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Good evening,

I am a councillor on Whittlesey Town Council where I represent Stonald Ward. I am the Deputy Mayor of Whittlesey and Deputy Leader of the Council.

I was very pleased to note that the LGBCE adopted, for its initial proposals, the scheme of District Council warding submitted to it by Whittlesey Town Council. These ward boundaries are strong and easily understandable by local people, and I expect that that will promote efficient and effective government as currently many residents don't understand the boundaries nor do they know which ward they are in.

I support the District Council ward boundaries for Whittlesey on which the Commission is currently consulting. I also support the revised scheme of wards recently submitted to the Commission by Fenland District Council for the District as a whole.

There is, however, an anomaly in the proposals currently being put forward by the LGBCE for the area I currently represent and where I live. For a reason I cannot understand, you've named my local District Council ward as Whittlesey North-West but the Town Council ward with exactly the same boundaries is called Stonald. This will cause unnecessary confusion. Since the two wards have the same boundaries, they should also have the same name. I'd suggest that that be Whittlesey North-West, as the current Stonald Ward is a lot smaller than its proposed replacement.

One last point: I've never understood the logic of putting the village of Benwick in with a Whittlesey Ward at District Council level. I'm delighted to see that your initial proposals do not include Benwick in any District Council ward within what would be predominantly a Whittlesey ward. Benwick clearly belongs with March, not with Whittlesey.

Yours truly,

Dr Haq Nawaz - Whittlesey Town Councillor for Stonald Ward.

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