

North Northamptonshire

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Comment text:

Dear Commission

In my position as Chairman of the Corby and East Northamptonshire Conservative Association, I wanted to thank you, on behalf of the residents of Corby and East Northamptonshire, for the hard work that has been put in on the boundary review. Whilst we may not agree with everything, we do appreciate that it was a difficult task. Specifically we are all pleased that you've managed, on the whole, to put forward a proposal that largely follows the current ward boundaries - these boundaries are known and accepted by residents, and I know that the thought of wholesale changes was causing anxiety to many of them.

To pick out just one of your decisions that has removed a lot of resident anxiety, we can look to Oundle. There was concern from the residents of the villages around Oundle that they would be split from Oundle itself, something I don't believe any resident wants (inside or outside of Oundle) as they look towards Oundle and feel part of it. It is therefore pleasing to see that you've managed to keep the existing Oundle Ward almost intact, meaning the residents across the broad geographical ward area can continue to be well served by multiple Councillors and continue to share in their local social and commercial bond.

As a final point, and one that I hope has already made, the exclusion of Rockingham from the proposed Gretton and Weldon Ward (rather it is proposed to be included in the Desborough Ward) doesn't make practical sense, simply as it would mean splitting a ward across a parliamentary boundary - something I know none of us want. Including Rockingham (which has a very small population) in the proposed Gretton and Weldon Ward would remove that unnecessary split, whilst also giving the village residents the social connection that they feel makes more sense.

In summary, thank you for your efforts, and I hope the “local knowledge” feedback above is useful to you as you finalise your proposals.

Yours Sincerely

Lee Wilkes
Chairman
Corby and East Northamptonshire Conservative Association

Attached Documents:

None attached