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Hello, I'm writing to express my thoughts on the proposed boundary changes for Wisbech.

I am a Town and District Councillor for Wisbech and the current Mayor of my beautiful hometown. My desire to see Wisbech residents be fairly represented is of the utmost importance to me.

I attended the meetings with officers when boundary changes first started to be discussed and spent many hours exploring the different options and how they would work in our town. I'm in favour of the new rewarding proposal put forward by FDC and supported by WTC, I feel it gives the best level of support to residents and ensures fair representation.

The rewarding proposal FDC put forward is the same as LGBCE. I believe it meets the statutory criteria we needed at District level while making it achievable to create town wards that also work for Wisbech residents.

In terms of the wards, they are less being created and simply being appropriately named. For instance Walsoken is a community in itself and the new wards supports that.

Whilst Leverington is acknowledged for its closeness and actually being part of Wisbech.

I was raised on the North ward and though locals have always called it north ward and made the distinction it has actually not been

officially called it for years. So this would be a truly just re-introduction of that Ward.

Wards themselves are supposed to link areas and with Riverside it has the shared issues with flooding and the river as the focal point. It links old and new areas together, creating a riverside community with it's beautiful Georgian houses lining the river and making a spectacular view when entering Wisbech/Riverside Ward.

It's crucial residents have fair representation from their Councillors and the work load needs to be fairly carried by those elected to serve Wisbech. The rewarding proposal reflects that need and the grassroots knowledge of the area.

Many thanks for your time
Cllr Susan Wallwork

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