

## North Hertfordshire District Council

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### Comment text:

Dear Local Government Boundary Commission, I am writing to object to the review of ward boundaries for the Baldock, Ashwell and Weston areas. Specifically, I have concerns about the proposed Ashwell & Weston ward, which I believe is too large and heterogeneous for effective representation of constituents' interests. The proposed ward includes 11 separate parish areas, which I believe is too many for councillors to effectively represent. Additionally, the new developments outside of Baldock will be an extension of the urban area and will be strikingly different in character and demographic from the very rural areas. This will result in a failure in representation for both urban residents, who will be separated from their community in Baldock, and rural residents, whose population in the new ward will be concentrated in the new developments of Baldock. Overall, I believe the proposed arrangements are much less satisfactory from a community representation point of view and the advantages with regard to electoral equality are ambiguous at best. Therefore, I strongly urge the Commission to consider adopting the approach previously proposed by the Council rather than the one currently being recommended. Thank you for considering my concerns. Sincerely, [REDACTED]

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded