



TOTTERNHOE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council

6 July 2021

To the Chairs:

Dunstable Town Council
Leighton Linlade Buzzard Town Council
Houghton Regis Town Council
Billington Parish Council
Heath and Reach Parish Council
Stanbridge Parish Council
Tilsworth Parish Council
Studham Parish Council
Tebworth, Chalgrave and Wingfield Parish Council
Kensworth Parish Council
Eggington Parish Council
Eaton Bray Parish Council
Whipsnade Parish Council

Dear Chair

Boundary Commission Review - Initial Proposals June 2021

Totternhoe Parish Council has noted with concern the initial proposals of the Commission for the S W Beds parliamentary boundary, which would have the effect, if implemented, of including part of Luton in the constituency.

SW Beds currently includes a number of villages and the towns of Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard and Houghton Regis. It is a primarily a rural area with a unique character, with its own issues and priorities, and my Council is concerned that the inclusion of part of Luton would alter those priorities to the detriment of the rest of the constituency.

Totternhoe Parish Council is therefore proposing to submit an objection accordingly, and suggests that a joint letter of objection from a number of local councils would carry more weight than a number of individual ones. Each council would be able to put forward matters relevant to their local concerns, and the draft response would of course be subject to the approval of individual councils.

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This letter has been sent to every Parish Council in the constituency, and to Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard and Houghton Regis Town Councils. If your council concurs with the idea of a joint submission could you please let the Clerk know as soon as possible, and let us have material to include in the objection, so that work can start on the draft.

Yours sincerely



Virpi Kelly
Chair
Totternhoe Parish Council