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Hi, I am Mike and I am an existing Unitary Councillor for Boothville and Parklands, existing Northampton Town Councillor for Parklands Ward, but I am also a resident who lives in [REDACTED] in the heart of the Ward I represent with my wife and young family. I have also lived in the area all my life (over 40 years). The communities I currently represent are Moulton Leys, Boothville, Lakeview, Parklands, Spinney Hill and The Arbours. There is also a small residential community in the industrial estate known as Moulton Park. Taking each community in turn Moulton Leys Moulton Leys is an area that was in the previous Northampton Borough boundary whereas the main community of Moulton village was historically in the Daventry District Council area. As much as I enjoy representing this area - in terms of logical communities it actually makes more sense for them to be in the ward that encompasses Moulton village and surrounding area. If you ask people in Moulton Leys where they lived they would simply say Moulton and indeed much case work comes from that area that is related to the main village such as issues with regard to burials and allotments. Moulton Park This is a small residential development around the roads of Howards Way, Brad Street, Darnell Way as well as a couple of houses in Kings Park Road and a small office conversion into a block of flats. The development was originally called "Parklands" and is known locally as "Parklands 2". The footpath on Darnell Way connects it to Parklands Open Space and Parklands Community Centre - and children tend to walk to local schools on Spinney Hill Road such as Parklands Nursery, Parklands Primary School or Northampton School for Girls. The development is completely separate from Moulton and people here would not say "they lived in Moulton". They are quite separate with nearest shops being on Booth Lane North or on Boothville Green, the nearest pub would again be the Lumbertubs pub on Booth Lane North and largest supermarket would be Morrisons on Kettering Road - although a new LIDL is due to be built on Kettering Road North which will be almost on their doorstep in the future. All of this means this small community has more in common and links to Boothville and Parklands than it does Moulton. Boothville and Lakeview The Boothville community has been around for over 100 years and the oldest part of the area I represent. Its streets are directly connected to the 1970s Lakeview development and it is hard to separate the 2. Children in both areas attend Boothville Primary School. Parklands and Spinney Hill The communities of Parklands and Spinney Hill are interwoven and there is no distinct line where one starts and one finishes. Parklands for me is the 1970s development with roads such as Aintree Road, Goodwood Avenue where as the older part where I live on Spinney Hill Road and closer to Kettering Road is Spinney Hill. The community of Spinney Hill is both sides of the Kettering Road as you drive up the "Hill" on the Kettering Road past various "Spinney's" of trees. You have the Spinney Hill Pub on one side and shops on the other such as "Spinney Hill's Tesco Express" which leads onto Spinney Hill Road and down to Spinney Hill Theatre. Behind the Spinney Hill Pub historically a number of roads such as Hillcrest Avenue have been grouped with Parklands ward but a number such as Mayfield Road and Pinewood Road haven't. I believe all of these roads should be grouped in Spinney Hill - if you look on rightmove.co.uk roads such as Pinewood or Mayfield are listed as being in Spinney Hill and even the map I saw from the Council has the words Spinney Hill written across that part of the map indicating what area it is. I believe those additional few roads should be grouped with Parklands. The Arbours This is its own standalone community across 2 sides of a road, with the Arbours Primary School in one grouping and previously a now defunct Middle School in the other. Their nearest shops/takeaways etc would be on Boothville Green and historically they have been linked with Boothville in previous ward boundaries

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