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My husband and I live in Murrow and we can't support a plan which recommends that Murrow is represented on Fenland District Council by two wards. The representation we have from one ward is sufficient and works perfectly well. Moving forward two wards would create confusion amongst our family and many friends. The two councillors who represent us now do their job properly and have always communicated with Murrow residents. None of the councillors on Fenland District Council live in Murrow, some of them may never have even set foot in Murrow, so what has given those who voted through the scheme the right to have done so without finding out how Murrow residents would feel about it? It is an insult not to have had the opportunity to express our views prior to the council's submission when we live in the village. The Council did not even inform us that our ward boundary was under review, we were left to find out the information from an article in our local newsletter published by Wisbech St Mary Parish Council after your recommendations were declared. Murrow has hardly any facilities and certainly none of the major ones so over the years we have come to rely on those in Parson Drove. Community groups do not appear by magic and we have worked hard over a long period of time to form them, to a lesser degree, with Guyhirn and Wisbech St Mary but predominantly with Parson Drove. Our community groups have no affiliation with any community groups in the other villages you suggest would form the two new wards. Some of the villages are so far reaching that we would not want to travel to them. There are no public transport links and we have formed our own tight community together with Parson Drove, Guyhirn and Wisbech St Mary where we share and enjoy many community activities that take place. If we don't want to travel the distances I don't think it is realistic to expect councillors to cover such a wide ranging area either. The proximity of the current ward villages will make it easier for future councillors to represent us equally. You will need to ensure that effective and convenient local government will be fulfilled and we don't see how that can be achieved with the distances between some of the villages. We object to the proposal to divide a community that has formed over many, many years and ask you to consider the scheme that keeps the boundary we have.

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