

# Milton Keynes

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**Related subject:** Bradville (in Stantonbury Parish AND Stantonbury Ward)

The proposal to alter the ward boundary and move Bradville and Oakridge Park to the Hanslope Ward is nonsensical.

The dividing up and erasing of the Stantonbury Ward and name rides roughshod over the history of this place. The name Stanton was recorded in the Domesday Book, and there is also the site of the Medieval village of Stanton Low, with the ruins of St Peters Church.

Bradville has always been part of Stantonbury Parish and Stantonbury Ward. The main polling stations for all Stantonbury-related elections are situated IN Bradville at the Mathiesen Centre and at the Community Hub formerly known as Bradville Hall!

The residents of Bradville and Oakridge Park use the same facilities (schools, shops, GP surgeries, post offices, community centres, pubs, cafes and local entertainment places) as people in New Bradwell, Stantonbury and Great Linford, and have no community links whatsoever with Hanslope. This is because these facilities are generally within walking distance and can be reached by public transport whereas Hanslope is remote and can only be reached by car.

All our community focal points and facilities are south of the path of the River Great Ouse. The river forms a natural ward boundary. The huge uninhabited space between Hanslope and the current Stantonbury Ward boundary comprises the river, floodplain and farm land and means that Hanslope is very distant and inaccessible.

Hanslope has much more in common with the other villages north of the river, ie Haversham, Stoke Goldington, Weston Underwood, Sherington and Castlethorpe. Everyday local political concerns and funding priorities for those villages would be quite different when compared with those within the current Stantonbury Ward. A ward councillor for a newly-created Hanslope and New Bradwell Ward – should it go ahead – would find the region they represent essentially split between the north of the river (remote villages and farms) and the south (established urban areas) with the constituent groups of each having little in common with the other.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*