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"It is in my opinion that these three communities South Oxhey, Carpenders Park, and Oxhey Hall should not be split in any way and left as three vastly different wards.

Carpenders Park Estate which has is a ward in its own right and is like a small village. It is bounded by two busy roads, a railway line The Euston to Watford (the old Bakerloo line) not the Metropolitan line and the Margehole woods which are part of The Oxhey Grange Estate. It has shops, a doctor's surgery, a public house, and a primary school. There is a church community that meet in the Carpenders Park Community Hall, a station to the railway and a bus service to and from Watford. Completely self contained and insular in its own needs and its particular problems. It has very large elderly population living in bungalows and small houses, and a collection of 1960s modern houses of varying sizes, the vast amount being privately owned.

This could mean that this new area would not be represented effectively by the Councillors.

Most of the houses in Ashridge, South Oxhey are now privately owned X council housing stock, the rest being owned by a Housing Association. Their main problem is South Oxhey is one of the most deprived areas in the country therefore their needs are very different: South Oxhey is a community in its own right it was built to be self contained and sufficient and they have over the years bonded together in life and in politics. It would be unfair to split them up in any form and would not reflect the interests and identities of this local community.

Oxhey Hall Ward is a sprawling ward made up of early twentieth century houses of varying sizes and shapes and part of the ward is a conservation area. There are two small parts of housing association properties and some of the most expensive houses in the district. The ward covers a huge area with woods, fields, and farmland and waterways. To add a further area (Hayling ward) from South Oxhey again would not reflect the interests and identities of this local community"