

## Buckinghamshire Council

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### Comment text:

Little Missenden Parish Council understands the geographic logic of putting Great Missenden and LMPC into a single conurbation. Our concern with the proposed change is that LMPC may lose its identity and will be seen as part of Great Missenden Parish. Currently many third party bodies confuse LMPC with Great Missenden. Align the HS2 contractor booked Great Missenden village hall believing it served LMPC. HS2 believed Great Missenden PC covered the Little Missenden vent shaft site, starting to deal with them and not LMPC. Great Missenden believed it was better placed to deal with HS2 than LMPC. LMPC had to fight to get a place at meetings. The current Community Board which consist of the two parishes is dominated by Great Missenden with all roles filled by residents of Great Missenden Parish. In terms of population Great Missenden Parish is much larger, a consequence of this is it has a high number of Buckinghamshire Councillors living there while none live in LMPC. LMPC has two very active Buckinghamshire Councillors, Cllr Jonathan Waters who represents Holmer Green and Cllr Jane MacBean who supports Hyde Heath. Both provide amazing support and advice to Council which we would be loathed to lose. They offer an independent view point as they live outside the Parish. Being a small Parish LMPC has to work hard to be heard. Hazlemere Parish Council wanted to include Holmer Green within its Neighbourhood Plan due to its proximity and a large housing estate planned to be built which although in Hazlemere will impact more on Holmer Green. LMPC has had to fight hard to try to keep the identity of Holmer Green which is of prime importance to its residence. There is a risk that this housing estate will make Holmer Green look like part of High Wycombe. Identity is important to LMPC as it has four clear and definable wards all different in there make up and the current boundaries help to maintain these with different Buckinghamshire Councillors covering different wards, currently LMPC is not lost on the boundary map. Merged with Gt Missenden, LMPC will look more like a ward than a Parish. LMPC believes that the current plan does not consider enough the impact the changes will make on smaller parishes. The boundary changes make geographic sense and would make the reduction in number and thereafter the election of Buckinghamshire Councillors an easier task but the changes do not take into consideration smaller parishes when coupled with a large parish. Buckinghamshire Unitary Council itself focuses on the larger parishes. An example is devolved services. LMPC has applied to take over services but did not progress as BC worked with Great Missenden as the team believed that Parish being larger could more readily take over the services. LMPC believes that although the changes look good on paper they do not serve the interest of residents.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded