

Test Valley District

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The Pentons and specifically Penton Grafton parish which covers Clanville, Ragged Appleshaw, Weyhill and Penton Grafton have been well served as part of Penton Bellinger ward by our 2 Borough Councillors for many years. Why our rural area should be moved into Charlton ward which is merely Andover urban sprawl is impossible to justify. We are then to be served by only one Councillor who may well have little or no understanding of the issues pertaining to rural villages. This is designed to be a cost saving exercise by reducing the number of Councillors and as such it would make far better use of resources to leave rural areas alone, in the hands of those who understand their needs and to reduce the number of Councillors on the Andover Town Council which has far too many members for its workload and specific responsibilities. Maybe Charlton could be amalgamated with the Andover Town Council in addition to reducing the Town Councils members. This would obviously not sit well with the residents of Charlton but it is merely an extension of Andover town as one can clearly see from the lack of any break in development between the two. We in the rural areas have strategic gaps between ourselves and the urban areas and work hard to protect them in the face of increased demands for development land. Charlton also shares the urban SP10 post code with Andover whereas the rural areas are all SP11. Think again Commissioners and leave our rural areas alone, as the old adage advises "if it ain't broke, don't fix it". Gary Light (Penton Grafton Parish Council Chairman)

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