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Dear Mr Keal,

I have recently been searching high and low for your letter of 22nd January and am delighted to report that only now - at almost the eleventh hour - have I found it.!

Despite your inability to spell MORECAMBE correctly in your enclosed summary sheet, I feel sure there has been a considerable amount of time spent on consultation into the number of councillors Lancaster is entitled to. I just wonder how much this consultation has cost? who is paying for it? and why? Especially when, after whatever expense, your Commission recommends that the number remains the same.!!

You are now apparently minded to investigate the make-up of the council with regard to our ward boundaries. How surprised do you think we will all be when these, after further expense, are also "recommended" to remain the same? Your aim to equate all wards to the same number of voters (eligible voters, that is, not actual) appears misguided. I can

easily imagine such a scheme would actively discourage future recruitment of councillors, and reduce even further the numbers of people who vote in elections.

While searching for your earlier correspondence I uncovered a copy of a reply I had already sent when you had, for some reason, addressed an enquiry to me as representative of the Morecambe & Heysham recorded music society. I cannot really improve on what I stated then, and I hope that that response is still part of your dossier of all the representations you have received.

Yours sincerely

