



Review Officer (Test Valley)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
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Dear Sir,

Ward Boundaries

I understand that the commission is conducting a review of council ward boundaries in the Test Valley area and that views are being sought from members of the public. Realising that time is short, I wanted to take this opportunity to outline a case for Palestine to remain in the ward of Over Wallop.

Palestine is a small hamlet situated a mile or so to the north-west of Over Wallop and, in common with a lot of rural communities of the current age, does not enjoy any facilities of its own. It is therefore wholly reliant on the village of Over Wallop for the provision of a local shop, post office, garages, local church, recreation area, playing fields and two public houses. As a result, there are strong social ties, both historically and geographically between Palestine and Over Wallop which need to be retained.

Our northern ward boundary runs up the Old Stockbridge Road from Middle Wallop, before heading west to Wiltshire, effectively separating Palestine from Grateley. It would therefore make sense if the current boundary between the wards of Over Wallop and Ampport were maintained.

Yours faithfully,

