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Submission from Bradwell Parish Council to the Milton Keynes Boundary Review

This submission is made on behalf of Bradwell Parish Council. The submission was approved at a Full Council meeting on 13 January 2025 (Resolution FC131/25).

The previous submission made by Bradwell Parish Council

Our previous submission stated that we believe that the most appropriate starting point for setting ward boundaries in Milton Keynes is the existing civil parish boundaries on the basis that these are recognised by local residents as reflective of community ties and many have a very long history.

We proposed that a new Bradwell and Abbey Hill ward be created that included the following polling districts:

- Bradwell (DA).
- Heelands (DB).
- Two Mile Ash (DC).
- Bradwell Common (GA).
- Bancroft (OD).
- Bancroft Park and Blue Bridge (RA).

Our primary objective in making this proposal was to unite Bradwell civil parish within a single ward. The parish is currently divided between two separate wards: Central Milton Keynes ward and Bradwell ward.

We also demonstrated how our proposal would support the wider goal of achieving a close match between communities of Milton Keynes – as represented by civil parishes – while accommodating previous and planned future housing development. We submitted an indicative illustration of city-wide boundaries to provide evidence of this.

The draft recommendations

The draft recommendations published in December 2024 proposes to continue to split the Bradwell civil parish across two separate wards. It also involves substantially more division of the civil parishes in the area between different wards than our proposal:

Bradwell ward: This includes areas of four separate civil parishes: Bradwell (Heelands, Bradwell and Bradwell Abbey), Stantonbury (Bancroft, Bancroft Park, Blue Bridge), Abbey Hill (Two Mile Ash, Kiln Farm, Wymbush), and Loughton & Great Holm (Great Holm).

Central Milton Keynes ward: This includes areas of three separate civil parishes: Bradwell (Bradwell Common and Rooksley), Central Milton Keynes (Central Milton Keynes) and Campbell Park (Oldbrook).

The draft recommendations stated in Paragraph 74 with reference to the recommended Bradwell ward that: *“Bradwell Parish Council proposed a ward similar to the one we are recommending as part of our draft recommendations, differing only in the Rooksley area being omitted and Great Holm being included in Bradwell ward. Bradwell Parish Council provided supporting evidence in terms of community identity for the Blue Bridge and Bancroft Park areas to be within the same ward, citing schooling links in particular”*.

This inadvertently misrepresents our proposal:

- It does not acknowledge that the Bradwell Common area has also been omitted from Bradwell ward.
- It does not reference the importance in our proposals of minimising the division of civil parishes between different wards in the context of a recommendation that involves significantly more division.

We welcome the aspects of the proposals relating to Hodge Lea and Stacey Bushes being moved into Wolverton ward and of Bancroft, Bancroft Park and Blue Bridge being moved into Bradwell ward. These specific changes will significantly improve the extent to which the boundaries in these areas represent community links as we highlighted in our previous submission.

Suggested improvements to the draft recommendations

We make the following suggestions for improvements to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England’s draft recommendations for Milton Keynes to improve the extent to which the proposals reflect community ties and identities:

- Move Bradwell Common into Bradwell ward in order to unite the Bradwell civil parish within a single ward.
- Move Great Holm into Loughton ward to unite the Loughton & Great Holm civil parish within a single ward and to accommodate moving Bradwell Common into the Bradwell ward.
- Move Campbell Park into Central Milton Keynes ward to unite the Central Milton Keynes Town Council area within a single ward and to replace Bradwell Common in the ward.

Annex 1 presents indicative city-wide boundaries to illustrate the viability of our proposals for the city as a whole. This is a summary of the proposal in the Excel file attached with our previous submission.

Annex 2 compares the current wards to the LGBC’s draft recommendations and our indicative option in terms of the number of wards between which individual parishes are split. This shows that our indicative option involves less splitting of parishes than the LGBC draft recommendation.

Annex 3 compares the current wards to the draft recommendation and our indicative option in terms of the number of parishes within each ward. This shows that most (70%) wards in our indicative option have only one or two parishes within them compared to only half (50%) of wards in the LGBC draft recommendation.

Annex 1 – Indicative Milton Keynes City Council ward boundaries

Proposed ward	Polling districts	Forecast 2029 population
Bletchley East	Manor North & Eaton Leys (AD), Eaton North (AE), Eaton South (AF), Manor South (AG), Eaton North East (AH) and Newton Leys (AI)	10,589
Bletchley Park	Leon (AA), Water Eaton (AB), Fenny Stratford (AC), Central Bletchley (BD), Granby (BE), Church Green (BA), Denbigh Saints (BB), Denbigh Poets (BC) and Racecourses (BH)	11,711
Bletchley West	Rivers (CF), Castles (BF), Fairways (BG), Scots (CA), Counties (CB) and Abbeys (CC)	10,020
Bradwell and Abbey Hill	Two Mile Ash (DC), Bradwell (DA), Heelands (DB), Bradwell Common (GA), Bancroft (OD) and Bancroft Park & Blue Bridge (RA)	10,667
Brooklands & Wavendon Farm	Broughton Gate (EF), Brooklands (EG) and Wavendon Farm (HI)	11,095
Central Milton Keynes	Oldbrook (GC), Campbell Park (FI), CMK East (GD) and CMK West (GE)	11,301
Danesborough	Bow Brickhill (HA), Little Brickhill (HB), Wavendon Gate (HF), Browns Wood & Old Farm Park (HG), Wavendon (HC), Woburn Sands South (HD) and Woburn Sands North (HE)	11,297
Loughton and Shenley	Loughton (IA), Great Holm (IB), Shenley Church End (IC), Grange Farm (ID), Medbourne & Oakhill (IE), Shenley Wood Village (IF)	9,954
Monkston and Broughton	Monkston (JA), Monkston Park (JB), Kents Hill (JD), Broughton (EC), Milton Keynes Village & Middleton (ED) and Oakgrove (EE)	11,618
Newport Pagnell	Newport Pagnell Central (KA), Newport Pagnell West (KF), Newport Pagnell Green Park (LC), Newport Pagnell Tickford (LD) and Newport Pagnell Cedars (LE)	11,421
Olney	Astwood (MP), Chicheley (MK), Clifton Reynes (MG), Cold Brayfield (ME), Emberton (MO), Hardmead (MQ), Lavendon (MF), Moulsoe (MJ), Newton Blossomville (MH), North Crawley (MM), Olney West (MA), Olney East (MB), Sherington (MN), Warrington (MI) and Weston Underwood (MC)	11,300
Shenley Brook End	Emerson Valley South (CD), Furzton South (CE), Emerson Valley North (NA), Shenley Lodge (NB), Furzton North (NC) and Shenley Brook End (ND)	12,059
Stantonbury & Great Linford	Redhouse Park (KE), Great Linford (OB), Neath Hill (OC), Oakridge Park (OA), Bradville West (OE), Stantonbury East (OF), Stantonbury West (OG), Bradville East (OH)	11,582
Stony Stratford & Hanslope	Calverton (PB), Castlethorpe (KB), Gayhurst (KG), Hanslope (KC), Haversham (KD), Lathbury (ML), Ravenstone (MD), Stoke Goldington (KH), Stony Stratford North (PC), Stony Stratford South East (PD), Stony Stratford South West (PE), Galley Hill (PF), Tyringham and Filgrave (MR) and Wolverton Mill (RC)	10,590
Tattenhoe	Tattenhoe (QA), Westcroft (QB), Kingsmead (QC), Tattenhoe Park (QE) and Oxley Park (QD)	10,977
Walton & Old Woughton	Woolstone (FC), Springfield (FD), Woughton on the Green North (FJ), Passmore (FK), Woughton Park (FL), Woughton on the Green South (FM), Simpson (FA), Ashland (FB), Caldecotte (HH), Walnut Tree and Walton (JC), Peartree Bridge (SB) and Tinkers Bridge (SE)	10,474
Whitehouse & Fairfields	Fairfields (PH), Crownhill (PA), Fullers Slade (PG) and Whitehouse (PI)	10,734
Willen & Conniburrow	Willen (EA), Willen Park South (EB), Bolbeck Park & Pennyland (FE), Downs Barn (FF), Downhead Park (FG), Willen Park North (FH), Conniburrow (GB), Giffard Park & Blakelands (LA) and Blakelands North (FB)	10,788
Wolverton	New Bradwell (RF), Hodge Lea (DD), Stacey Bushes (DE), Wolverton West (RB), Wolverton East (RD) and Greenleys (RE)	11,213
Woughton & Fishermead	Fishermead (SA), Netherfield (SC), Beanhill (SD), Eaglestone (SF), Coffee Hall (SG) and Leadenhall (SH)	10,603

Note: The target 2029 population is 11,000 +/-10% i.e. a minimum 9,900 and a maximum of 12,100

Annex 2 – Comparison of different options for civil parishes and town councils

Civil Parish/Town Council	Current ward(s)	LGBC recommended ward(s)	BPC indicative ward(s)
Abbey Hill	1 ward (Bradwell)	1 ward (Bradwell)	1 ward (Bradwell)
Astwood	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)
Bletchley & Fenny Stratford	2 wards (Bletchley East and Bletchley Park)	2 wards (Bletchley South and Bletchley Park)	2 wards (Bletchley East and Bletchley Park)
Bow Brickhill	1 ward (Danesborough & Walton)	1 ward (Danesborough)	1 ward (Danesborough)
Bradwell	2 wards (Bradwell and CMK)	2 wards (Bradwell and CMK)	1 ward (Bradwell & Abbey Hill)
Broughton	1 ward (Broughton)	1 ward (Broughton and Moulsoe)	1 ward (Brooklands & Wavendon Farm)
Calverton	1 ward (Stony Stratford)	1 ward (Stony Stratford)	1 ward (Stony Stratford & Hanslope)
Campbell Park	4 wards (CMK, Campbell Park & Old Woughton, Broughton and Woughton & Fishermead)	3 wards (CMK, Woughton & Fishermead and Campbell Park & Willen)	4 wards (CMK, Walton & Old Woughton, Willen & Conniburrow and Woughton and Fishermead)
Castlethorpe	1 ward (Stony Stratford)	1 ward (Hanslope & New Bradwell)	1 ward (Stony Stratford & Hanslope)
Central Milton Keynes	2 wards (CMK and Campbell Park & Old Woughton)	2 wards (CMK and Campbell Park & Willen)	1 ward (CMK)
Chicheley	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)
Clifton Reynes	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)
Cold Brayfield	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)
Emberton	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)
Fairfields	1 ward (Stony Stratford)	1 ward (Stony Stratford)	1 ward (Whitehouse and Fairfields)
Gayhurst	1 ward (Newport Pagnell North & Hanslope)	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Stony Stratford & Hanslope)
Great Linford	6 wards (Newport Pagnell North & Hanslope, Newport Pagnell South, Stantonbury, CMK, Campbell Park & Old Woughton and Broughton)	2 wards (Great Linford and Campbell Park & Willen)	2 wards (Stantonbury & Great Linford and Willen & Conniburrow)
Hanslope	1 ward (Newport Pagnell North & Hanslope)	1 ward (Hanslope & New Bradwell)	1 ward (Stony Stratford & Hanslope)
Hardmead	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)
Haversham-cum-Little Linford	1 ward (Newport Pagnell North & Hanslope)	1 ward (Hanslope & New Bradwell)	1 ward (Stony Stratford & Hanslope)
Kents Hill, Monkston & Brinklow	1 ward (Monkston)	2 wards (Ouzel Valley and Walnut Tree)	1 ward (Monkston & Broughton)
Lathbury	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Stony Stratford & Hanslope)
Lavendon	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)
Little Brickhill	1 ward (Danesborough and Walton)	1 ward (Danesborough)	1 ward (Danesborough)
Loughton & Great Holm	1 ward (Loughton & Shenley)	2 wards (Bradwell and Loughton)	1 ward (Loughton & Shenley)
Milton Keynes	1 ward (Broughton)	2 wards (Broughton & Moulsoe and Ouzel Valley)	1 ward (Monkston & Broughton)
Moulsoe	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Broughton & Moulsoe)	1 ward (Olney)
New Bradwell	1 ward (Wolverton)	1 ward (Hanslope & New Bradwell)	1 ward (Wolverton)

Civil Parish/Town Council	Current ward(s)	LGBC recommended ward(s)	BPC indicative ward(s)
Newport Pagnell	2 wards (Newport Pagnell North & Hanslope and Newport Pagnell South)	1 wards (Newport Pagnell)	1 ward (Newport Pagnell)
Newton Blossomville	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)
North Crawley	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)
Old Woughton	1 ward (Campbell Park & Old Woughton)	1 ward (Ouzel Valley)	1 ward (Walton & Old Woughton)
Olney West	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)
Olney East	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)
Ravenstone	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Stony Stratford & Hanslope)
Shenley Brook End	3 wards (Shenley Brook End, Bletchley West and Tattenhoe)	2 wards (Furzton and Tattenhoe)	2 wards (Shenley Brook End and Tattenhoe)
Shenley Church End	3 wards (Loughton & Shenley, Tattenhoe and Stoney Stratford)	2 wards (Loughton and Tattenhoe)	3 wards (Loughton & Shenley, Tattenhoe and Whitehouse & Fairfield)
Sherington	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)
Simpson & Ashland	1 ward (Campbell Park & Old Woughton)	1 ward (Ouzel Valley)	1 ward (Walton & Old Woughton)
Stantonbury	2 wards (Stantonbury and Wolverton)	3 wards (Bradwell, Great Linford and Hanslope & New Bradwell)	2 wards (Stantonbury & Great Linford and Bradwell & Abbey Hill)
Stoke Goldington	1 ward (Newport Pagnell North & Hanslope)	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Stony Stratford & Hanslope)
Stony Stratford	1 wards (Stony Stratford)	1 ward (Stony Stratford)	2 wards (Stony Stratford & Hanslope and Whitehouse and Fairfield)
Tyringham & Filgrave	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Stony Stratford & Hanslope)
Walton	2 wards (Danesborough & Walton and Monkston)	1 ward (Walnut Tree)	2 wards (Danesborough and Walton & Old Woughton)
Warrington	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)
Wavendon	1 ward (Danesborough & Walton)	1 ward (Danesborough)	2 wards (Brooklands & Wavendon Farm and Danesborough)
West Bletchley	2 wards (West Bletchley and Bletchley Park)	2 wards (Bletchley North and Bletchley Park)	2 wards (West Bletchley and Bletchley Park)
Weston Underwood	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)	1 ward (Olney)
Whitehouse	1 ward (Stony Stratford)	2 wards (Stony Stratford and Loughton)	1 ward (Whitehouse & Fairfield)
Woburn Sands	1 ward (Danesborough & Walton)	1 ward (Danesborough)	1 ward (Danesborough)
Wolverton & Greenleys	2 wards (Bradwell & Wolverton)	1 ward (Wolverton)	2 wards (Wolverton and Stony Stratford & Hanslope)
Woughton	1 ward (Woughton & Fishermead)	2 wards (Woughton & Fishermead and Ouzel Valley)	2 wards (Woughton & Fishermead and Walton & Old Woughton)
Parishes in 1 ward	40	38 (-2)	40 (0)
Parishes in 2 wards	8	12 (+4)	10 (+2)
Parishes in 3 or more wards	4	2 (-2)	2 (-2)

Note: Green indicates civil parishes in only one ward, Red indicates civil parishes in three or more wards

Annex 3 – Comparison of different options for civil parishes and town councils: wards by number of parishes

Current ward	Parishes included	LGBC recommended ward	Parishes included	BPC indicative ward	Parishes included
Bletchley East	1 (Bletchley & Fenny Stratford)	Bletchley South	1 (Bletchley & Fenny Stratford)	Bletchley East	1 (Bletchley & Fenny Stratford)
Bletchley Park	2 (Bletchley & Fenny Stratford, West Bletchley)	Bletchley Park	2 (Bletchley & Fenny Stratford, West Bletchley)	Bletchley Park	2 (Bletchley & Fenny Stratford, West Bletchley)
Bletchley West	2 (Shenley Brook End, West Bletchley)	Bletchley North	1 (West Bletchley)	Bletchley West	1 (West Bletchley)
Bradwell	3 (Abbey Hill, Bradwell, Wolverton & Greenleys)	Bradwell	4 (Abbey Hill, Bradwell, Loughton & Great Holm, Stantonbury)	Bradwell & Abbey Hill	3 (Abbey Hill, Bradwell, Stantonbury)
Broughton	4 (Broughton, Campbell Park, Great Linford, Milton Keynes)	Broughton & Moulsoe	3 (Broughton, Milton Keynes, Moulsoe)	Brooklands & Wavendon Farm	2 (Broughton, Wavendon)
Campbell Park & Old Woughton	5 (Campbell Park, CMK, Great Linford, Old Woughton, Simpson & Ashland)	Ouzel Valley	5 (Kents Hill, Monkston & Brinklow, Milton Keynes, Old Woughton, Simpson & Ashland, Woughton)	Walton & Old Woughton	5 (Campbell Park, Old Woughton, Simpson & Ashland, Walton, Woughton)
N/A	N/A	Campbell Park & Wilen	3 (Campbell Park, CMK, Great Linford)	Willen and Conniburrow	2 (Campbell Park and Great Linford)
Central Milton Keynes	4 (Bradwell, Campbell Park, CMK, Great Linford)	Central Milton Keynes	3 (Bradwell, Campbell Park, CMK)	Central Milton Keynes	2 (CMK, Campbell Park)
Danesborough & Walton	5 (Bow Brickhill, Little Brickhill, Walton, Wavendon, Woburn Sands)	Danesborough	4 (Bow Brickhill, Little Brickhill, Wavendon, Woburn Sands)	Danesborough	5 (Bow Brickhill, Little Brickhill, Walton, Wavendon, Woburn Sands)
Loughton & Shenley	2 (Loughton & Great Holm, Shenley Church End)	Loughton	3 (Loughton & Great Holm, Shenley Church End, Whitehouse)	Loughton & Shenley	2 (Loughton & Great Holm, Shenley Church End)
Monkston	2 (Kents Hill, Monkston & Brinklow, Walton)	Walnut Tree	2 (Kents Hill, Monkston & Brinklow, Walton)	Monkston & Broughton	2 (Kents Hill, Monkson & Brinklow, Milton Keynes)
Newport Pagnell North & Hanslope	7 (Castlethorpe, Gayhurst, Great Linford, Hanslope, Haversham-cum-Little Linford, Newport Pagnell, Stoke Goldington)	Hanslope & New Bradwell	5 (Castlethorpe, Hanslope, Haversham-cum-Little Linford, New Bradwell, Stantonbury)	Whitehouse & Fairfields	4 (Fairfields, Shenley Church End, Stony Stratford, Whitehouse)
Newport Pagnell South	2 (Great Linford, Newport Pagnell)	Newport Pagnell	1 (Newport Pagnell)	Newport Pagnell	1 (Newport Pagnell)
Olney	17 (Astwood, Chicheley, Clifton Reynes, Cold Brayfield, Emberton, Hardmead, Lavendon, Lathbury, Moulsoe, Newton Blossomville, North Crawley, Olney, Ravenstone, Sherington, Tyringham & Filgrave, Warrington, Western Underwood)	Olney	17 (Astwood, Chicheley, Clifton Reynes, Cold Brayfield, Emberton, Gayhurst, Hardmead, Lathbury, Lavendon, Newton Blossomville, North Crawley, Olney, Ravenstone, Sherington, Stoke Goldington, Tyringham & Filgrave, Warrington, Western Underwood)	Olney	14 (Astwood, Chicheley, Clifton Reynes, Cold Brayfield, Emberton, Hardmead, Lavendon, Moulsoe, Newton Blossomville, North Crawley, Olney, Sherington, Warrington, Weston Underwood)

Current ward	Parishes included	LGBC recommended ward	Parishes included	BPC indicative ward	Parishes included
Shenley Brook End	1 (Shenley Brook End)	Furzton	1 (Shenley Brook End)	Shenley Brook End	1 (Shenley Brook End)
Stantonbury	2 (Great Linford, Stantonbury)	Great Linford	2 (Great Linford, Stantonbury)	Stantonbury & Great Linford	2 (Great Linford, Stantonbury)
Stony Stratford	5 (Calverton, Fairfields, Shenley Church End, Stony Stratford, Whitehouse)	Stony Stratford	4 (Calverton, Fairfields, Stony Stratford, Whitehouse)	Stony Stratford & Hanslope	11 (Calverton, Castlethorpe, Gayhurst, Hanslope, Haversham-cum-Little Linford, Lathbury, Ravenstone, Stoke Goldington, Stony Stratford, Tyringham & Filgrave, Wolverton & Greenleys)
Tattenhoe	2 (Shenley Brook End, Shenley Church End)	Tattenhoe	2 (Shenley Brook End, Shenley Church End)	Tattenhoe	2 (Shenley Brook End, Shenley Church End)
Wolverton	3 (New Bradwell, Stantonbury, Wolverton & Greenleys)	Wolverton	1 (Wolverton & Greenleys)	Wolverton	2 (New Bradwell, Wolverton & Greenleys)
Woughton & Fishermead	2 (Campbell Park, Woughton)	Woughton & Fishermead	2 (Campbell Park, Woughton)	Woughton & Fishermead	2 (Campbell Park, Woughton)
1 parish	2	1 parish	5 (+3)	1 parish	4 (+2)
2 parishes	8	2 parishes	5 (-3)	2 parishes	10 (+2)
3 parishes	2	3 parishes	4 (+2)	3 parishes	1 (-1)
4 parishes	2	4 parishes	3 (+1)	4 parishes	1 (-1)
5 or more parishes	5	5 or more parishes	3 (-2)	5 or more parishes	4 (-1)

Note: Green indicates wards with only one or two civil parishes within them.