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To whom it may concern;

As residents of Parson Drove, the proposed new local government boundary changes will have a significant negative impact on my wife and I.

The new boundaries separates villages that have cohesively worked together for decades and breaks the feeling of connection between them; it is easy to travel to Murrow, Wisbech St Mary and Guyhirn and as such we feel part of those communities. These are villages we frequently visit and as such it does not seem sensible to separate Parson Drove from them. Travel to Gorefield for example is less direct and takes significantly longer and as such there is reduced interaction we have less in common with community there. To demonstrate; it takes a minute to get to Murrow, five to Guyhirn and fifteen to Gorefield.

The new boundary also splits the village of Murrow in two, which seems to fly in the face of common sense and I understand to be against Local Government Boundary Commission for England's own guidance. If the purpose of the commission is to improve local government then how can splitting a village into two separate wards under different councillors be good for the community of that village? Will it not lead to division and disharmony?

Much like separating Parson Drove from its nearby villages, part of Murrow, Guyhirn and Wisbech St. Mary will be incorporated into a large area with which it has little in common and is divided by major arteries such as the A47 and the river Nene. It makes more sense to use these natural boundaries for the ward as felt by those living in them.

Finally, we are all in a financial crisis. It will cost, in both time and money to implement the boundary changes that the villagers themselves do not want. The money required to make this change must be able to be spent more wisely; even if is just fixing a road it would have a better impact on the community than the boundary change!

In summary, these changes separates communities rather than engaging them, splits a village into two wards, one so large that regions have nothing in common and will cost a considerable amount in a time of financial crisis. My wife and I urge you to look again at these proposals that are neither wanted nor needed by the community, and for you not to implement them.

Best regards,

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Sent from my Galaxy