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Fenland Electoral Review

Looking at this report that has just come into my possession. ie. the draft recommendations, you ask three questions. That being:

1. Do the proposed wards reflect local communities? My answer to that is NO for these reasons:

- a) it removes our village (Leverington with Roman Bank) status by making us a suburb of Wisbech Town.
- b) it puts us in an alignment with areas we have no contact with as a village.
- c) it will take away any form of identity from this village.
- d) there are no transport links in this new ward that could be used by residents.
- e) the only Parish Council is Leverington and that will no longer be representing all that draft ward.
- f) This does not reflect local people who live and work in this area.
- g) owing to a new development of almost 300 homes in the village, it is an area of growth.
- h) we have in the village a new development of the Leverington Social Club for recreation and an inclusion of a 3G pitch.

2. How do you think the proposals can be improved? One only answer - that the present Leverington ward with Roman bank remains the same with our own identity.

3. Are the names right?

The short answer is NO as we lose our identity.

On the reverse of your form, it mentions issues that bind the community together. Well, that is easy: our village community with its identifiable boundaries which your proposal seeks to destroy.

Lastly you ask on the rear of your form: Are the proposed names appropriate; my answer is a resounding NO as they make us a suburb of Wisbech Town.

So, to finish in your words: we do not have a good pattern of wards as it should be. It does not reflect community interests, identities and community links.

What is proposed is not based on easily identifiable boundaries and therefore cannot deliver effective, convenient local government.

