

## North Northamptonshire Council

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Reducing the numbers of councillors to be more manageable does have merit. But in any re-distribution of wards rural areas should be well represented. In the past rural areas have felt that they have been of third-class significance. Yet rural areas make up a very large proportion of the county's area. Rural areas should be acknowledged and not just tagged on to urban areas. There needs to be a balance between area and population. Although urban areas have a denser population, this is not a justification for rural areas being considered less significant. Area as well as population needs to be considered. In the Welland Valley there is a group of scarp-foot villages which lie between Market Harborough (in Leicestershire) and Corby. The villages look to one or other or both of these towns. Kettering the previous centre of its borough is complex to reach. Rural villages should be grouped together and not act as appendages to urban areas. It is worth noting that the villages of Middleton, East Carlton and Cottingham (Scarp-foot villages ) to the west of Corby which were part of Corby Borough have now been linked ecclesiastically with the villages to their west. These scarp-foot villages including Dingley have unofficially often linked together. Wards in Rural Areas should be a collection of villages, , perhaps with more, which should not be just tagged on to populous adjacent urban areas. This could result in the urban areas dominating and squeezing the rural areas to their detriment. Note: your map purporting to show existing ward boundaries did not work. Only the map of parish boundaries I'd be obtained from your website

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