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Dear Sirs

I currently serve as a councillor on both Fenland District Council and Whittlesey Town Council. I've served on both Councils for years. I am the current Mayor of Whittlesey and I chair the Overview and Scrutiny Panel of Fenland District Council. I've lived in the area for years and therefore believe that I have a good knowledge of Fenland in general and of Whittlesey in particular.

In relation to Whittlesey, I support the LGBCE's initial proposals for re-warding the District Council boundaries. These proposals achieve good electoral equality whilst enhancing local residents' understanding of who represents what area through its use of strong, clearly identifiable boundaries such as the A605 and the grounds of Sir Harry Smith and Alderman Jacob's schools.

Benwick has never sat easily in a Whittlesey seat. Benwick has far closer connections with March rather than Whittlesey, so I welcome the LGBCE's initial proposal not to include Benwick in a Whittlesey ward, and I further welcome FDC's proposal to include Benwick in a March ward, as used to be the case with the former March West Division of Cambridgeshire County Council, which incorporated March.

I represent St Andrews ward at Fenland District Council, and it always seemed a little odd to me that areas such as King's Delph, Pondersbridge and the Turntree Road/Lattersey Hill areas should be included in a ward with Coates when their main connections with Whittlesey Town are through St Andrews ward using the A605, the B1040 and the B1093 respectively. The Commission's new South Ward for Fenland District Council therefore makes sense, linking the rural areas of Whittlesey with the more urban areas through which they are connected to the Town.

Yours,

Cllr David Mason
Mayor & Leader
Whittlesey Town Council

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