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Thanks for your offer of commenting on the proposed ward boundary changes. I have attached a file ref 'Proposed Ward Boundaries 080722' Look forward to acknowledgement of receipt.

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Stevenage Ward Boundaries

Firstly I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the local ward boundaries, and to apologise for my 'Nimbyism.' Like most people one automatically looks at your own local area, I apologise.

My family have lived and grown up in the Old Town for approaching 50 years, formerly Basils Road but Alleyns Road for the majority of that time. The 'Old Town' has its own individual character which cannot be found elsewhere in the Town, wherever you look, from the architecture to 'the chimney pots' and everything in between. My home in Alleyns Road is unique and a walk up and down the gently sloping road cannot be done elsewhere in the Town. I believe Alleyns to be the oldest residential road in Stevenage, certainly older than ALL surrounding roads and only matched by the odd property here and there, Letchmore Green/road being an example, but not the whole road.

Some 20 years ago Stevenage Museum, namely [REDACTED] helped me research the Old Bakery ([REDACTED]) whilst I was [REDACTED] residential use. [REDACTED] gave me evidence of the Bakery operating back as early as 1881, which is borne out by estimates of other adjoining properties being built in or around 1860.

I would urge you to keep, as a minimum, Alleyns Road, and possibly Hellards (also very old but sadly mainly demolished), Additionally the lower end of Haycroft (just a lane in 1880) and Pound Avenue (AHHP area) are certainly worthy of consideration. All properties therein (apart from infill) were built between 90 and 160 years ago, the oldest being older than the bulk of the 'Historic' High Street. This area forms part of the history of the Old Town.

If it is strictly a numbers game I would suggest you look at the conurbation which is furthest from the High Street and coincidentally one of the newest, it is also a very discrete area. At the north east of the proposed boundary you have a 1970's development at Headingly, Trafford and Trent (HTT area). The AHHP area is significantly older and of historic interest, it is also approximately 1/3rd of the distance, as the crow flies, from the heart of the historic High Street, compared to the HTT area. The top of Weston road would also fit into a similar category if more numbers were required.

I would ask you to consider, as a minimum, to reposition the boundary up Pound ave, across Primrose Hill and Hellards back to Letchmore road and replace it if necessary with the HTT area.

Thank you for your consideration and PLEASE MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE OLD TOWN, of which undoubtedly Alleyns forms part of as shown by the business register copied to me by [REDACTED] from Stevenage council some 20 years ago.

Thank you for your consideration

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