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To whom it may concern

Thanks to the VEC for the text alert I received inviting feedback of residents regarding this review. I have some comments regarding the three proposed models.

### Huntingdale Ward Name

The name of Huntingdale Ward in Models 1 and 3 might be confusing to residents, particularly those living somewhat to the south, who identify that name with the neighbourhood *close to* the Huntingdale Station and adjoining shops. Being named merely for the presence of a major road that connects Clarinda with Ashwood seems inadequate. Jordanville might be a better name.

### Ward Shapes

If we are to assume that wards reflect organic communities to be represented by individual councillors, then the four very long north-south wards proposed in Model 2 undermine that notion. Surely people will travel locally in *all directions* to and from activity centres, resulting in more rounded or squared experiences of locality.

### Preferred Model

Models 1 and 3 have the diverting name of Huntingdale while Model 2 has the overly long wards in the north. I suspect the latter is a greater flaw overall. However, I appreciate that meeting design requirements, such as population numbers, is a challenge for the redrawing of wards, and that maybe nothing will work better than what is on offer. This is all-the-more true with the smaller single-member wards which we must now accept.\*

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\* And it is a shame that our diverse municipality risks losing the politically diverse representation that has been delivered by multi-member wards.