

# Buckinghamshire Council

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I strongly support the revised proposal from the Local Government Boundary Commission. It is good to see all of Gerrards Cross town, and all of Denham parish, contained within a single ward. Austenwood and Kingsway are assumed by most to be part of Gerrards Cross, and therefore it is logical it is included in the same ward. I have many friends in that area who assume they fall within Gerrards Cross. Therefore having the same Bucks Councillors for that area as for Gerrards Cross would not be a negative and longer term the town/parish boundaries could be reviewed on this basis. Further support for this can be seen in the postal addresses and community assets within Austenwood described as being in Gerrards Cross such as Maltman's Green School, Thorpe House School, Gayhurst School, Gerrards Cross Bowling Club, Gerrards Cross Tennis Club, etc. The schools mentioned regularly participate in community events in Gerrards Cross. The proposals overall for Buckinghamshire have generally kept parishes together within unitary wards. This revision now also follows that pattern, subject to the small variation with Austenwood, but this is supported by good reasons as mentioned above. Overall I believe this will make things simpler for residents and councillors. The original proposal involving Gerrards Cross Station going into a predominantly CSP based ward created a lot of confusion and unrest among people I know, and this was demonstrated by the number of responses received by the Commission. The numbers also work well under the new proposal with a sufficient number of councillors for each ward. Hedgerley, Wexham and Fulmer now go into the Farnhams and Stoke Poges ward – this is accommodated by having an extra councillor. While the numbers are 12% below the requirement and not within the 10% tolerance, I feel that this is justified for such a ward with 5 parishes to cover, which will inevitably involve extra work for those councillors. I would urge the Local Government Boundary Commission to implement these revised proposals which will be the best overall in terms of numbers, community cohesion and equality of representation.

## Uploaded Documents:

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