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Review Officer (Swale)
The Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Layden House
76-86 Turnmill Street
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Dear Sir/Madam

ELECTORAL REVIEW IN SWALE

The Members of Faversham Town Council have now had the opportunity of considering the Electoral Review in Swale at their recent meeting.

Members acknowledge that the population in the Swale area has increased in recent years and whilst they feel that younger electors should be encouraged to stand for election, their opportunity for contributing is restricted because of their personal and work commitments, whereas older, possibly retired, Councillors have more free time to spend on local government duties. With this in mind, it is considered that any reduction in the number of Swale Councillors would have a serious impact on the workload of those remaining, especially if younger Councillors are to be encouraged.

Faversham Town Council would therefore ask for the status quo in relation to the number of Councillors representing the Borough of Swale and would ask that a rebalancing of the Councillors be achieved to gain equal representation across the Borough.

Members further commented that if the number of Councillors for Swale Borough Council were cut, the Faversham Town area would be a very difficult area to split as it is considered that the existing Wards already fully represent the Town.

Yours faithfully

Susan Brockman (Mrs)
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Town Clerk