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To whom it may concern,

RE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARY CHANGES.

I am writing with regard to the proposed ward boundaries changes as part of LGBC review of parish ward boundaries and wish to submit Steeple Claydon Parish Council's feedback as part of the ongoing consultation period closing 10th October 2022.



It was unanimously agreed by all Parish Councillors at the last Steeple Claydon Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2022 that these proposals (shown above) are unsuitable and should not be sanctioned by Buckinghamshire Council.



The creation of the proposed Steeple Claydon and Grendon Underwood wards will divide the area known as The Claydons containing villages Steeple Claydon, Middle Claydon, East Claydon and Botolph Claydon. It is very important that The Claydons remain together within the same ward due to the many historical and community ties.

The proposals will also see a boundary between Steeple Claydon and Calvert. All these areas have close community links that will be put in jeopardy if these proposed ward boundary changes take place.

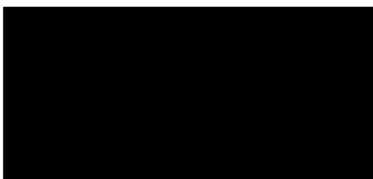
These areas share shopping, educational, religious worship and agricultural links. It is vastly important they remain together to ensure these links remain and neighbouring parishes are able to jointly deal with local issues such as the HS2 and East West Rail projects and, the proposed 'mega prison' at Grendon Underwood.

Steeple Claydon Parish Council propose that Buckinghamshire Council join the two proposed wards of Steeple Claydon and Grendon Underwood into one combined ward with two ward councillors. This will ensure the important community links between these parishes will remain and local issues can continue to be jointly managed.

This proposal does not impact any other proposed boundary, therefore making it relatively easy to implement.

On behalf of Steeple Claydon Parish Council I look forward to hearing the outcome of this consultation and should you require any further information from us please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours Sincerely.



Cllr Stephen Proffitt
Steeple Claydon Parish Council