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Sent: 01 June 2022 14:24
To: reviews
Subject: Parish Boundary Changes Fenland District

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Dear Sirs

I write to you regarding the proposed changes to boundaries as proposed by Fenland District Council.

I believe that these are completely unacceptable and ill conceived.

Firstly they are based on purely political issues whereby the ruling party are intent on creating a reason to achieve up to four more Councillors who are not needed. More expense for Council Tax Payers as they will have to be paid an allowance, it would probably also see a demand from Town Councillors for an allowance on par with District Councillors creating an even higher increase in Council Taxes.

They wish to create new electoral wards that will only benefit a certain political party.

None of the electorate have had direct notification of the proposed changes.

If you look at the proposal it mentions bringing total electorate into line to around 4000 persons by 2027.

If you take the present day electorate of Leverington which is around 3000 add in the developments that have been commenced and proposed by 2027 Leverington would support an electoral ward and 2 Councillors of it's own.

I have today received a card from one of the political parties saying that our priorities are there priorities, this card contains the contact details of 3 District Councillors who represent this area and 2 Town and District Councillors who represent the area of Wisbech they propose joining Leverington to. I think they are considering this a done deal.

Some of the other proposed unions of Parishes are absolutely ridiculous as they are miles apart. Separated by major rivers, this would involve Councillors having to travel miles to get from one parish to the other in order to contact the electorate.

I have spoken to representatives from said Parishes and they are all completely against the proposed changes as they say they are unworkable and unwarranted.

I can foresee the Town Councils of the four towns in the area namely Chatteris, March, Whittlesey and Wisbech all asking that their Councillors get an allowance on par with District Councillors thus putting an extra £500k onto District Council Tax requirements per annum.

The Proposals from FIA which keeps Leverington Parish in its present Roman Bank Ward along with Gorefield, Newton and Tydd St Giles.

And the FIA proposed combining existing town wards to form wards known as Wisbech East, North and West.

However Fenland District Council proposal is to combine Leverington with parts of Wisbech Peckover Ward, as the two have strong Community Ties and consider it to be a continuation of the built-up area of Wisbech.

They say exclusive the Parish from the Wisbech Ward would fail to recognise these ties.

What utter rubbish Leverington and Wisbech have never been aligned in such a manner, to quote many of my neighbors they do not use Wisbech in their postal address as they do not want to associate themselves with THAT PLACE.

This is an ill conceived union of Leverington and Wisbech, which I think is being driven by certain Wisbech Town and District Councillors for their own political gains.

I even had one District Councillor denying that FDC had suggested a lot of these boundary changes, your documentation proves that is an untruth.

We have a saying in these parts "If it ain't broke don't fix it" and I personally consider the Councils Proposals as ill conceived and non workable and request that Leverington is left in the same Ward as its close neighboring Villages with Parish Councils that work exceptionally well and with District Councillors and a County Councillor that we know and see regularly, in essence follow the FIA proposal and not create a FIASCO.

Kind regards

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