

# North Northamptonshire Council

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## Comment text:

Northants: Stanwick Hargrave & Raunds at presently 1 ward with 3 ward councillors Stanwick Parish Council thinks that these 3 parishes should stay as one ward because: • Historically there is a link between these 3 settlements and they share a vicar • Geographically Hargrave is on the very edge of the county and there isn't a natural alternative area to join. • Raunds is a service centre for Stanwick and Hargrave offering schooling and medical services • Moving Hargrave to Higham Ferrers would have a negligible effect on the over all numbers & Stanwick residents do not have a natural affinity to Higham Ferrers It is suggested that Ringstead Parish is brought in to the grouping. Their predicted electorate is 1313. This would total 11356 and be 94% of the 3 ward councillor 'allowance' of 12114. Ringstead Parish does has links with the existing 3 parishes in that they are part of the 4 Spires Benefice and share a vicar. Children of Ringstead would attend schools in Raunds and medical services are provided in Raunds. Ringstead is categorised as a 'large freestanding village' as is Stanwick in the Local Plan part 2, thereby sharing characteristics and therefore have similar needs and issues. Ringstead is described as having 'a close functional relationship with a nearby urban area' [Raunds] in para 4.16 of the Local Plan part 2

## Uploaded Documents:

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