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I have read the three legal factors the Commission uses to draw new boundaries and I am expressing my concerns about the proposed new warding arrangement for Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary Ward. 1. Each councillor representing roughly the same number of voters – The proposed changes may be effective in attaining your aim but it will not be without impacting on a community. 2. Community interests and identities – I live in Parson Drove where there is no public transport links and have family living in Murrow, where the same applies. These two villages interconnect with a variety of interests. Table tennis teams and bowls teams from Murrow play in Parson Drove Village Hall alongside Parson Drove residents. Coffee mornings held in Parson Drove welcome friends from Murrow. Quiz nights are held on alternate months in Parson Drove Village Hall and Murrow Village Hall where my friends from both villages attend both venues. A pub has been a traditional meeting point for many people over the years. In the absence of a pub in Murrow friends and family meet up in one of the pubs in Parson Drove. Parson Drove has the amenities that my family in Murrow use – Pharmacy, Doctor's surgery, shop, post office and the church. I fail to see how introducing new villages in both of the proposed new wards reflects the community interests and identities that already exist. I can't see community groups travelling on the A47 to join us in our activities nor us going over to participate in theirs. We have never had any community connections with the proposed new villages the other side of the A47 therefore I don't see why bringing them into a new ward would change this. Nor do we have any shared activities with the proposed villages that would belong to the new Parson Drove ward. However both Parson Drove and Murrow do have other shared interests with Guyhirn and Wisbech St Mary. 3. Effective and convenient local government – I am unable to fathom out how making one of the new wards enormous and dividing it by the A47 can achieve this. Local people who use the A47 are often frustrated by the long tailback of traffic or complete road closures that frequently occur. And a councillor or councillors are expected to cope with this. It would not be long before the electorate would be totally disillusioned by the service provided by its 'so called effective and convenient local government.' I want to remain in the same ward as my family and I object to the boundary changing for Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary Ward on the grounds of all of the above concerns.

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