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Dear Mr Simpkins,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Having considered the representations received during the initial stages of the review, the Commission today publishes its draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Bedford Borough. A copy of the report can be accessed via our website www.lgbce.org.uk.

We have informed the national headquarters of the main political parties, MPs and MEPs with constituency interests in the area, all parish and town councils, the police authority and all people who responded to our initial consultations.

We are now undertaking a period of consultation on our draft recommendations and are seeking the views of local people. It would be helpful if your Council could further publicise the Commission's draft recommendations by displaying the posters sent to your council and taking such other steps as it considers appropriate to bring the review to the attention of the public and other interested parties. We will send copies of all representations to you at the end of this consultation stage. I would be grateful if you would kindly make them available for public inspection on receipt. Copies of representations will also be posted on the LGBCE's website and made available for inspection at the Commission's offices, by appointment.

Representations must be submitted to the Commission by **12 July 2010**. I should stress that the Commission has not finalised its conclusions and, in light of further evidence, may put forward final recommendations which differ from those set out in the draft recommendations. We therefore encourage all those who have a view to write to us,

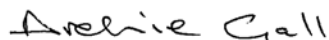
whether they agree with our draft recommendations or not. It is very important that those who oppose our draft recommendations should suggest alternatives which are supported by evidence. All representations received during the consultation period will be taken into account and the Commission will then consider whether or not to amend its draft recommendations. When the final recommendations are published, copies will again be sent to your Council and the other stakeholders detailed above. Representations should be made in writing to reviews@lgbce.org.uk or:

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The Local Government Boundary Commission for England
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Any respondents who submit comments during this period of the review, and do not want all or any part of the response or name made public, must state this clearly in the response. Any such request should explain why confidentiality is necessary, but all information in responses may be subject to publication or disclosure as required by law (in particular under the Freedom of Information Act 2000).

If you have any queries, please contact Richard Buck, on 020 7664 8511, or richard.buck@lgbce.org.uk

Yours sincerely



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