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Organisation Name: Murrow Street Pride Volunteer Group

Comment text:

Murrow Street Pride Volunteer Group (MSP) is well established within the Fenland District Council Street Pride organisation and it has concerns regarding any proposed boundary changes to the existing council ward of Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary. Murrow Village is already split at Parish level and volunteers think the proposal to split Murrow into two different district council wards could adversely affect the community because it would render some of its volunteers being put in the new proposed ward which would include Parson Drove and other villages much further away and some volunteers being put in the other new proposed ward which would include Wisbech St Mary, Guyhirn and other villages further from Murrow. Volunteers can see no benefit if the group has to approach councillors representing two different district council wards for help and advice on any project proposals which it feels would benefit the community of Murrow. Two wards for one small village could potentially create confusion between the residents, with some having different councillors working on their behalf to other Murrow residents. We are concerned that proposed changes could split a thriving community and affect the strong community spirit that already exists between Murrow villagers. MSP and Murrow Primary Academy have worked hard to form strong links. There are several agreed projects in the pipeline from 2022 onwards which MSP volunteers, the staff and the school children will work together on within the community and we would not welcome any conflicting advice or problems having two different council wards could potentially bring. Small neighbouring rural villages rely on bonds with similar groups that have already formed. Whilst Murrow Street Pride, Parson Drove Street Pride and Wisbech St Mary Street Pride are three separate groups they often work together on projects if extra volunteers are needed. All three groups are in a position to help Guyhirn set up a group at the first opportunity. Our existing ward councillors have worked tirelessly to bring the four neighbouring village groups together and volunteers feel privileged to have such strong bonds and friendships that now exist between the groups. Although we are separate groups, when it is of benefit to our villages we identify as one group. Furthermore the four villages within the existing ward of Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary work well together and lend support when needed, not only with Street Pride activities, but amongst other voluntary groups so any boundary changes could see all these rural villages at a disadvantage within the voluntary sector as a whole. Chairman/Secretary of Murrow Street Pride Volunteer Group.

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