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Dear Richard

### **New electoral arrangements for Cambridge City Council-draft recommendations (October 2018)**

Overall, the Council is pleased to note that the Commission is making recommendations which are, in the majority, based on the Council's scheme submitted to the Commission in July 2018. The Council's specific points on the recommendations are set out below and reference the paragraph numbers as in the Commission's report.

paragraph 42 page 9-Cambridge Place, Petersfield ward to Market ward:-

This proposal is 39 electors (at 2018) and 46 properties. This is so small it does not upset the integrity of the Council's proposal in the area. Although the Council would wish to retain its proposal it has no objection to the Commission's draft recommendation.

paragraph 54 page 14-Victoria Road (around St Luke's), Arbury to West Chesterton:-

This proposal is an electorate of 231. This is a relatively small change and the Commission is putting a strong argument for its reasoning to depart from the Council's proposal. Although the Council would wish to retain its proposal it has no objection to the Commission's draft recommendation.

paragraph 55 page 14-Magdalene College.

The Commission asked the question on the College's location and the Council re-affirms its preference to include it in West Chesterton ward as the Commission's draft recommendations do not make significant alterations requiring a re-evaluation of the Council's proposal in that area.

paragraph 64 page 17-Abbey to Cherry Hinton.

The Council has no objection to the Commission's draft recommendation.

Finally, paragraph 30 - disparity between city wards and county divisions. The Commission has put back to the Council (and others consultees) the issue of identical ward and division boundaries. This relates to three areas from the Council's submission:

Romsey-

[Area 15] Adjustment of the boundary with Romsey ward, such that the entire of Brickyard Industrial Estate on Coldhams Lane is moved within Romsey ward. The only vehicular access is to the south, via Romsey. No residential properties or planned developments are affected by this change.

Coleridge-

[Area 3] Move the boundary, such that the entire of Budleigh Close is in Coleridge (it is currently split between Romsey and Coleridge wards). Include Trefoil Terrace in Coleridge ward. Include 195, 200 and 200B Perne Road in Coleridge ward, as moving the boundary to just north of these properties is a more natural break (as there are no further properties on Perne Road until after the next side roads). This includes the neighbours along Perne Road in the same ward.

Castle-

[Minor J] 1A and 1B Windsor Road should be moved into Castle ward, from Arbury, so the entire Windsor Road is served by the same ward.

The Council notes that the consequential boundary changes to county divisions in these three areas requested in the Council's submission are outside the Commission's remit. The Council confirms its preference to make the small changes from ward to ward and this outweighs the consequential future disparity between the new ward boundary and the County division boundary. Therefore, although acknowledging it is not ideal, Council notes the Commission's comments and re-affirms the Council's proposal for these three areas.

The City Council is grateful to the Commission for its work on the draft recommendations. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Please contact Gary Cliff, Democratic Services Manager, in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



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