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Comment text:

Related subject: Gerrards Cross (GX) and Chalfont St Peter (CSP)

I do not agree with your revised proposal for GX and CSP.

My reasons why are:

In planning and shared amenity terms, GX and CSP are one settlement. (Ignoring the Denhams). Historically GX was part of the CSP parish, of course.

Yes, the settlement has two shopping centres and two community centres. But these are all used by residents from the whole settlement. For example M&S has closed in GX but opened in CSP. Bridge in the GX community centre is popular and the U3A in the CSP community centre is immensely popular, reflecting the settlement's demographic makeup.

The large and popular Chalfonts Leisure Centre caters for residents and schools from the whole settlement.

Like many from CSP I commuted into London from 'GX' railway station.

The membership of 'GX' Golf Club, according to its manager, is roughly 50/50. The 'CSP' cricket clubhouse is immediately adjacent to the golf club's first tee.

A member of my family taught in one of the 'GX' schools. Many of her pupils came from 'CSP'.

I played hockey for the Dukes Wood club in 'GX'.

I could go on.

All the above seems to have been ignored by the proponents of both GX and CSP wards' enlargement.

Let us dispense please with parochial feelings and incipient turf wars (please see uploaded misleading flyer from Bucks Town Council) which damage social cohesion.

My proposal would be to have a combined GX, Denham and CSP ward represented by six Bucks councillors.

I understand this ward would have 24,374 electors, giving a variance of -10 per cent and keep the total number of Bucks councillors at 98.

Yes, there would be protests but the I'm sure your organisation is quite capable of pointing out that arbitrary splits in one settlement are not necessary for the new unitary council and are irrespective of the existing older parish councils.

Attached Documents:

None attached

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My ID 1000446

I previously submitted my comments ref ID 1000446 but was unable to upload my illustration which I now hope has been successfully uploaded. Please view this in conjunction with my previous submission 1000446.

The illustration (I hope!) is of a flyer issued recently by Gerrards Cross Town Council which is misleading because it conflates parish boundaries with unitary boundaries, following your revised proposal for this area. Unfortunately this leaflet is unnecessarily divisive by creating the perception among some residents that Gerrards Cross is taking over Chalfont St Peter.

Attached Documents:

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Important Message from Gerrards Cross Town Council



Keep Gerrards Cross United



The Local Government Boundary Commission have listened to your feedback and have now revised their proposal to keep Gerrards Cross together in one ward.

It is up to us as residents to continue the fight to keep Gerrards Cross together because others are still trying to split us up.

You have until Tuesday 11th April 2023 to voice your support for the New Revised Proposal.

Initial Proposal: Gerrards Cross area north of The Ethorpe to be split off and combined with the whole Parish of Chalfont St Peter into a single Buckinghamshire ward.

NEW Revised Proposal: All of Gerrards Cross, including Austenwood and Kingsway, will combine with all of Denham Parish to form the Gerrards Cross and Denham ward.



What the New Revised Proposal will mean to YOU as a resident:

- Residents of Austenwood and Kingsway will officially be part of Gerrards Cross instead of Chalfont St Peter.
- We would be able to resolve current cross border issues more swiftly, such as resurfacing work on roads that currently cross the boundary.
- Unitary Councillors will be better able to represent the views of local people.
- We will be stronger against speculative development on our green spaces.
- Community assets within Austenwood which describe themselves as being in Gerrards Cross such as Schools (Maltman's Green, Thorpe House & Gayhurst), GX Tennis Club, GX Bowling Club, etc. will officially be part of Gerrards Cross.
- Gerrards Cross will maintain the strength of our united voice.

How to make your voice heard before Tuesday 11th April 2023:

- Go to www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/29857 and type in your postcode to comment online. This can take up to 3 minutes to do.
- Email reviews@lgbce.org.uk clearly stating your address.

Tell the Local Government Boundary Commission that you strongly support the implementation of their revised proposal which keeps Gerrards Cross together in the new "Gerrards Cross/Denham" ward.

Important: Please submit comments in your own words. Duplicated comments will be identified by the Boundary Commission and disregarded, so make YOUR comment COUNT.

Help keep Gerrards Cross together!