



Winchmore Hill Residents' Association  
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The Common  
Winchmore Hill  
Bucks HP7 0PN

Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
1st Floor  
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**Keeping Penn Parish in one Buckinghamshire Council ward of Penn**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write on behalf of the Winchmore Hill Residents' Association in reference to the above matter.

Winchmore Hill Residents' Association represents the residents of Winchmore Hill, Amersham, Bucks. Its eleven officers and volunteers meet on a monthly basis and we publish a newsletter three times a year which goes out to all residents. We organise numerous village events throughout the year and support local businesses and initiatives as well as the local village hall, our Memorial Hall.

There is a strong and vibrant local community in Winchmore Hill and a clear sense of belonging to the village, although we also have close connections to Coleshill and Penn Street, our neighbouring villages, whose primary schools the majority of local children attend.

Residents are engaged with the parish's neighbourhood plan, with one of the Committee and several local residents working to ensure the village is represented at parish level. The village is surrounded by the rolling Chiltern Hills, and lies in the Chilterns AONB.

We work hard to secure the future of our local facilities; our small village has two pubs, a village hall, a cricket club and a small village store. We also have a limited bus service to Amersham. There is a large village common, well used by walkers and youngsters, but no street lighting and few pavements.

The community's connection to local towns is mainly with Old and New Amersham (roughly 2.5 miles away) for shopping and medical services. New Amersham is at the end of the Metropolitan line into London, convenient for commuting. Our local Council office is in Amersham. The village has no community link to Loudwater or Tylers Green, historically part of Wycombe.

For these reasons, the Association wishes to maintain its link to Amersham and to Penn Parish. To be in a council ward linked with Amersham and/or Coleshill, Penn Street, and other villages like ours, with which we share similar concerns, is a better solution than the current proposal.

We struggle to make our voice heard at Buckinghamshire Council on issues such as roads repairs and parking, and we feel very strongly that splitting up the Parish's villages would weaken our voice.

We very much hope you will listen to locals who feel remain convinced that Penn Parish should remain in one Buckinghamshire Council ward of Penn, as it is currently.

Yours faithfully,

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Chair, Winchmore Hill Residents' Association