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Dear Mr Morrison

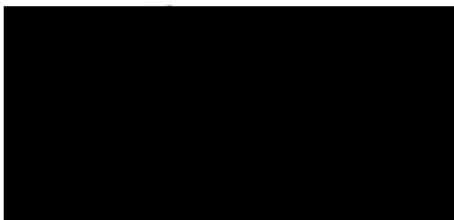
Northamptonshire County Council Boundary Review – Proposed Size of Council

Thank you for your letter outlining the process for the Northamptonshire County Council Boundary Review.

In terms of the size of the County Council, South Northamptonshire Council believes that this is primarily a matter between the Commission and Northamptonshire County Council. However we would like to make the observation that the reduction in County Councillors proposed by the Commission is a very large reduction equating to 22%. This reduction will inevitably reduce democratic representation across the county including in South Northamptonshire and we are concerned at the implications of this reduction in terms of public access to elected representatives particularly with regard to the large geographical area they will cover and the high number of parishes within that area. As the Towcester Ward representative will need to include the Towcester Vale Urban Extension we would recommend that their growth of 3000 households be taken into account when finalising the reductions.

For South Northamptonshire Council by far the most important issue is the allocation and distribution of councillors across the district and we look forward to receiving and responding to the proposals of the Commission in the near future.

Yours sincerely



James Doble
Committee Administration



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Kevin Lane, Head of Law and Governance

We will show strong leadership across South Northamptonshire, to preserve what is special, protect the vulnerable, enhance performance and encourage potential.



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