

## North Northamptonshire Council

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### Comment text:

As a former Oundle town councillor and Ashton Parish councillor I believe that residents of Barnwell, Ashton (inc Laxton Drive), Polebrook, Elmington, Warmington identify more with Oundle as the local Market Town within a mile or two, rather than Thrapston which is over 7 miles away with current councillor representation focused on the area around the expanding Thrapston housing and business conurbations to the detriment of the villages surrounding Oundle. I would suggest that current Oundle ward be divided into two with a northern half and southern half with a councillor for Oundle ward North and another for Oundle ward South. A new Oundle ward South would better represent residents identity if a new boundary with Thrapston ward were re-drawn from Great Gidding across to the boundary with Corby rural. I am in favour of reducing the number of Unitary area councillors to, at most, 70. Many residents I have spoken to consider the number of North Northants councillors excessive, too costly and not a representative as they would like. I share that view. From a Parish perspective, Ashton is now too small to really be effective with too few residents on the electoral role. The Ashton Wold part of the parish has now been changed with previous renters of properties being moved out and the properties becoming holiday lets as part of a holiday village business. I am therefore in favour of boundaries being changed to incorporate Ashton (including Laxton Drive) into Oundle or, possibly, combine the eastern side of the A605 with Barnwell/Polebrook. This could also potentially reduce the overall number of Parish Councillors. Thank you.

### Uploaded Documents:

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