

## COMMENTS ON PROPOSALS FOR NEW EAST HERTFORDSHIRE WARDS.

The proposal is for Westmill village to form part of the rural ward of Mundens. Local knowledge indicates that this is perverse.

It is my contention that it should be in the same ward as Buntingford and Aspenden rather than isolated in the far corner of the new Mundens ward. It has nothing in common with Bengoe which looks to Hertford.

Westmill has no shops, public transport, school or medical facilities. These are all provided by Buntingford which is a mile away.

Most of the local problems such as traffic on the A10 and dangerous junctions, lack of public transport, poor medical facilities are aggravated by the rapid and uncoordinated expansion of Buntingford.

Problems of overflying of aircraft from Luton and Stansted do not affect Bengoe and other villages further south. Similarly, the failure of Buntingford recycling centre to reopen does not affect southern parts of the proposed Mundens ward.

A major current concern is about an unauthorised gypsy and travellers' site. Our existing East Hertfordshire and County Council Councillors are deeply involved and fully informed of the case. To lose their involvement, knowledge and experience of the situation would be a severe blow.

Westmill considers its self as part of the same community as Buntingford and Aspenden. Buntingford is after all part of our address. The churches are run together and have the same vicar. Services are on different Sundays so congregations are shared. Buntingford provides the local Catholic and Nonconformist churches.

Westmill provides drivers for the Buntingford charities running senior citizens mini bus and hospital transport. Residents are also active in the Buntingford choir and amateur dramatics. Most of the users of the Westmill nursery come from the Buntingford area as do most members of the village football team.

It is requested that the current proposal is reconsidered.

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