

West Northamptonshire

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Comment text:

In Kingsthorpe the existing 5 wards (Spring Park, Obelisk, St David's, Sunnyside and Kingsthorpe Village) each represented by 3 councillors, are being reduced to 2 wards: Kingsthorpe North and Kingsthorpe South. These two wards will be represented by 10 and 5 Parish Councillors respectively. The planned changes ignore historic communities of Kingsthorpe.

This is to lodge my objections to the proposed new boundaries for Kingsthorpe Parish Council wards. I am opposed to the boundary changes, and want the boundaries to remain as they are at present.

I object to the proposed changes on the following basis:

1. The current arrangement reflects the identities of local communities, secures effective and convenient local government and offers greater equality of representation than the proposed new wards .
 2. The current wards are established communities which have resident associations based along those lines and community centres which take the name of their ward.
 4. The proposal will disrupt those communities and their identities, the very opposite of parish councils are supposed to stand for and what we understand to be the intention of the boundary commission.
 5. The current arrangement is convenient for arranging local government elections and for the electorate who know their ward and where to go to vote.
 6. Kingsthorpe Parish Council is just 2 years old. Continuity is key for parishioners to avoid confusion and promote confidence in local democracy.
- For all these reasons I would prefer the ward boundaries remained as they are.

Please could you ensure that this email is provided to the personnel collating responses to the inquiry and that it is included in the papers for any

meeting considering this matter.

I am registered and resident at the address given below.

Name: [REDACTED]

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Thank you.

Attached Documents:

None attached