

# West Northamptonshire

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**Related subject:** Hunsbury Ward

Dear Sir / Madam

West Northants Boundary Review – Proposed Hunsbury Ward

West Hunsbury Parish Council discussed the proposals and recommendations for the new Hunsbury Ward at a meeting held on the 16th March, our response is given below:

The council were grateful and supportive of the recommendations to include Camp Hill area within the ward, this area is seen as part of the West Hunsbury community and must not be separated out.

They also welcomed that Shelfleys was recognised as part of West Hunsbury, currently it is not and sits in East Hunsbury and Shelfleys ward. Shelfleys is an integral part of West Hunsbury and has not existed as a distinct area for many years now, currently splitting the Parish into two.

At the present time we have 6 WNC councillors looking after the area (Sixfields plus East Hunsbury and Shelfleys wards) This makes it difficult for us as a council today to obtain sufficient representation, ownership and attention for our area and as a working arrangement with existing WNC Councillors. We would strongly object to any splitting of the Parish into different Wards as exists today for that reason.

We also noted that the commission had taken into account the additional development being proposed in West Hunsbury

There was concern expressed by the Parish Council as to the proposed size and scope of the new Hunsbury Ward, in particular there is a concern that West Hunsbury by not having a dedicated WNC councillor could be dominated by East Hunsbury and their issues and topics.

The commission should also note that over 1,000 new homes are currently being built in Collingtree Park over the next eight years, therefore there will be a need to revise the boundaries again in a few years time, surely something to be avoided? The numbers provided in the initial assessment don't appear to have fully accounted for this increase

The Parish Council's preferred approach would be for West Hunsbury to be a one councillor ward with its own WNC councillor (circa 4,000 voters by 2028), with two councillors initially covering East Hunsbury and Collingtree, increasing to three once the new homes are built and occupied. We ask that the Commission consider this request.

West Hunsbury Parish Council

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*