

# North Northamptonshire

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## Comment text:

### Related subject: Ise

The proposed new ward is unsuitable for the new Ise division in a number of respects.

Firstly, it fails to take into account the ongoing development in the ward (at Kettering East) and the impending significant increase in population; which will already have taken place by the time the new boundaries are implemented. Your own report notes that 'legislation states that our recommendations should not be based only on how many electors there are now, but also on how many there are likely to be in the five years after the publication of our final recommendations.' In addition to the residential properties there is due to be significant infrastructure on the development also, including multiple schools, an urban hub containing medical facilities, a hotel, gym and various leisure and employment developments.

Secondly, the proposed new addition of Kettering Venture park/paradise lane areas is unsuitable in geography and make up. It does not meet the criteria identified by the commission, there are no discernable landmarks or features to distinguish the proposed ward. There are no links between the individual areas or populace. There is no direct bus link.

The Ise ward should have the southern boundary along Barton road onto Windmill road (encompassing Cheyne walk, Pebbleford road, Ise road etc - WMF polling district), and onto Deeble road (map attached with lines in red). These areas are very similar in character to the Ise lodge estate, they are in the same polling district, they share the Ise green belt as their main areas for leisure and recreation, many children from the estate attend the Kettering Science Academy (KSA), the Ise Lodge football teams play their matches in the KSA playing fields, there are direct

walking, driving and bus links between the areas.

These new streets in addition to the proper consideration of the increase in new population on Kettering east development would ensure the ward is of sufficient sizing. If further streets are needed the ward could extend along windmill avenue into East avenue, East walk, East Drive, East Close & Southgate Drive.

Ise absolutely should not be a makeweight ward in order to allow for 'a good pattern of wards that balance our statutory criteria across the wider Kettering area' as suggested.

## **Attached Documents:**

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