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This submission is made in my capacity as Clerk to Dodford Parish Meeting. As PC, and sole recipient of the information, I have communicated this by email to a high percentage of our Parishioners who will now have the opportunity to respond individually by clicking on the link I have provided for them to access the survey. As an elected representative with perhaps a greater awareness than most concerning the implications of the draft proposals, I can confirm that Dodford Parish Meeting whole heartedly support the proposal for our Parish to remain in the Weedon and Woodford Ward. As a very rural Parish, designated as "Other Villages" in the Settlements Hierarchy policy document, our rural needs and interests are best represented within the predominantly rural Weedon and Woodford Ward. Currently all of our Ward Councillors themselves reside in rural communities and therefore have a better understanding of rural matters than perhaps would be the case if we were represented by Urban Ward Councillors. I seem to recall that a recent survey carried out to understand the particular challenges facing rural communities, concluded that rural dwellers are significantly more impacted by the cost of living crisis as a result of being 'off-grid' for gas, relying on alternative fuels which are not protected by price capping. Public transport also received a lot of attention due to cut backs in service provision and in many cases the absolute necessity to own and run a car. I mention these statistics to further emphasise the need for a rural voice in our Ward representation. Many thanks for your consideration.

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