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Sir

Fenland District Council Boundary Review

We wish to place on record our objections to any proposed boundary changes by Fenland District Council to Parson Drove and Wisbech St Mary Ward as residents of Murrow.

Murrow, as one of the Ward's villages, is already split into two at Parish level and the new proposal to divide the village into two entirely separate Council Wards has the potential to create problems where currently none exist. The new proposed arrangements cannot be effective nor convenient to residents and will not reflect the identities and, most certainly, not the interests of our community. It will certainly have an impact on the community governance arrangements and community cohesion when bearing in mind the size and population of the village.

Residents are well acquainted with their existing councillors who make it a priority to involve themselves in local projects and events and who have been instrumental in aiding the setting up of our local groups such as Community Speed Watch and Murrow Street Pride. They are accessible to residents of the village and live locally. The proposal indicates that this local advantage could well be severely diminished or, worse still, completely eradicated, should half the village be placed under the control of councillors in say, Elm and the other half under the control of an entirely different Council. Individuals who have never set foot in Murrow and have no allegiance to and no idea of what is needed locally. This surely cannot be the right decision in order to appoint three new councillors and does not promote localism by which much can be and is achieved.

In closing we would mention that the said proposal by Fenland District Council does not appear to have been widely publicized especially within the villages that will bear the brunt of the impact should it be implemented, although it was apparently put forward some 10 weeks ago.

Yours

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