


North Hertfordshire District Council

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To Whom It May Concern, I am writing in response to the Public Consultation currently taking place which looks at Ward Boundaries in North Hertfordshire. North Hertfordshire is not a natural or historic District like St Albans, rather it is a creation of the Local Government Act 1972 and therefore it is vital the Boundary Commission takes into account the views of communities to ensure they are properly represented in the future.  The Ward and Parish I represent is Kimpton, located at the southern tip of North Hertfordshire and contains the village of Kimpton, the hamlet of Peters Green and a settlement of Blackmore End. Kimpton Ward borders St Albans City and District, Welwyn Hatfield and Luton Borough. There is a feeling within the Ward that it would be better served in St Albans District rather than in North Hertfordshire for a number of reasons including that the focus of residents for travel, shopping, employment and socialising is directed strongly towards Wheathampstead, Harpenden and St Albans rather than locations in North Hertfordshire. Kimpton also forms part of the St Albans and Harpenden School Priority Area and therefore Children attend Harpenden secondary schools. There is a very similar arrangement when it comes to the provision of GP Services as the majority of residents are registered with GP Surgeries in Harpenden and Wheathampstead. The Ward is therefore very unique within North Hertfordshire in that residents rarely use the services of North Hertfordshire District Council other than those which are essential such as Waste Collection. Since North Hertfordshire was created in 1972, Kimpton has returned one District Councillor enabling the Member to gain intimate knowledge of both the Ward and the issues which residents are most concerned about, thereby ensuring the Ward is effectively represented, as well as providing for more accountability. The Parish Council is very active within the community which helps to contribute to the distinct identity of the Ward and I'm supportive of the submission they have made to this Consultation. It is my personal opinion that the best way to ensure the interests of those in Kimpton are suitably represented is to see that it continues to remain a Single Member Ward, as I strongly believe this arrangement provides for more effective accountability as well as safeguarding the interests and identities of the community. Yours, Cllr Ralph Muncer Member of North Hertfordshire District Council for Kimpton

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