PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Secretary
The Electoral Commission
Trevelyan House
Great Peter Street
London
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9th June 2006

Dear Sir

The Preston Parish Council cannot support the proposal to combine the North Hertfordshire wards of Hitchwood, Hoo and Offa into one larger, three-member ward.

We feel that it would be impossible for any individual to give the required time and attention to three times their current workload, when the needs of all the parishes vary so much. Local government is about the most effective way of representing and serving the local communities, and this would not be achieved if these new proposals were to go ahead.

Yours faithfully

Mrs P Stark
Clerk to Preston Parish Council