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The Secretary
The Electoral Commission
Trevelyan House
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Dear Sirs,

ELECTORAL AREA REVIEW
SOUTH HOLLAND

I am the Lincolnshire County Councillor for the Parishes of Pinchbeck, Spalding Castle and Deeping St Nicholas; known as Spalding Elloe.

I am very concerned about your recommendations that Deeping St Nicholas should be joined with Crowland in the Electoral Area Review, for the following reasons:-

1. There is only one bridge connecting Deeping St Nicholas with Crowland and that is over the River Welland which is a natural barrier between the two Parishes.
2. Crowland is a town with new developments and local business park.
3. In the present Two Councillor Ward of Crowland, there are approximately 3500 electorate. There are only approximately 1200 electorate in Deeping St Nicholas, therefore there is a likelihood that there would be no local representative from Deeping St Nicholas as the Three Councillors would likely be from Crowland and have little interest in the needs of a sparsely populated and fully agricultural electorate.
4. There is a need for County and District Councillors to work closely together for the people of a sparsely populated, low wage, deprived community.

I therefore request that the Review Board maintain the status quo and retain Deeping St Nicholas as a One Councillor Ward (in line with the Government guidelines to maintain rural identities).

Yours in anticipation of a favourable reply,

