

West Northamptonshire Council**Personal Details:**

Name: Malcolm Souter
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]
Organisation Name: Welton Parish Council

Comment text:

Dear Sirs I have attached a letter representing my views as the Chair - Welton Parish Council. This outlines our objections to the proposal for the new ward boundaries, grouping the villages of Welton, Braunston and Ashby St Ledgers with part of Daventry. Regards Malcolm Souter

Uploaded Documents:

[Download \(https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/download_document?file=draft%2F1667865043_Welton+Parish+Council+response+to+the+new+ward+boundaries+proposal.pdf\)](https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/download_document?file=draft%2F1667865043_Welton+Parish+Council+response+to+the+new+ward+boundaries+proposal.pdf)



7th November 2022

Dear Sirs

SUBJECT – WNC WARD PROPOSAL B.

We have reviewed the proposed redefined ward boundaries, as outlined in the document WNC Ward Proposal B, dated November 2022.

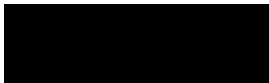
Within the village of Welton we have major concerns regarding the grouping of three villages, Braunston, Welton and Ashby St Ledgers with an area of the much larger town of Daventry. Reading the reasoning as listed in pages 16-18 on the proposal document we cannot agree with the views for the justification of this new Daventry – Braunston ward.

Surely by grouping the town of Daventry with the small neighbouring villages the voices of the people within the rural villages will not be truly represented by a councillor who is also representing the urban thoughts of the town.

Indeed we can see clear scenarios, where the views of a councillor representing Daventry, will conflict with the views of the people living in the surrounding villages. The obvious one is the expansion of Daventry housing and spreading through any green belt designated areas into the neighbouring villages. This growth has been very apparent in the recent years and several developments have been voted against by the representatives of the villages. However in the document, this is contradicted as it is listed as valid justification for the proposed ward, completely misconstruing the situation.

Therefore we would like to clearly express our objection to the proposed new wards and ask for a revised proposal which groups similar villages around the town of Daventry as an independent ward without containing any area of Daventry. Without this change there is a clear risk that opinions of the villagers will not be heard, and their best interests will not be put forward by the Councillors who will be representing them at local government level.

Your faithfully

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Malcolm Souter.

Malcolm Souter - Chair of Welton Parish Council