

CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Council Meeting 4th November 2014

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

To receive correspondence on the Local Government Boundary Commission for England consultation on proposals for the Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire. The consultation commenced on 28th October 2014 and will run for 12 weeks.

It is

Recommended that the correspondence be received and consideration be given to a response.

Liz Pinchen

From: Fuller, Heather <Heather.Fuller@lgbce.org.uk>
Sent: 28 October 2014 16:22
Subject: Cambridgeshire electoral review
Attachments: Cambridgeshire Stage One Oct 2014.pdf

Dear Parish or Town Clerk,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has formally commenced an electoral review of Cambridgeshire County Council. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the review and seek your views on future division boundaries for the council.

The Commission is carrying out a review to deliver electoral equality for voters across the county. At present, some county councillors represent many more, or many fewer, electors than their colleagues elsewhere in the county. The review aims to correct those imbalances.

What is an electoral review?

The electoral review will recommend new electoral arrangements for Cambridgeshire County Council. In particular, it will propose:

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- The number of divisions.
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- Division boundaries.
- Names of divisions.

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In drawing up a pattern of electoral divisions, the Commission must balance three criteria, which are set out in law, namely:

- To deliver electoral equality where each county councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the county.
- That the pattern of divisions should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities.
- That the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government.

We are asking local people and organisations for their views as to the best pattern of divisions for the county which meet the requirements set out above.

The Commission will treat all submissions equally and will judge each case on its merits and against the statutory criteria. If you wish to put forward a view, we would also urge you to ensure that your submission is supported by evidence. For example, if you wish to argue that two parishes should be included in the same electoral division, make sure you tell the Commission why they should be together, providing evidence about community facilities, ties, organisations and amenities, rather than simply asserting that they belong together.

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Yours sincerely

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Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire

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The review will draw new electoral division boundaries across Cambridgeshire.

The Commission has also announced that it is minded to recommend that 63 county councillors should be elected to the council in future: six fewer than the current arrangement.

Now we are asking for evidence about your local area to help us decide a new pattern of electoral divisions for Cambridgeshire County Council.

Your views will make a difference

Local people know their area best. That's why we are asking you for evidence on a range of issues:

- Do you have suggestions about where your division boundaries should be?
- Which areas do you identify as your local community?
- Where do people in your area go to access local facilities such as shops and leisure activities?

For more details and interactive maps, visit:

www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk or www.lgbce.org.uk

Have your say

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