

# SELLING PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk: [REDACTED]

21<sup>st</sup> October 2011

Mr Simon Keal,  
Review Officer (Swale),  
The Local Government Boundary Commission for England,  
Layden House,  
76-86 Turnmill Street,  
London EC1M 5LG

Dear Mr Keal,

## **Electoral Review of Swale**

Your Notice of public consultation dated 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011, on the Electoral Review of the borough of Swale was discussed at the meeting of Selling Parish Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011, at which members were disappointed that the Local Government Boundary Commission had not accepted Swales previous representations that there should be no change, but had decided to undertake a second consultation.

Surely it is not the size of a ward but the number of Councillors representing each ward in proportion to the number of electorate.

In your letter you say the review aims to make sure, as far as possible, that every councillor in each ward represents the same number of electors. This does not solve anything as each ward is different in that some smaller wards with perhaps only one councillor may have considerable social and other problems in his/her area with which he/she may be called upon to deal with, whilst a larger and possibly more affluent ward may have far less problems. It seems that the issue is really about cutting the number of councillors and not the size of the ward!

Members have instructed me to inform you that the status quo has worked well for a good number of years and therefore unanimously agree that there should be no change from what currently exists.

I trust the above will be taken into consideration.

Yours truly,

Susan Shaw,  
Parish Clerk

Chairman: Cllr. Andrew Bowles,  
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