

Fenland District Council

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I was shocked to discover that Fenland District Council have submitted a scheme, which will have a devastating impact on many, without first obtaining the views of the communities who will be affected by the changes. I am not on social media where, I have been informed, there has been some information given. Therefore I would not have been aware that my ward boundary could be changing until I saw an article by Wisbech St Mary Parish Council published in my local newsletter. I understand that the LGBCE has to consider three legal factors equally to draw new boundaries, which I have used to formulate my objections to the proposed new warding arrangement for Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary Ward. While I understand the proposed changes may allow councillors to represent an equal number of voters, however I fail to see how the scheme fits the other two factors. There are no public transport links in Murrow or Parson Drove. The new villages that will make up my proposed ward have no connections with Parson Drove. The villages suggested for both new wards are not well located in relation to each other whereas the villages in the current ward make geographical sense. I also fail to see how creating two new wards reflect community interests and identities when the proposal divides Murrow Village. Murrow residents have community groups whose activities are shared with us in Parson Drove. I believe the plans do not cater for the well being of any of the community groups or allow them to keep their identities, in fact they are divisive. My friends in Murrow rely on the facilities that are situated in Parson Drove - Pharmacy, the doctor's surgery and associated clinics, the post office, the shop and the pubs. Emmanuel Church covers Parson Drove and Murrow, with the church yard used for families from both villages buried there. I strongly object to separating part of Murrow from Parson Drove when both villages have long historical links tying them together as one community. One of the new wards which I will not be placed in, but my friends in Murrow will be, covers a colossal distance with the A47 separating some of the villages. At the best of times the A47 is problematic with many holdups and at the worst of times it has road closures lasting for many hours. The size of the proposed new ward and whichever side of the A47 the councillors live would create problems for them in representing all the villages equally. I deduce that this arrangement will not be conducive to effective and convenient local government, which is one of the factors you have to ensure will work. Please consider my strong objection to the proposed new warding arrangement and leave our current boundary in existence.

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None Uploaded