



26th May 2016

Dear Mr. Hinds,

Ref: Proposed Boundary Changes Eaton Ford, St.Neots, Cambs.

As Chairman of the Eatons Community Association I am writing to object to the proposed boundary change which affects our close knit Eatons Community where a few streets in Eaton Ford (ie. the Milton Avenue Estate, Crosshall Road and Savilles Close) will be moved into the Priory and Little Paxton Division on Cambridgeshire County Council

The town of St Neots did not grow up around the river as many towns develop but it grew up on the eastern side of the river in the county of Huntingdonshire and for well over a thousand years the river was the county boundary with Eaton Socon Parish being in Bedfordshire.

Eaton Ford and Eaton Socon were within the parish of Eaton Socon and life within our rural parish was separate from the town of St Neots. The heart of Eaton Socon was and still is based around the Great North Road. We have our own Parish Church and our strong thriving Eaton Socon Charities which helps certain members of the community.

We still have a strong sense of community with our own shops, schools, Post Office, businesses, restaurants, pubs, vets surgery, opticians, health centre and pharmacy. We also have our own toddler and youth groups, clubs of all kinds, football club, bowling club, cricket club, British Legion and other amenities. As we were part of Bedfordshire some of our groups are still linked with Bedfordshire rather than Cambridgeshire, and our church is linked with St Albans rather than Ely.

We hold our own annual events and promote a pride in our community with history books and exhibitions, May Day Celebrations, open gardens, neat street awards and a coveted Community Cup. Our own fund raising has provided benches and defibrillators in the last few years. Eaton Ford and Eaton Socon residents are kept up to date with our own community newsletter which is delivered by volunteers within the Eatons community. We have our own village signs provided by our own fund raising and residents willingly help to brighten our Eatons environment by planting thousands of bulbs each autumn.

The Eatons Community Association was set up to keep the identity of our communities in 1979 and we continue to work for our community, dealing with residents concerns, raising money and providing facilities. As such we are horrified at the thought of losing a few streets to the town of St Neots when they are clearly geographically and historically part of our community. We would like to continue to promote our unique identity within our historic boundaries.

Please reconsider any decision on moving our streets – they are part of own community and should remain so.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Jarrett

Eatons Community Association Chairman