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To Whom It May Concern:

Hello,

I am an elected Town, District Councillor for the Medworth Ward in Wisbech and a County Councillor for Wisbech West division. At Fenland District Council I am the portfolio holder / cabinet member for Communication, Transformation and the Strategic Environment.

I have lived in Wisbech for 20 years and run a retail shop here also.

I am writing to let you know that I support the boundary proposals put forwards by Fenland District Council and supported by Wisbech Town Council last month.

I believe these proposals best satisfy the conditions, requirements and needs of the area. They reflect fair and equitable electoral balance and are in keeping with the local community. They will serve future local authority governance well.

I am particularly supportive of the new single-member ward "North Ward" which reflects how local residents often view themselves and reflect their location. The return of North Ward as a name for that area is well in keeping with the majority wishes and views of the people of the area and the town.

The new Riverside Ward is an excellent way to reflect a local community based around the River Nene, linking the old Market area with parts of the Town Centre and reflecting other areas which are near or border the river.

The Walsoken Ward would be a good development. Walsoken is known area of town that people consider they live in, but which has not been reflected by actual ward boundaries in recent years, which makes no sense. This fixes that issue.

The village of Leverington and the Town of Wisbech have slowly merged over the years leaving no clear boundary reflected by current warding arrangements. It makes perfect sense to link the more rural part of the Western edge of Wisbech with the Parish of Leverington and reflects the local community.

I was pleased to see that the LGBCE's own proposals mirrored those made by Wisbech Town Council and Fenland District Council. I believe it is a good set of proposals which would suit the area well.

I think that an increase in the overall number of councillors from 39 to 42 is appropriate and I was pleased to see it also recommended by LGBCE. With the whole area growing this should lead to a more balanced workload for individual councillors which will serve our local democracy well.

Regards,

Cllr. Steve Tierney