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Sent: 18 February 2013 10:58
To: Reviews@
Subject: Electroal Review of Lancaster

Dear Sirs

I am writing in response to your letter of 23 January 2013 enclosing a copy of the draft recommendations report for Lancaster City Council.

Your report was discussed by Ellel Parish Council at a meeting held on 11th February and I have been asked to forward the comments from the Council.

1. The Parish Council would like to object to your draft recommendations concerning Ellel parish Council. They do not agree that the number of Councillors for the North and South wards should be reduced and a further University Ward created. They feel that the changes will alter the current commitment given to rural and village locations and the transient nature of the residents of the University wards will result in a large proportion of electors who are uncommitted and uninterested in local affairs.

The communication published on your website from Lancaster City Council seems to only concentrate on the City wards and does not consider the Parish wards. The statement about the electors in the University ward identifying with the community of the university ward rather than the community of Ellel reinforces our concern expressed above about the disinterest in affairs in the local Ellel Parish and therefore have a negative effect on the local community.

2. If our understanding of the draft recommendations are correct, it appears that the City boundary and the Parish boundary for Ellel are going to be different? Ellel City Councillors are going to be losing the University Ward but the Ellel Parish Councillors are gaining a further ward at the University.

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