

# West Northamptonshire

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## Comment text:

Objection to proposed boundary changes for Northampton Town Council and Kingsthorpe Parish Council wards.

This is to lodge our objections to the proposed new boundaries for Northampton Town Council and Kingsthorpe Parish Council wards. We are opposed to the boundary changes, and want the boundaries to remain as they are at present.

We live in Kingsthorpe Village and do not want to lose our local ward identity.

We object to the proposed changes for the following reasons:

1. The current arrangement reflects the historic identities of local communities, secures effective and convenient local government and offers greater equality of representation than the proposed new wards .
2. The current wards are based on historic communities many of which identify strongly with the current wards in which they reside for example Semilong, Kingsthorpe Village and Abington. The proposal removes Abington from the ward map completely.
3. The current wards are established communities which have resident associations, and in our case a conservation committee, and community centres which take the name of their ward.
4. The proposal will disrupt those communities and their identities, the opposite of what town and parish councils are supposed to stand for and what we understand to be the intention of the boundary commission.
5. The proposed new wards have an inequity in representation especially the new Marina ward with just 145 residents . Billing Aquadrome, Queens Park and Moulton Leys are similarly disproportionately small.
6. The current arrangement is convenient for arranging local government elections and for the electorate who know their ward and where to go to vote.

7. Continuity is key for parishioners to avoid confusion and promote confidence in local democracy
8. We currently know our Councillors personally and want to keep this local connection which would be weakened with larger wards.

For all these reasons we would prefer the ward boundaries remained as they are.

Please could you ensure that this email is provided to the personnel collating responses to the inquiry and that it is included in the papers for any meeting considering this matter.

We are registered and resident at the address given below.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*