

## Fenland District Council

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### Comment text:

Re Wisbech Walsoken & Waterlees: I have lived in Waterlees Village for over 30 years and represented it as one of its town and district councillors for eight years. To merge this ward with Walsoken is illogical and no benefit to either community. Waterlees Village has clear boundaries, defined by two busy roads: the Lynn Road and Mount Pleasant Road. Many of its residents work in the Waterlees ward and take their children to the primary school (The Orchards) in the ward and meet in the Community Centre (The Oasis) in the ward. This is a very strong community where many residents have lived in the ward for several generations (despite its several name changes). It has the most social housing in Fenland run by Clarion Housing Association. It is also the most deprived ward in Cambridgeshire and in the top 10% for child deprivation in the UK. It has more children in the ward, over 1,500, than any other ward, three times more than even the Fenland town of Manea. When seeking funding, it can be clearly defined and identified. As such, it requires strong commitment from two district councillors. To merge this ward over the busy Lynn Road with Walsoken, and thus divide the community and the high need Waterlees Village residents particularly require, makes no meaningful sense or meaningful benefit to either community.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded