

# GREAT HALLINGBURY PARISH COUNCIL IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX

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To: The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

We are aware of the reasoning and why the Boundary Commission proposals recommend changes to the existing ward boundaries in Uttlesford, and we are pleased you have been able to retain the existing Broad Oak and The Hallingbury's ward.

We note that, as we had proposed, we now have Great Canfield included in our ward, but also note that we have lost the small settlement of Bush End.

We understand that the residents of Bush End are very unhappy with this change and we also join them in their disagreement. When looking at the map one sees that the boundary has to make a very odd and irregular intrusion. It looks as though an artificial corridor has been introduced to include Bush End.

The considerations in our response of last November included:

- The need to reflect the identities and interests of local communities
- The desirability of fixing boundaries which are, and will remain, easily identifiable and will not break local ties

And these are not reflected by the exclusion of Bush End from our ward.

Bush End residents have enjoyed a long association with Broad Oak that includes the church, secular and cultural, and they strongly wish to retain this community link with Broad Oak village, and to retain their elected ward representatives to Uttlesford Council.

Fortunately there are only about 100 voters involved so we feel that numbers should be manageable and we trust that Uttlesford District Council and the Boundary Commission will recognise the affinity that Bush End has with Broad Oak and The Hallingbury's plus Great Canfield.

Yours faithfully,

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