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In general I support the draft proposals for North Herts, but I object to the proposed Ashwell & Weston ward. This ward would include a number of villages together with a new urban area of Baldock. Residents in the new developments in Baldock will be part of the Baldock community and will have common interests and concerns with the existing residents of Baldock rather than with the villages. In addition village residents will find themselves represented by a number of councillors who are principally representing an urban area in Baldock. This would not reflect the interests of either urban or rural communities as well as the arrangements proposed by North Herts Council in its initial submission, which proposed including the new areas of Baldock in an expanded Baldock East ward. I do not believe that the commission's objections to this on the grounds of the size of the parish wards that would be created are insurmountable or sufficient to override the community benefits of the council's proposals. In particular the parish of Clothall has no Parish Council and there would therefore be no prospect of a parish election taking place involving parish wards. In the case of Bygrave approximately 17% of the parish electorate live in the area that would become part of the Baldock East ward, which would suggest that there would be no problem in warding Bygrave Parish to reflect part of the parish being in a Baldock East ward. In addition the next scheduled election in Bygrave parish after the creation of the parish ward would not take place until 2027 by which time the electorate in the ward within Baldock East would have grown significantly as a result of the planned development. I

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