

## **Conservative Group Comments on Local Government Boundary Commission's Warding Proposals**

We accept all of the Commission's proposals except for one.

We believe that the transfer of Kytes Drive into Stanborough would not meet the stated aims. It is not a part of the Stanborough Community for one, but more concretely it would not be within the boundaries of Stanborough nor have access. In their report the LGBC states "that this area has good access to Stanborough ward", I have included a screen shot showing that this access is via Coates Way. This being a contradiction to the reasoning not to move the even numbered houses of St Albans road into Stanborough which was that it restricts direct/internal access to the ward;

"the proposal to transfer the even-numbered houses on St Albans Road is not viable as this does not transfer electors on Kilby Close, Holtsmere Close or Cow Lane, which would mean none of these roads have internal road access into the Meriden ward."

If this is true of Kilby Close et al, then it is also true of Kytes Drive. Where Kilby Close et al would remain geographically within Meriden, Kytes Drive would instead be an isolated bulge inside another ward should it be moved to Stanborough.

If we also moved Coates Way to counter this issue it would exacerbate the other major obstacle to this proposal. In that moving Kytes Drive increases Electoral Inequality within Meriden. Whilst we accept that Stanborough is too small moving an area from an already too small ward does not increase the overall equality of the people of Watford it simply re-locates the problem to a different area.

Given that it does not make sense based on community, geographical grounds nor having a logical boundary this proposal seems to be solely based on Electoral inequality. In this case the benefit (two wards being at a variance rather than one but the total variance remaining constant) seems to be outweighed by the costs.

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