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Please find attached our response to the consultation . [REDACTED]

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Dear Sir or Madam,

We wish to express our concerns about the proposals to change the ward boundaries in Fenland District Council which affect Parson Drove, Murrow, Guyhirn and Wisbech St Mary. The proposed changes may be effective in allowing councillors to represent an equal number of voters but fail to take into consideration the legal factor relating to community interests and identities.

Your proposals would effectively create divisions within existing communities exacerbated by the geographical challenges of Fenland infrastructure. The A47 is already a significant barrier to community cohesion. The new ward boundaries would in effect divide the village of Murrow. This is completely unacceptable to us as residents who participate in community interest groups and activities such as community speed watch and village pride which brings residents together to ensure the environment is clean, clear of litter and a safe place for our children and grandchildren to play.

Your plans are divisive. We have a close knit community used to working together in harmony. We do not need an external body making a remote decision to divide the village without consideration of the many natural and physical boundaries, parishes and shared interests.

We do not believe that the boundary changes take account of the second legal factor you are required to consider as outlined below:

2 New wards should—as far as possible—reflect community interests and identities, and boundaries should be identifiable. Consider transport links, community groups and facilities, natural or physical boundaries, parishes and shared interests.

We look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,

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