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The Secretary
The Electoral Commission
Trevelyan House
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I understand that last year a review was carried out by the Boundary Committee into how the Electoral arrangements should be in Hertfordshire. It was recommended that the Wards of Hitch, Hoo and Offa should be amalgamated and become a one three Councillor Ward.

As a resident of Hoo Ward I believe that I will not receive the close relationship that currently exists between my Ward member, Parish and Local organisations within our Ward. It is a real benefit to have a Ward Councillor who is very much involved in local matters and indeed has that very valuable local knowledge of local matters and who has already built up trust of the local people.

Furthermore it is true to say that one Ward may not have the same needs as another and the problems for example with St Ippolyts are not the same as my Parish at Whitwell. It seems to me at the moment that changes are being made for the sake of political purposes rather than making change for the benefit of the people.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Love