

# West Northamptonshire

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## Comment text:

Hello,

Please find attached the West Northamptonshire Council Labour Group response to the boundary review draft proposal.

This includes our response to the Northampton Town Council parish boundary proposed boundaries. We are in agreement with the cross party Town Council response to maintain existing boundaries and reject the proposed changes which we consider unbalanced.

Best wishes,

## Attached Documents:

- WNC Labour Group response May 2023.pdf

**West Northamptonshire**  
**Local Government Boundary Review**  
**Labour Submission**

**Daventry area**

Daventry Town Council - We agree with the proposal to adopt the Town Councils proposal for WNC wards. This would best serve the interests of the Daventry community and not dilute the towns representation with rural concerns.

**Northampton area**

With regards to the name of wards within the Northampton area they need to take into account the most historic names for communities. This informs some of our concerns about ward names below.

Phippsville – we suggest Abington needs to be mentioned in one of the wards around Abington Park as it's a more historic name than Phippsville.

Delapre & Briar Hill – Far Cotton is the more historic name and needs to be included in the name of the ward. If Delapre, Far Cotton and Briar Hill is considered too long then Delapre and Far Cotton is the more appropriate name.

Northampton Town Council parish ward boundaries. The Labour group does not agree with the proposed changes which in some cases lead to unacceptable representation levels for example 145 voters for one Town Councillor for Marina ward. We agree with the Northampton Town Councils cross party proposal to keep the existing Town Council ward boundaries.

**South Northants**

Comments from our South Northants CLP are:

1. CLP suggestion - The proposed renaming of Deanshanger to Deanshanger and Paulerspury does not make sense. Paulerspury is not even the second largest village in this ward. We propose this ward remains as Deanshanger.
2. CLP suggestion - Silverstone and Rural SN proposed new ward covers a massive area with the west very different to the east. This is acknowledged by the commission.  
We think a better name for this ward should it remain as a large 3 member ward should be proposed as other areas of SN are also rural and so this does not truly reflect the balance of rural and urban across the wider SN area.  
The commission suggests an alternative 2 member ward (Abthorpe, Blakesley, Bradden, Greatworth & Halse, Greens Norton, Helmdon, Radstone, Silverstone,

Slapton, Syresham, Wappenham, Weston & Weedon, Whitfield, Whittlebury and Woodend parishes) and 1 member ward (Adstone, Aston Le Walls, Boddington, Canons Ashby, Chipping Warden & Edgcote, Cold Higham, Culworth, Eydon, Farthingstone, Litchborough, Maidford, Moreton Pinkney, Preston Capes, Stowe IX Churches and Sulgrave parishes) and seeks views. SN CLP would support a split into two wards but has no particular view on this suggested split.

3. CLP suggestion (although we do not have the population numbers to support this) Hackleton and Roade seems very large with some urban (Grange Park), large village (Roade, Blisworth), and small village mixtures. Other than giving Grange Park a one-seat area, we do not know what else could be done here. Swapping Blisworth & Roade for Yardley Hastings & Cogenhoe. We would suggest a 1 member Grange Park ward if the population numbers stack up which they probably do not – it is very different to Roade and Blisworth.
4. SN CLP notes that Tiffield Parish does not wish to be ‘subsumed’ in a Towcester ward. However, we also note the Commission’s comments on the number of electors and other warding arrangements that mean it cannot see a viable alternative for Towcester.