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Dear LGE,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and feedback.

Please accept my thoughts for the North Herts Boundary – Local Government Boundary Commission for England #34806

I understand the closing date for comments and feedback in this stage of the review is 10<sup>th</sup> of August as per the NHDC website page.

#### Current Wards – Chesfield

- Chesfield currently shows a 28% variance which is the largest variance in North Herts
- The motorway A1M crosses path of ward – this is a major divide and is a major natural division that is currently not reflected by the Ward
- Currently the A1M effectively breaks the Chesfield ward in two
- The Right hand side is made up of Graveley and Great Ashby, which in my opinion are 2 quite different areas; Graveley is very much a village (small population ~500) and Great Ashby is larger and a much higher population ~6,000 (almost a small town in character)
- Equally although Great Ashby borders on north Stevenage it is very different in character to Stevenage in various significant aspects
- The Left hand portion of Chesfield is looks to be predominantly Wymondley, which is an area made up of Little and Great Wymondley which has a combined population of around ~1000
- I think the current Chesfield Ward boundary does not reflect communities well as I would guess there are 3 or 4 different communities within it
- Lastly I would like to highlight the seemingly daft current boundary line that throws a handful of house into Weston & Sandon's political Ward in Windermere Close ... again this is an unnatural divide of residents and makes no sense to split the current road in this manner – I have included a map portion highlighting this feature below – it affects the residents that border onto Great Ashby district park

#### Future Ward consideration

- There are 2 potential significant future development GA1, GA2 areas that surround Great Ashby that are pending decisions upon
- It would makes sense for any future Ward planning to consider the potential large increase in population
- If GA1 & GA2 did go ahead then it would make sense for parish boundaries to be redrawn to incorporate those developments within Great Ashby because failure to do so would swamp Graveley and Weston parishes respectively
- Also if GA1 & GA2 go ahead then the communities would only have transport access via Great Ashby
- Therefore the new communities would be much more tied to Great Ashby than any other area
- In general I would hope that when Political Ward boundaries are considered then any developments in the pipeline would be taken into account – it would make no sense balancing for the current, only to be out of balance within a short future space of time

If you are able to let me know this feedback has made it to the right place and will be considered along with the other feedback you might obtain via the NHDC website and other sources I would very much appreciate that.

Kind regards,

Feedback from myself as a resident of Great Ashby parish in the district of North Herts

