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Comment text:

I am responding on behalf of the 3 elected members for the current Winslow Ward, Cllr John Chilver, Cllr David Goss and Cllr Sir Beville Stanier. We cannot see any reason to divide these two areas, which have been represented electorally together for many years. The electoral commission report refers to Winslow's 'separate identity' but we would challenge this on the following grounds:

- It is hard to think of any issues specific to Winslow which are not shared by the surrounding area.
- There are a number of strategic issues which affect the whole of North Bucks, both Winslow and the surrounding villages: 1. East West Rail which impacts the whole area 2. Sustainable travel, including the Winslow Community Bus which serves many neighbouring villages and the new cycle routes to the planned Winslow Station opening in 2024 from Buckingham (completed) and Great Horwood (under discussion) 3. Housing numbers, the westward expansion of Milton Keynes, and the Oxford Cambridge Arc 4. Road improvements including the upgrade of the A421 All these affect the whole region, not just Winslow town.
- Planned new Buckinghamshire Council regeneration schemes in Winslow include a new Sports Hub off the Great Horwood Road, new community facilities including a library on the former Winslow Centre site, and a new Business Park off the A413 to the north of the town. All these projects will serve the wider local community, not just Winslow town, and it is important all are included in consultation and engagement.
- Winslow is the local hub for all the villages around and they have strong and deep-seated ties and links, and an interest in its prosperity. They use the health centre, surgery, schools, shops, post office, vets and many other services.
- Winslow and the surrounding villages are used to communicating and working together jointly across a range of forums, particularly the Winslow Community Board
- There are many local events which bring together both Winslow and the wider community, such as the Winslow Show, the Christmas Market, and the monthly Farmers' Market which have strong participation from the neighbouring villages.
- The housing direction of growth for Winslow is on the northern edge of town, with at least 315 homes allocated in the Vale of Aylesbury Plan off the Great Horwood Road, together with the new sports hub and business park. This will bring Winslow closer to the villages to the north and they will have a shared interest in the development.
- The Boundary Commission's proposals are inconsistent with those for Buckingham, where the proposal is to include the town and nearby villages in a 3 member Ward. To treat Winslow differently is inconsistent and illogical and has no evidence base. We cannot support a proposal which could be divisive and undermine all the good progress in bringing together the wider Winslow community

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This submission is on the Winslow Ward on behalf of the 3 existing Councillors: Cllr John Chilver, Cllr David Goss and Cllr Sir Beville Stanier. We fully support the submission to you made by Buckinghamshire Council supporting the retention of the existing Winslow Ward as a 2 member Ward, the only change from the existing Ward being the removal of Granborough from the Ward. We propose that the 2 proposed new Wards of Winslow and Horwood (1 member each) be combined into a single new Ward of 2 members to be called Winslow and Horwood. We also support the proposal to move Leckhampstead from the Winslow and Horwood Ward to the Buckingham Ward, as it has far more connection and communication with Buckingham, with which it has always been associated. We believe this would meet the 3 criteria as follows: 1. Electoral equality: the two proposed Wards of Winslow and Horwood would simply be combined into a single ward and the only change would be the removal of Leckhampstead into Buckingham. The Ward electoral total would remain within the 10% variance threshold. 2. We believe there is no significant difference in the interests and concerns of Winslow and the surrounding villages. They have been used to being jointly represented for many years and to communicating and working together. There is a danger that dividing the Ward into two could create new divisions and conflicts. 3. There are particular reasons at the present time why the Council representation should continue to cover both the town and neighbouring villages. These include East West Rail and the new Winslow railway station, new sustainable travel links, the regeneration plans for Winslow, and the housing growth to the north of the town. It is important that communication and feedback should be consistent across the whole area, and that the views of both Winslow town and the neighbouring villages on these important issues are heard and considered. The electoral commission proposals would have 1 member relating to Winslow only, and another member relating to the neighbouring 11 villages; far better to have 2 members engaging and communicating with them all. These views are supported by many Parish Councils in the existing Ward who are used to and supportive of the current arrangements.

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Councillor(s) name:	John Chilver, David Goss, Sir Beville Stanier
Wards on which you are commenting.	Winslow and Horwood
Do you think this ward reflects community identities? If not, please say why.	<p>We cannot see any reason to divide these two areas, which have been represented electorally together for many years. The electoral commission report refers to Winslow's 'separate identity' but we would challenge this on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is hard to think of any issues specific to Winslow which are not shared by the surrounding area. - There are a number of current strategic issues which affect both Winslow and the surrounding villages together: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. East West Rail which impacts the whole area 2. Sustainable travel, including the Winslow Community Bus which serves many neighbouring villages and the new cycle routes to the planned Winslow Station opening in 2024 from Buckingham (completed) and Great Horwood (under discussion) 3. Housing numbers, the westward expansion of Milton Keynes, and the Oxford Cambridge Arc 4. Road improvements including the upgrade of the A421 <p>All these affect the whole region, not just Winslow town.</p> - Planned new Buckinghamshire Council regeneration schemes in Winslow include a new Sports Hub off the

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