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Dear Sirs

I am writing to support the submission made by Councillor Jeff Jones below regarding Buntingford Ward in East Hertfordshire. I would be grateful if you could take account of these views.

"I would propose an amendment to the communities you are proposing for the Buntingford Ward in East Herts. I agree and support that with the growth we have seen in Buntingford that there should be 3 councillors unwarded that better balances the number of electorate per councillor. The ward should be made up of the six parishes that have been clearly identified and approved in 2017 when the Neighbourhood Plan was formed, consulted on and agreed by 94% of 1,351 of the electorate. This includes the parishes of Aspenden, Cottered, Buckland, Wyddial, Hormead and the town of Buntingford. This is a tried and tested community that truly reflects identity and good electoral balance. In speaking with the residents of Hormead, they are concerned that they are being proposed to ward with Braughing and Puckeridge that they have little identity with. They use Buntingford for their medical facilities, mainstream education, shopping and leisure facilities and feel part of the Buntingford community. I would ask that you seriously consider adding Hormead to the proposed Buntingford Ward. As the elected member for Buntingford Ward as both District and County Councillor I feel well placed in representing the views of the electorate."

Best wishes

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