

# North Northamptonshire

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## Comment text:

Dear Officer

Please find Broughton Parish Council response to the draft proposals for new wards in Northamptonshire

Reasons not to be with Rothwell

Criteria to be considered are:

- Equality of representation.

This means wards having roughly the same number of electors per councillor

- Reflecting community interests and identities.

1. Broughton, Mawsley & Cransley share church services.

2. Broughton & Mawsley provide convenience shopping, all other retail is in Kettering or beyond.

3. There is no public transport to Rothwell without first going to Kettering

4. Mawsley & Kettering provide primary medical services

5. Broughton, Pytchley and Mawsley have primary schools, many children will attend school in a neighbouring village e.g children from Mawsley attend Broughton Primary and vice versa. There will be a connection with families via school activities. Catchment for Rothwell Primary is only within the town. It's unlikely that many children from the villages would attend Rothwell.

6. Secondary school placements from the villages would largely be in Kettering.

7. Broughton, Pytchley and Cransley (Great Cransley and Little Cransley – now part of Broughton) are mentioned in the Domesday book and have always been largely agricultural villages. Rothwell, although having historic connections has always been a significant community with Roman connections and a Priory.

8. Families are integrated historically with Pytchley and Cransley, Great Cransley and Little Cransley

<https://www.british-history.ac.uk/rchme/northants/vol2/pp130-131>

9. While there is no public transport to link the villages there are Public Rights of Way between Broughton – Pytchley, Broughton – Cransley - Mawsley

- Providing for effective and convenient local government.

1. Many issues would be common among the villages in the ward and would be better managed with one councillor representing the collective view.

2. In a rural ward it would be advantageous for the councillor to be known to local landowners and be familiar with rural matters in order to deal with issues affecting the rural community. Rothwell is a predominantly urban small town and would have little in common with the villages. With such a disproportionate number of urban voters there is a considerable risk that the villages would be side-lined and become an “after thought” with the time and effort of the ward councillors being targeted at the larger community.

Kind regards

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Broughton Parish Clerk

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## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*