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**Comment text:**

We are the New Bilton Community Association and are based in Gladstone Street, CV21 2JP. We are well established community organisation and have been present in the heart of the community for the last fifteen years. Whatever plan is chosen, we hope you will consider the links that we have made with Overslade whose boundary is contiguous to ours. We have little to do with the Benn Ward. Currently, both the association in New Bilton and that of Overslade is supported by the Local Strategic Partnership. This has enabled us to build links with them to enable partnership projects that benefit both our communities. Any change to this situation will create local confusion. We ask that you consider seriously not dividing us from our constituency and closest neighbours. We have undergone several boundary changes since 1998 when we first formed. One change in particular extended our ward to such an extent that as a small local organisation we did not have the capacity to service. In any case, they residents in those areas did not feel part of New Bilton (poorer, deprived) but culturally that of Bilton (a rather more upmarket area). We recognise that within the existing ward there are groupings of housing and that artificial boundaries will not make one bit of difference to the way people feel about where they live. However, in terms of garnering support from the borough and county councils, financial and otherwise, it is important to understand the strategic thinking and development behind behind the Rugby regeneration plan.

**Uploaded Documents:**

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