

Fenland District Council

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I have concerns about the draft recommendations to change the boundary for Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary Ward as this would place the villages which already have excellent community cohesion in different wards. The other villages will remain intact whereas Murrow will be divided. It is not acceptable to me as a resident for this to happen in my village. I also have concerns that residents were not given the opportunity to express their views because Fenland District Council made no attempt at community engagement. What is being hidden that the council can suggest such drastic changes without obtaining any views from residents or local community groups. I am a member of several groups that have strong ties with the villages in the current ward and in particular with Parson Drove, none of whom received any communication from Fenland District Council. Indeed, I would not have known about the proposed boundary change had it not been for my parish council informing the electorate in the monthly Village Voices magazine. Surely even if Fenland District Council did not want to obtain residents' views, then after it had agreed its scheme it should have informed we as the electorate, who will be voting for local councillors, that the Council was submitting a proposal to change our boundary. I am a resident of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council and the proposal to join my part of the village with villages on the other side of the A47 will bring many difficulties. The River Nene and the A47 are problematic in achieving effective and convenient local government, which I understand is one of the criteria you look at. There is no public transport in Murrow. The only amenities in Murrow are a very basic shop, village hall and a Methodist Chapel. It is unacceptable to separate part of a small village from Parson Drove when the following necessary amenities that Murrow residents use are in Parson Drove: Doctor's surgery, pharmacy, Emmanuel Church (C of E), post office, a refurbished and extended village hall, shops, take-away facilities and pubs. The proposal does not aid our community, the exact opposite, it is divisive. Therefore I object to the proposed changes.

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