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Firstly “Barton Town” parish council - Barton Seagrave is a village, not a town. The proposed parish council ward name should therefore change to “Barton Village” or perhaps “St Botolphs” to reflect the parish church name.

Please add “Rushden” to Pemberton so the Rushden area ward names are consistent. It just looks odd otherwise (at both parish and unitary level).

Possible alternative name for “Geddington and Stanion” would be Queen Eleanor Ward. This reflects a key part of the area's local history, is historically consistent with previous ward names and is more inclusive to ALL the villages and settlements in this large rural ward rather than just two.

Great to see cohesion has largely been achieved with parliamentary constituency boundaries, please maintain this in the final recommendation.

Please ensure the one or two dwellings on the south side of Lewis Road, Kettering (along boundary of proposed Ise and St. Peter & St Michael wards, adjacent to Southfields School) are included in Ise ward for consistency (and Wicksteed town council ward).

Consider “Rothwell and Slade Valley (or Slade Villages)” as an alternative name for Rothwell and Mawsley ward. This will ensure an inclusive identity for ALL villages in the ward. Slade refers to the Slade Brook which runs through this area and was historically a ward name for the rural part of this ward.

Please consider adding all properties on Barton Road to Barton/Burton ward. There are approximately 20 dwellings on Barton Road between Warkton Lane and Westminster Drive that would benefit from being represented by councillors more aligned to Barton Seagrave than Ise. Also logistically easier in terms of polling administration, delivering political leaflets etc.

Similarly, consider “Desborough and Welland Valley (or Welland Villages)” again to ensure inclusivity for ALL villages in the ward. Welland refers to the prominent River Welland valley and was historically a ward name for the rural part of this ward. Desborough town itself has a distinct identity not shared by the villages.

Near to Kettering, it makes sense to straighten the ward boundary of Rothwell & Mawsley ward and Geddington & Stanion ward along the main A43 dual carriageway. The curvy section straddling the north of Kettering cuts right through the middle of a building and has in the past caused confusion over correct representation for planning matters in this growing business park to the north of Kettering. A straight boundary using the A43 tidies this up and would provide clear delineation.

In Wellingborough, consider “Victoria and Stanton Cross” as a ward name instead of “Victoria”. Stanton Cross will become a significant community in its own right over coming years with a clear identity separate from Wellingborough old town. Likewise with Hatton Park, consider “Hatton Park and Glenvale Park (or one Park at the end plural)” for the same reasons – Glenvale Park is, again, a growing new community with a clear identity of its own.

Barton Seagrave and Burton Latimer are bisected by the A14 and are therefore broadly separate communities. A potential 1-member Barton ward and a 2-member Latimer ward would make more logical sense to ensure representation is better focused.

Thank you for taking the time to read these suggestions which will hopefully add some final tweaks to what are already broadly sensible proposals.

Attached Documents:

None attached