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The District Council are likely to propose that Bassingbourn and Litlington villages form a new ward and I support this proposal: 1. The two villages are very close to one another geographically 2. The two villages have formed part of the same District ward for many years 3. There are close family links between the two villages with many members of the same family living in the two villages 4 Children from the two villages will usually attend the same primary school and village college in Bassingbourn 5 Services in Bassingbourn (Doctor Dentist shops, pubs etc) are widely used by Litlington residents 6 Social events are often organised between the two villages 7 Churchgoers from Litlington will use Bassingbourn Church and churchgoers from Bassingbourn often use Litlington Church because of the different style of worship at each Church 8 The Parish Council in Litlington seem to prefer to be joined to Bassingbourn rather than with another group of villages In addition to the above, I would like to suggest that Whaddon is also part of this ward because of similar community connections to Litlington and Bassingbourn. Also: 1. Bassingbourn and Whaddon share a common interest in Bassingbourn Barracks and whatever happens to the site (it will probably remain in military use and this is the strongly preferred option) it will bind the two villages together 2. The two villages are part of the same Church Parish and have the same vicar 3. The feeling is that Whaddon has more in common with Bassingbourn in terms of community relationships (schools, medical facilities etc) than the Melbourn/Meldreth ward with which it is proposed that Whaddon is joined 4. Taking Whaddon out of the proposed Melbourn warding proposal would reduce the Melbourn ward to a figure very close to the average and also this would not have a ripple effect on adjacent warding arrangements Although the proposed Bassingbourn/Litlington/Whaddon ward would exceed the 10% variance this should still be manageable by the proposed single Councillor because many of the issues (planning and housing etc) are common to all three villages and could be dealt with efficiently as a single ward

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