

CHENIES VILLAGE SOCIETY

Whitehill Cottage,
Chenies,
Nr. Rickmansworth, Herts.

5th May 1965

Sir,

Parish of Chenies-County Boundary

The above Society understands that you are shortly to be giving consideration to the boundaries between the Counties of Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire particularly as it affects the Parish of Chenies and that any representation should be made to you before the 17th of May.

This Society held a public meeting in the Village, the time and date of which was duly notified by circular to all residents of the North Ward of the Parish of Chenies fourteen days before it took place. The North Ward, it should be borne in mind comprises the Village of Chenies, whereas the South Ward is really adjunct to Chorleywood and to the casual observer, seems to be part of it.

Between 50 and 60 residents of the Village attended the meeting and agreed unanimously that the Society should beg you to consider the North Ward of the present Parish as an entity when considering the boundaries. The reasons for these are as follows:-

- a) Chenies has been traditionally associated with Buckinghamshire during it's whole history and is well known as the ancient seat of the Russell family (now Dukes of Bedford).
- b) Most interests of the residents in the Village Parish lie far more in Amersham and Chesham and indeed Aylesbury than they do in the other direction, whereas the South Ward clearly have social and practical connections with Chorleywood in Hertfordshire.
- c) Which is purely speculative: it is rumoured that the Borough of Watford is seeking County Borough status and is considering an attempt to combine with Rickmansworth and Chorleywood. Should this happen and bearing in mind the population increases forecast for the next 30 years or so, it would not seem unreasonable to expect a great deal of development to take place in this corner of Hertfordshire despite the Green Belt. However, Buckinghamshire have declared that further development in South Buckinghamshire will be resisted particularly in view of the major development likely to take place soon in North Buckinghamshire.

The Village of Chenies for ten or eleven years since it was bought by the Metropolitan Railway Country Estates from the Bedford Estate has been constantly threatened with the possibility of private development, indeed, it was mainly for this reason that the Village Society, on whose behalf I am writing, was constituted and we feel that Chenies Village must be preserved at all costs in it's present form, for it seems to be the nearest unspoilt Village to London and it gives great pleasure to thousands of visitors throughout the year.

24th May 1962

Sir,

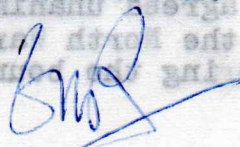
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I trust that the foregoing will be taken into account in your deliberations and have the Honour to be Sir,

Your Obedient Servant



G.P. Ridout
CHAIRMAN - CHENIES VILLAGE
SOCIETY

The Secretary,
The Local Government Commission for England,
State House,
High Holborn,
London, W. C. 1.

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