

West Northamptonshire

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Related subject: Blisworth Parish (Hackelton and Roade)

Blisworth Parish Council agreed to respond to Local Government Boundary Commission with the following concerns:

- The size of the proposed Hackleton-Roade district. This area is one of the largest proposed with many rural issues and significant issues with developments and increasing traffic. It is already difficult for local parish councils (all of whom are volunteers) and the district councillors to keep up with the onslaught of traffic issues, poor road maintenance and increasing encroaching developments.

- Concerns that even 2 district councillors will not be enough to cover such a wide area.

Parish councils are finding it increasingly difficult to recruit new councillors, due to the increasing workload. In Blisworth we have been below the required number of councillors for a number of years now. Our current district councillor, Karen Cooper, is a great source of information and help and is always available to quickly respond to our requests for help and information. Without a district councillor who has the time to offer up-to-date and support in a timely manner, you will seriously negatively impact on the parish council's ability to do its job. How will the new district councillors be able to attend all of the parish council meetings in the new proposed area?

- Concerns that they will not be able to provide equitable service for all the different parishes/villages.

Attached Documents:

None attached