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**For the attention of the Boundary Review Committee**

**EDGMOND / CHETWYND**

This proposal is again an attempt to streamline whilst not understanding how by creating a larger parish area (when bringing together two existing parish councils) is not reflective of their community identities or their respective interests.

It is my belief that this could lead to less community engagement and a total lack of community cohesion, which is precisely what all rural parish councils thrive upon and value.

As a Parish Councillor at Edgmond Parish, I have heard the councillors and members of the community when discussing the recommendation and they clearly agreed with Chetwynd Parish Council, in that logistically this merger would be unworkable.

The local councillors and residents do agree, however, that bringing the properties at Summerhill into Edgmond Parish will benefit those residents and the reduction in the number of Parish Councillors is understandable and worthy of consideration.

**CHETWYND**

My colleague, [REDACTED], as the Ward Member, recently reported to Edgmond Parish Council that it is the opinion of Chetwynd Parish Council that any such consideration of this merger is unacceptable, as there are no shared community interests, cohesion or identity and the recommendation would be a disadvantage to their community.

Therefore, it is my view that if the Committee believes that the Chetwynd community would benefit from a merger, then consideration should be with Tibberton & Cherrington – these have shared boundaries and the community of Chetwynd has some cohesion and interests in common with Tibberton & Cherrington, not least in that the children attend Tibberton Primary School.

I would have thought that this should have been an option for consideration as it would bring benefits to the community.

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Edgmond Parish Councillor