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Since 1974 Oxfordshire County Council has operated in a way which has been harmful to Wantage and Grove (W&G) households. The County and District have pursued, by accident or design, policies that have discouraged investment and work in W&G but insisted on dumping thousands of houses without improving the ability to get to work by improving the historically very poor connectivity we have - quite the opposite. It cannot be right that W&G combined has a predicted electorate of 20,602 whilst the predicted electorate of Abingdon South, Abingdon North, and Abingdon East combined is hardly different at 24,910 yet W&G has 2 County Councillors whilst Abingdon has 3. Meanwhile Didcot West, Didcot Ladygrove and Didcot East and Hagbourne is predicted to be 26,791 also with 3 County council representatives. Why does the county discriminate against W&G in this way? We have all seen the money poured into Abingdon and Didcot whilst W&G is kept barefoot and pregnant, we cannot even get our roads repaired properly by Bob Patch-it and his crew and it takes two weeks and councillor intervention to get whole streets of 9 street lights repaired when they fail. Meanwhile we have a part-time fire service and have to wait for over 30 minutes for the full-time crews from Abingdon or Didcot to turn out when houses burn - my friend got badly burned putting out his own house fire. Wantage apparently were not working that day, fire engines from Abingdon and Didcot turned up 35 minutes after the 999 and he had extinguished his blaze by then. Why should we pay the same Council Tax as Abingdon and Didcot when we are denied equal representation, investment and services? County Hall should be ashamed.

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