

Buckinghamshire Council

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I am a Buckinghamshire Councillor and Parish Councillor for Chalfont St Peter, a large historical village mentioned in the Domesday Book. It has four wards - Chalfont Common, Chalfont Central, Austenwood and Gold Hill. Gold Hill is currently part of the Chalfont St Giles ward but has no connections or affinity with Chalfont St Giles which is also a Domesday Book village. Residents of Gold Hill do not have have an affinity with Chalfont St Giles and I deal with issues on behalf of residents here, particularly with regard to planning. Gold Hill Common is an important part of our village and is used by many residents for play, picnics, walking, together with Circuses, fun fairs and our annual village Feast Day and beacon which we light on historic occasions. Chalfont St Peter Parish Council manage Gold Hill Common and Austenwood Common. The Austenwood ward is an area with roads which have been split to make a boundary with Gerrards Cross. Gerrards Cross was originally part of Chalfont St Peter until the railway came in the late 1800s. I imagine this split was contrived to create the new parish. I understand that we need additional numbers to create one ward for Chalfont St Peter and I submit that these can easily be taken from the roads on the Chalfont St Peter side of the railway. I believe that this is an opportunity to bring our village together. This will cover all three of your criteria - electoral equality, Interests and identities of local communities and effective and convenient Local Government. The Parish Council covers all four wards. We have shops, a library, doctors, leisure centre, hospital, community centre, churches, schools. It is my submission that Chalfont St Peter should be one x 3 member ward. This will be less confusing for the residents and Councillors who know the area well can be elected to represent them on Buckinghamshire Council.

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