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Dear Sirs,

I have watched with incredulity as the process of the Boundary Commission has wound inexorably on but have reached the point of frustration and amazement as the proposals which are to be put to you have coalesced.

Briefly, it is to be proposed that Stort Valley be merged with Stansted North.

The facts as we mere constituents see them are in brief:

- Stort Valley is an amalgamation of villages supporting a rural and agricultural economy with one major road linking us together and with Bishop's Stortford to the south. Existing links between the villages are good as evidenced for example by the joint production of the Manuden and Berden Parish Council Magazine and our many joint thriving special interest groups. Our only links with Stansted are via one road, difficult for heavy traffic.
- Stansted, North or South, originally a ribbon development, is increasingly a commuter town serving London and Stansted Airport. Its current rural economy will be further decimated as blocks of farmland are imminently to be sold off to property developers as Uttlesford struggles to fill its new homes quota.

I am afraid we struggle to see any alignment of interests between these two communities and as such strongly deprecate the proposed changes.

Sincerely,

John Barber
Parish Councillor for Berden (in the Stort Valley)