

## Fenland

My name is David Oliver, I've lived and owned my own business in Wisbech for over 36 years. I am currently a Wisbech town councillor, I am at present Chairman of Resources and have had the pleasure of holding various posts since joining Wisbech Town Council which include being Mayor twice, Leader of the council and Chairman of most committees over the years. I have represented Peckover ward for the last 17 years as a Wisbech town councillor and until the last elections I also represented Peckover ward on Fenland District Council for 12 years. When I initially moved to Wisbech I lived in the North ward and have like many others still referred to the ward as the North ward even after the last boundary changes, I then moved to the Peckover ward and have been a resident in Peckover for over 30 years.

I welcome the proposal put forward in the last month by Fenland District Council as these represent the best way to effectively achieve the LGBCE statutory criteria that includes reflecting local communities, electoral equality and promoting a local convenient and effective local government. With regards to the proposed Riverside ward, Having represented Peckover Ward for 17 years I would welcome the opportunity to represent Riverside Ward, this would give the opportunity to combined both sides of the River, the North and South Brink's are described as having some of the finest Georgian Architecture in the country. To be able to combined projects and advance promotion of the whole area bringing Old Market and town centre would be both easier and advantageous. Some of the other challenges of flooding, embankment and flood defences would be far better dealt with in one ward rather than two separate wards which can sometimes cause delays and confusion. Finally with regards to the boundary between Leverington and the Town are complex with many parts of Peckover ward running along the parish boundary. There have been many occasions when there have been confusion because of parts of Leverington are recognised as being in the town.

Cllr David Oliver