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LGBCE. Consultation response regarding the proposed new ward arrangement for the existing ward to be upheld

I would like to raise my objection to the proposed changes as a resident of the village of Murrow.

I am active in community groups that will be affected by the changes but over and above that murrow has very little in the way of amenities. I do not like to use the words 'deprived village' however our pub in Murrow recently closed during the pandemic and did not reopen, we have no local bus service or post office. Because of this we use facilities at Parson Drove. This being the nearest village with at least some amenities. Certainly our local pub is now in Parson Drove and since the branch of our bank closed in Wisbech we use the post office in Parson Drove for all banking requirements (being the nearest to us). Obviously we also use the Dr's surgery and the Pharmacy. As it is necessary for us to use all these facilities we consider the two villages as one community and have got to know people who serve us on a daily basis. I feel that a division would be detrimental, possibly leaving us with less of a community feel and without a local councillor who at present, also resides in Parson Drove.

Geographically the new arrangement does not appear satisfactory, being split by the A47 and the River Nene. We do not have any connection with some of these villages and it's unlikely we would get to know councillors who may be some distance away.

The village of Murrow is already split between two parish councils but at least we know and have good connections with both villages (but on the whole Parson Drove) and councillors. To change this now would split a good community spirit, for the sake of increasing the number of councillors. If this is strongly felt by our community the other communities affected by this must also be dismayed