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I am expressing my concerns and registering my objection to your disturbing and divisive proposal to create two new wards for the existing and current Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary Ward. Feeling in Murrow is strongly against the scheme. The village communities of Murrow and Parson Drove are so very closely interlinked by history, family, village daily life and community spirit. Although barely separated by a cultivated field we have long considered ourselves to be one neighbourhood. There is mutual trust in the help and support provided to one another from the villages and it would be iniquitous to unsettle that by the remote act of a boundary change. Murrow is a deprived village and relies heavily on Parson Drove for the basic amenities that one would expect in all villages. There can be no possible benefit from separating it from Parson Drove. There will, however, be many disadvantages that will have a debilitating effect on Murrow residents and the two communities. Murrow has no public transport and poor road links made severe by the many road disruptions and congestions when the A47 and the A141 are experiencing their many closures. On those occasions Murrow has no option but to use the amenities provided by Parson Drove since it is hopeless trying to get to one of the larger towns. Murrow and Parson Drove residents share and enjoy many community interests.

- Strong family ties between the twin villages.
- The Book Café in Murrow, which I attend weekly, so that I can meet friends from both Murrow and Parson Drove.
- In return Parson Drove hosts regular village hall coffee mornings for its own and Murrow residents and friends.
- With such close family ties between the two villages, The Royal British Legion holds Remembrance Day services at the two memorials attended by residents of both villages.
- There is a public footpath between Murrow and Parson Drove which is maintained by local farmers. It is in regular use by the two communities and close scrutiny is maintained to prevent it from being extinguished. There are also several permitted walks shared by both villages.
- My doctor's surgery is in Parson Drove where until Covid-19 made it difficult I was a member of the surgery's Patient Participation Group and represented residents of both villages.
- My only post office within reasonable cycling distance is in Parson Drove.
- I am an active member of the Murrow and Parson Drove Street Pride Groups which are lively and share common purposes and ambitions. Very likely to be overshadowed if not extinguished without their joint drive and determination. Those two organisations would be a very great loss to the communities as they are the very heart of the neighbourhoods.
- The Emmanuel church is the parochial church for both Murrow and Parson Drove and is situated in Parson Drove.
- There are no public houses in Murrow but those in Parson Drove are within walking distance.
- It has long been my desire for the community to resurrect the ancient act of "Beating the Boundary" unlikely to be fulfilled if the boundary is changed.
- Murrow and Parson Drove have forever been identified as one village community and it would be heartbreaking to find that historical link broken by an authority deliberating so distantly. I urge and encourage you to heed all of the local objections without which there is a very real risk of damaging and potentially destroying the very strongest of community ties between the twin villages of Murrow and Parson Drove.

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