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I write to state my objection to the proposed changes to Ashwell's councillor Boundary ward and therefore its council representation.

- The proposed Ashwell & Weston ward is too large to be effective and convenient, with 11 separate parish areas to represent.
- The developments outside of Baldock are an extension of the urban area and will be strikingly different in character and demographic from the very rural areas.
- The proposed large ward would lead to a failure in representation of urban residents, who would be separated from their community in Baldock. It would also fail rural residents as the population of the new ward would be concentrated in the new developments of Baldock.
- The proposed arrangements are much less satisfactory from a community representation point of view and no better from the perspective of electoral equality.

The character and needs of Ashwell are very different from those of smaller villages and those urban needs of Baldock town. It therefore needs to continue with a dedicated Council representative who understands those needs.

Yours faithfully

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