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**FALFIELD
PARISH COUNCIL**



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Dear Sir/Madam

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE: WARDING ARRANGEMENTS

Our Parish Council understand that the Local Government Boundary Commission has previously announced that it is minded to reduce the current number of District Councillors on South Gloucestershire Council from seventy to sixty one. Although we do not object to this we feel that the needs of the rural villages in South Gloucestershire should be considered.

Currently our Ward Councillor is responsible for the Charfield Ward which includes Charfield, Cromhall, Tortworth and Falfield. Should the overall number of Councillors in South Gloucestershire be reduced we would not want to see our Ward size increase which would ultimately increase the workload of our Ward Councillor which could lead to a reduced level of representation.

Also we would request that the Boundary Commission takes into account the potential rise in population within South Gloucestershire over the next twenty five years, subject to the outcome of the West of England Joint Spatial Plan currently under review, this should be factored in when deciding the ratio of Councillors to residents.

Yours sincerely,



James Carpenter
Clerk to Falfield Parish Council