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**Related subject:** Communities

Having discussed this at length, members wish to bring to the attention of the LGBCE the following as guiding principles for any review:

1. Urban communities should not be divided as far as possible. We welcome the fact the Braintree and Bocking as two county divisions exist as predominantly urban seats, but exclude parts of eastern Braintree which are contained within a predominantly rural seat of Braintree Eastern. The northern part of the existing Bocking seat should be part of a rural division - which would allow the whole of Braintree and Bocking urban communities to be contained within two seats.

2. We oppose the division of Witham into Witham Northern and Witham Southern for the same reasons - with half of the town mixed with surrounding rural communities, each of which have distinct characteristics.

In summary, our local communities are best served by maintaining the integrity of urban communities and the integrity of more rural areas.

3. Where possible coterminosity should be maintained with existing District Council wards. This avoids confusion and prevents electors being moved from one division to another each time there is an election.

We hope you take on these observations and contributions to your initial consultation.

Peter Long

Secretary - Braintree & Witham CLPs

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*