

West Northamptonshire

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We write in support of the proposals made by the Local Government Boundary Commission on the future of the West Northamptonshire Unitary Council's ward boundaries and councillor allocations for our parish – King's Sutton.

The proposals are very much in line with the suggestions we made when we were originally asked for our views.

We reiterate the advantages which we previously maintained would come from the proposed approach. We believe these to be as follows:

- An individual Unitary Councillor, rather than multiple Councillors, will be responsible for the parishes involved.
 - Parishes will have the one pre-arranged person to whom they can turn for assistance in dealing with issues.
 - This will go some way towards fulfilling the WNC's own need previously stated as follows: "for Local ward councillors to reclaim their leadership role as the accepted and mandated voice of citizens. They need recognition and support, to help them enhance their role as key influencers and door-openers to other community leaders who can make things happen".
 - It will enable parishes, and the electorate, to hold Unitary Councillors specifically responsible for representing them - and judge their performance in so doing.
- We also think that the proposals made by the Commission fit strategically with its stated objective to: "...make sure that the pattern of wards reflects community ties and identities and promotes effective and convenient local government."

For all of those reasons we wish to record our strong support for the Local Government Boundary Commission's current proposals as they relate to our parish of King's Sutton.

Attached Documents:

None attached