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The proposed Finedon ward is principally a rural ward but includes a substantial slice of very urban Wellingborough. The rest of Wellingborough is covered by wards that are entirely or almost entirely urban. Given that the concerns, interests and needs of urban and rural areas are noticeably different, those three western wards, which cover about 80% of Wellingborough, make sense but the proposed Finedon ward makes no sense. While the proposed arrangement possibly ensures a roughly equal number of voters in each ward, it is unlikely to ensure effective representation of the voters in that eastern 20% of Wellingborough. The replacement of the borough and district councils has made local government more remote and each voter's voice smaller, so good representation is very important. The Finedon ward's proposed boundaries seem to compound the sense of the remoteness of local government, to magnify the sense that those on the eastern side of Wellingborough have little say in or influence on local government. In short, the proposed Finedon ward is a detriment to local democracy. The eastern fifth of Wellingborough must, therefore, be incorporated into a principally urban ward.

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