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Related subject: Bradville

I have been made aware via a local Facebook page of your proposals to change wards boundaries in Milton Keynes and in particular my current ward, Stantonbury Ward.

You are proposing that Bradville and Oakridge Park, both currently part of Stantonbury Ward, are now attached to rural villages including Hanslope and Castlethorpe.

I am part of the Bradville residents association, ABRA. The first A stands for All as historically, residents of Bradville would think themselves either belonging to North Bradville ('the 3 long streets') or the rest of Bradville. We are slowly but surely managing to attract residents from all of Bradville.

I cannot understand how you can think that the residents of Bradville will ever share the same needs and worries as the residents of small rural villages. Putting them in the same ward will never make sense to them or to us. They are also so far away from each other that their residents do not seek the facilities of each location. I have never heard a fellow Bradville residents comparing our local facilities to those of Hanslope or Castlethorpe. We however all know of or use the first, secondary, private or special schools, doctors, dentists, vets, church or sport facilities of Stantonbury, reachable via two easy underpasses as we are adjoining - not miles away. Nobody goes to the villages you want to link us with to use any of these services.

Also, I understand that the merging of Oakridge Park and Bradville will result in the current parish councillors being merged, with the numbers going from 7 to 6. Bradville needs its full count of parish councillors to deal with problems exclusive to Bradville residents: we are an old established estate, with a mix of council and private properties. We are undergoing a Regeneration exercise which brings many challenges to all. Oakridge Park is 'simply' a fairly new estate with new private housing that, reading social media comments, brings its residents few if any

challenges - unlike Bradville.

Attached Documents:

None attached