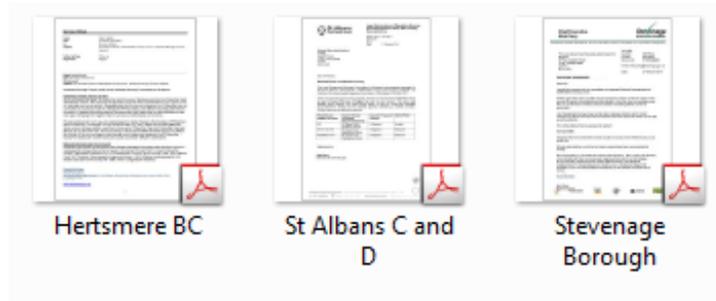


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From: Donald Graham
Sent: 28 October 2014 15:33
To: Reviews@
Subject: RE: Electoral Review of Hertfordshire County Council - Hertsmere Borough Council's response

Hertsmere Borough Council would like to make the following 2 comments on the above:

Potters Bar West & Shenley Division

We do not support proposal to include the Well End area of Borehamwood into the Potters Bar West and Shenley division. This seriously transgresses one of the main considerations of your review, that of "reflecting community identity". Geographically Well End is some distance from Potters Bar and not connected via an obvious road link. Indeed the A1M provides a very effective boundary between the two areas. In addition the communities of Borehamwood and Potters Bar are quite different and the only logic in bringing them together that we can see is mathematical convenience .

We are perplexed as to why you are proposing such a radical change to the boundary of Potters Bar West and Shenley. The largest ward by electorate both now and in 2020 will be Potters Bar East. Surely a more obvious solution would be to move part of Potters Bar East into Potters Bar West and Shenley to equalise their size. However looking at the projected 2020 electorate figures, the Potters Bar Wards will be the two largest in the Borough which makes your statement that "Potters Bar ... has too few electors to warrant having two county councillors" difficult to understand.

Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council

Hertsmere also wishes to comment on the resultant changes to the wards within the town council. It is proposed to increase the number of seats in the Cowley Hill ward from 3 to 4 and reduce the number in the Elstree ward from 2 to 1. The electorate in Cowley Hill is currently 7,472 and in Elstree it is 4,143. Therefore, this proposed change would mean 1 Cllr in Elstree would represent 4,143 electors and each Cllr in Cowley Hill 1,868, which is a significant imbalance.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Electoral Review of Hertfordshire County

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England's recommended proposals for the future electoral arrangements in Hertfordshire County Council were considered at a meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee on Wednesday 22 October 2014.

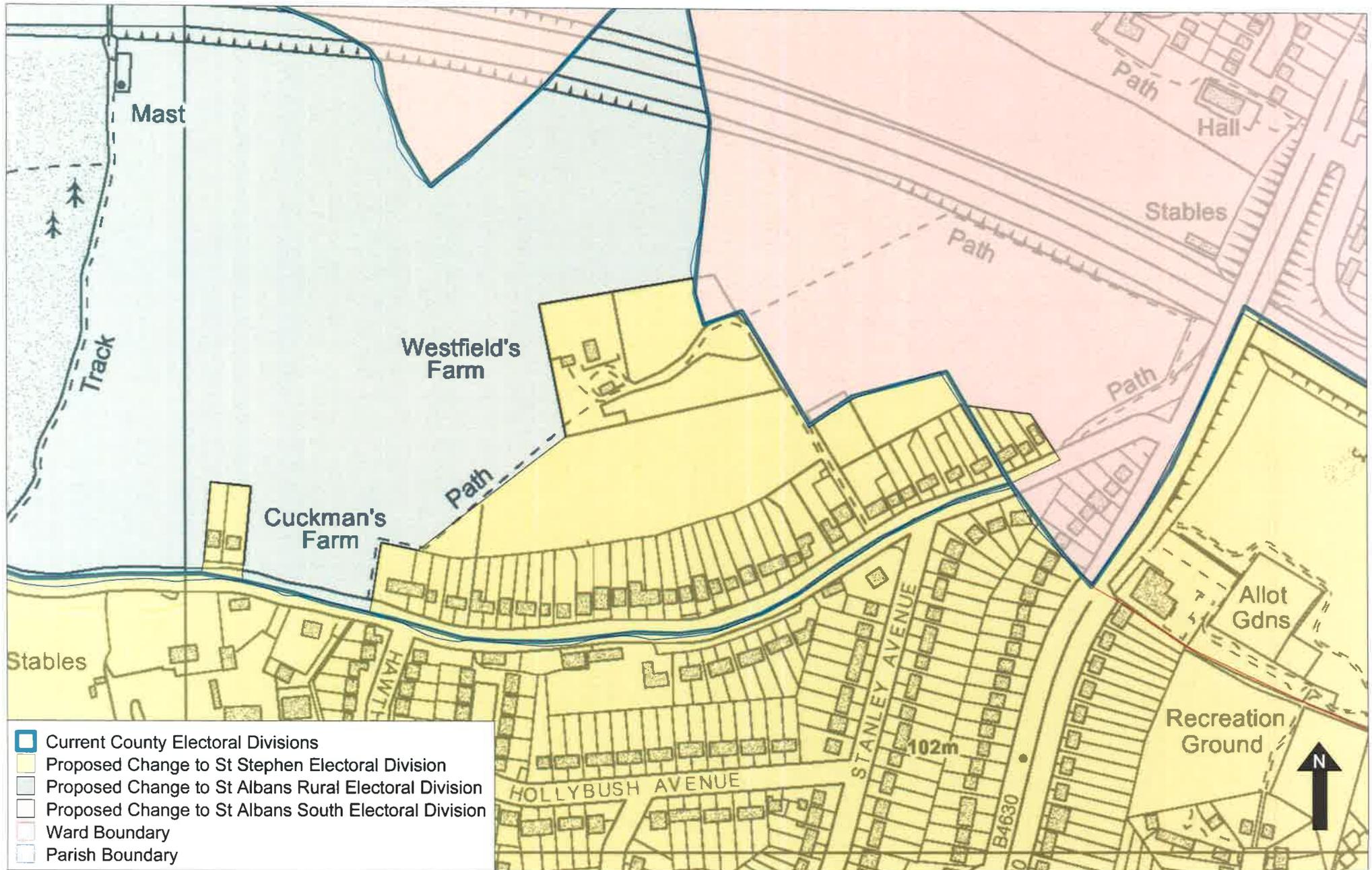
There was general support for the proposals. However, it was felt that consideration should be given to placing the whole of Ragged Hall Lane into one Division. This road is split between three Divisions (and three District wards) in both the current and proposed recommendations. Please see the attached appendix identifying a possible boundary. Detailed below are the affected properties:

Properties on Ragged Hall Lane:	Current Division (Proposed Recommendations):	Council's Proposed Division:	District Ward:
2-8	St Albans South (St Albans South)	St Stephen	Verulam
10-84, 109-110	St Albans Rural (Harpenden Rural)	St Stephen	Redbourn
Westfields Farm	St Albans Rural (Harpenden Rural)	St Stephen	Redbourn

Yours sincerely,

Alex Berry
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DIVISIONAL BOUNDARIES

Dear sirs,

I would like to respond to the consultation on proposed Electoral Arrangements for Hertfordshire County council.

Whilst I agree that each councillor should represent a similar number of voters in their area as this would provide good electoral equality, I note that your own guidelines say that you would keep to existing ward boundaries and polling districts, as far as practicable.

I am disappointed that you have not felt able to allocate divisions which remain coterminous with the borough ward boundaries and more specifically which do not split up polling districts.

The polling districts that you propose to split are:

CJA and CMA

It appears that that a hand full of streets would be moved and we therefore ask you to revisit this.

We also note that four out of the six division names have been recommended to change.

We request that you reconsider the names of the divisions. This is due to the fact that voters identify with their own areas and neighbourhoods which are like villages. So, for example, people live in the Chells neighbourhood or the Shephall neighbourhood. To decide that part of Chells is now in Shephall is illogical and confusing. If you move the divisional boundaries you will need to find a new set of names.

Yours sincerely