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To the Boundary Commission  
Regarding the Consultation on Totteridge and Bowerdean ward of Buckinghamshire Council.

Dear Sir /Madam,

I am writing to you as one of the sitting Councillors for Totteridge and Bowerdean ward. I was first elected in May 2021 although I had been involved with assisting my late uncle Chaudhary Ditta, the long-standing Councillor for Bowerdean and Totteridge wards for about a decade. I have lived in Bowerdean all my life. Since being elected I have found that the casework from Bowerdean is double that of that from Totteridge and every week I need another Councillor from the ward to assist me.

I agree with the Commission that Totteridge and Bowerdean should stay as it is. My Community all have relatives in Totteridge and it is very easy to access as well as using the Halal supermarket and Muslim education centre in Totteridge Drive. My children attend local schools and whether these have been in Totteridge or Bowerdean they have been easy to access.

I feel that if Bowerdean were to become a single member ward there would be undue pressure brought to bear in that candidate and things can get very heated at election time. I did not feel particularly safe during my recent election and I think it would be even worse for a female or disabled candidate if they stood for election or had to visit the ward alone. Generally, though there are good relations between all sections of the community and we benefit from our proximity to Totteridge for use of facilities and open spaces. Terriers and Amersham Hill is largely across the major road A404. While the current Totteridge and Bowerdean ward is very compact, in place it has the A404 to the north and the consistently the Chiltern railway line to the south. Totteridge and Bowerdean fit well together like a jigsaw and it is a compact and generally cohesive community. This was particularly evident during the Covid pandemic when we were all helping our neighbours, older people and the vulnerable. This is something I feel we could build on without having to deal with a major reorganisation which would leave Bowerdean isolated.

I do hope you can take my views on board as a life long resident and younger Councillor. I feel that the proposal put forward by Buckinghamshire Council has been by those who don't have any experience of living here. I would like Totteridge and Bowerdean ward to stay the same as it is now.

Yours faithfully,

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