

West Northamptonshire

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Dear LGBCE Reviews

Please find enclosed a copy of my Final Boundary Review Member Consultation Submission to the Boundary Review.

Please confirm safe receipt.

Best wishes,

Attached Documents:

- Councillor Stephen Clarke Response to the draft Boundary Commission Report.pdf

West Northampton and Parishes

- Dallington Spencer 3
- Delapre & Briar Hill 3
- Duston 3
- Hunsbury 3
- Nene Valley 3
- Upton 2

Notes

Nene Valley

I note that the Boundary Commission has accepted my previous comments which were in support of this proposal on community identity and interest grounds. It was also in line with Wootton Parish Council's comments which supported the Council's intention to move the parish boundary to include the new developments in Wootton parish.

The Boundary Commission note that the boundary between Hackleton and Wootton parishes is defaced, and the Council's and Labour's proposals reflect the community that exists now and will continue to develop in that area. They also reflect comments received from Hackleton Parish Council about Grange Park parish.

Therefore, I agree with the Boundary Commission's adoption of the Council's and Labour's proposals. Nene Valley ward has three councillors and is forecast to have good electoral equality by 2028. However, further work is needed to better reflect the boundaries on the Boundary Commission map included with the report.

Southeast and Central

Campion 2

Cogenhoe & The Houghtons 1

Deanshanger & Paulerspury 2

Hackleton & Roade 2

Notes

Cogenhoe & The Houghtons and Hackleton & Roade

I am pleased that the Boundary Commission noted that I had provided detailed community evidence to support the creation of a ward comprising the parishes in the Council's proposal. This included joint church benefices, bus services, GP surgeries, community groups and schools between different groups of parishes in the ward. I advocated the inclusion of Ashton and Great Houghton and the exclusion of Grange Park parish on the grounds that Grange Park, unlike the others, was a 'mixed-use urban area with a greater affinity with Wootton'.

Having considered all of the submissions received by the Boundary Commission I still support the inclusion of the Ashton parish in the warding arrangement for this area, on community identity grounds and for the same reason I still support the inclusion of Great Houghton.

As I set out in my evidence together with the evidence provided by the Council and Labour, there are a variety of community connections in the area.

I have noted that there is a community (without defined boundaries) comprising the smaller villages north of Hackleton parish which have shared interests and that parishes to the south form another separate community (though also with undefined boundaries) and in light of this, and the Council's view of the challenges faced by councillors in large rural wards to attend meetings in many parishes, the Boundary Commission has created two wards in the area proposed by the Council

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As a result, I would support the Boundary Commission's recommendations for a single-councillor Cogenhoe & The Houghtons ward and a two-councillor Hackleton & Roade ward. Both are forecast to have good electoral equality by 2028.

Finally, I would appreciate it if the Boundary Commission would correct the error in Appendix A for Cogenhoe and the Houghtons: The Numbers of electors by Councillor should read 3,856.

As in reference to Nene Valley above, Appendix B Outline Map: It needs further work to better reflect the Grange Park boundary.