoke Bruerne, Shutlanger, Courteenhall, Quinton.</p> <p>7) The Denton Village GP Surgery serves patients in Brafield, Castle Ashby, Cogenhoe, Whiston, Denton, Little Houghton, Hackleton, Piddington and Yardley Hastings.</p> <p>8) The villages of Brafield, Castle Ashby, Cogenhoe, Whiston, Denton, Little Houghton, Hackleton, Piddington and Yardley Hastings shop in the town of Olney, in Buckinghamshire, which lies between Northampton, Milton Keynes and Bedford. Olney has a unique high street, with independent shops, boutiques and studios, plus vintage stores and traditional pubs, cafes, and restaurants.</p> <p>9) Many of these villages in this part of the ward have relatively few services but there are local shops in Hackleton, Yardley Hastings, Brafield, Stoke Bruerne and Cogenhoe.</p> <p>10) Roade is the largest settlement in the area. It has good links to the other parishes in the ward. Many of the settlements are served by convenience stores and there is a post office at Roade and Blisworth.</p> <p>11) There are filling stations in Roade and Brafield that serve the surrounding rural areas..</p>
c)	<p>Hard Boundaries in my ward</p> <p>(e.g., there is a river which divides the communities because there is no bridge)</p>	<p>1) Brafield, Castle Ashby, Cogenhoe, Whiston, Denton, Little Houghton and Yardley Hastings are in the triangle between A509, A428 and A45.</p> <p>2) The Parishes that make up the proposed ward are bordered to the east and south by the boundaries with North Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire. The River Nene forms the Northern Boundary. The M1 motorway runs to the west. The area is predominately rural, with no large settlements. Connectivity is via the A428 which links Northampton and Bedford and the Newport Pagnell Road, which links Northampton with Newport Pagnell and Milton Keynes.</p> <p>3) The proposal for the area would be for a ward formed of parishes around the A508 and</p>

		Junction 15 of the M1 Junction, as well as parishes further east.
d)	<p>Other key features which impact on the Boundary</p> <p>(The new housing estate of X has always associated with Village Y because many of the residents came from that area when the houses were built, and their families live there).</p>	<p>1) Many of these parishes have a number of common interests, including the traffic issues caused by the A508 and proximity of the busy motorway junction. There is a bypass under construction at Roade which is linked to the developments.</p>
e)	<p>Parish boundary changes</p> <p>(e.g., the parish of X stops at the old district boundary, but the community extends beyond the parish boundary which should include that extended area).</p>	<p>1) The existing Wootton growth together with planned future growth to 2028 must be incorporated into the new Nene Valley ward for the benefit of Northampton town as an urban centre. This boundary change has been reflected in the WNC proposal and this submission. I anticipate that following the implementation of the outcome of this Boundary Commission Review a Community Boundary Review will take place in Hackleton and Piddington to reflect the new ward boundary between the new wards of Nene Valley and Hackleton and Roade.</p>
f)	Other relevant information	<p>1) At the last election the boundary was taken to be the old Northamptonshire County Council Division Boundary. Yet the District Boundary had included Ashton with Hartwell as both Parishes are adjacent, and they share a network of bridleways, footpaths, and other services (above). It would make sense to extend the Boundary to include this area.</p> <p>2) I have provided other evidence for the inclusion of Ashton and Great Houghton.</p> <p>3) Grange Park is a mixed-use urban area with a greater affinity with Wootton and the Nene Valley Ward. There is little evidence to retain it as a component of the new ward.</p> <p>4) I have provided other evidence for the inclusion of Roade, Blisworth, Milton Malsor, Stoke Bruerne, Shutlanger and Courteenhall (above).</p>