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7th August 2023  
  
Dear Professor Mellors  
  
I wanted to comment on the local boundary review for North Northamptonshire and the Oundle ward.  
  
I believe that residents will feel you have done an excellent job in keeping to existing boundaries which will ensure local electors will feel familiar with them; this will also mean there will be minimal change or movement of electors.

I know the commission has expressed an interest in hearing from residents in the proposed new Oundle ward and I just wanted to support the commission's proposed muti-member ward approach.

The sheer size of this ward and the varied but similar casework that often presents itself would be far too much for a single elected member to deal with exclusively.

This part of North Northamptonshire looks towards the town of Oundle and the many beautiful villages stretching up to the Cambridgeshire border, which is far too much for a single elected member to manage independently. Again, this is why I support your approach to the Multimember warding.

I thank you and your colleagues for your work and hope that my local knowledge helps you and the commission determine finalising the boundaries suggestions.

Yours Sincerely

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