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To: reviews
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Dear Sirs

I am a Councillor serving on both Fenland District Council and Whittlesey Town Council. I've served on both bodies for many years, having been Chairman and subsequently Mayor of Whittlesey Town Council and Chairman of Fenland District Council. I therefore feel I have a good knowledge of Fenland in general and of Whittlesey in particular, especially as I was born in the Parish over 70 years go.

In relation to Whittlesey, I support the LGBCE's initial proposals concerning Town and District Boundaries. However, I am concerned that it will cause confusion if the coterminous Town Council ward of Stonald and District Council ward of Whittlesey North West continue to be given different names despite covering exactly the same area.

It is also confusing that the LGBCE's proposed South Ward for Whittlesey Town Council doesn't cover the same area as your proposed South Ward for Fenland District Council. I believe that where Town and District Council wards have the same boundaries they should have the same name. Where Town and District Council wards have different boundaries they should have different names. Otherwise it becomes confusing for everyone, but especially for local residents.

I represent Bassenhally Ward on both the Town and District Council. The current Bassenhally Ward contains only part of the Town Centre and the boundary there is confusing for many residents.

Strong and clearly defined ward boundaries are important, so I welcome the use of the A605 running through the urban part of Whittlesey to separate the northern wards of "North West" and "East and Villages" from the southern wards of "South" and "Lattersey". I welcome that so far as the area that I represent is concerned, your proposed use of the grounds of the adjacent Sir Harry Smith Community College and Alderman Jacob's primary school provides a clearly defined boundary between the western and eastern wards north of the A605.

Eastrea Village and Coates Village are both clearly defined communities. They are too small to justify splitting them north and south of the A605 into different wards. I strongly support the fact that your proposals split neither Coates village nor Eastrea Village.

I also support the fact that Benwick will no longer, under your proposals be included in a Fenland District Council Whittlesey Ward.

Benwick is a very small village and is physically and socially distinct from Whittlesey. Benwick looks towards March, not Whittlesey, for its main shops and services. There is no bus service between Benwick and Whittlesey, whereas every bus that serves Benwick also serves March. Benwick most definitely belongs with March, not Whittlesey.

Over the years I have seen a few sets of boundary changes, and these proposals you are putting forward in Whittlesey are more representative of our real local community boundaries than any proposals that have been put forward previously.

I fully support all of the revised proposals for Fenland as a whole which were submitted to you as part of this consultation by Fenland District Council following its resolution at a meeting of Full Council in May 2022.

Yours faithfully,

Cllr Kay Mayor

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Whittlesey Town Council and Fenland District Council

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