

City of Peterborough

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I would like to support the submission made by Mr Peter Chivall on behalf of Peterborough Liberal Democrats. I do so as leader of the Liberal Democrat group on Peterborough City Council and also as a councillor for Walton Ward. I believe that the submission made gives fair representation to the electors of the northern area of the city. It gives 12 councillors to this area as opposed to 11 at present by including an area of the current North Ward and adding it onto Walton, whilst at the same time retaining the integrity of most of the Walton, Werrington South, Werrington North and Paston wards. In particular the proposal retains Paston Brook as a well recognised natural feature which acts for the most part as a northern and eastern boundary to the Walton ward, separating it from the Werrington South and Paston wards respectively. The proposal allows for the likely future growth of the Paston Ward through the large new housing developments proposed at Paston Reserve and at Norwood. I would like to contrast Mr Chivall's submission with that you have received from Peterborough City Council. The latter submission links Walton and Paston into a new ward but cuts across the current natural boundary of the Paston Brook and creates new boundaries around the proposed Gunthorpe and Paston/Walton ward and Werrington ward which make no sense are arbitrary and in the most part do not reflect natural boundaries. Reference to the map supplied by the Council shows this to be true. Also, Paston and Walton are not connected at all by public transport, the no1 route serving Walton (with links into North ward) and the no 2 route serving Paston and Gunthorpe. The council has a policy of encouraging public transport usage and in this sense Mr Chivall's proposal makes much more sense than the Council submission. The Council submission seems to regard the parkway as an inviolable boundary in this part of the city but does not apply the same criteria in others (eg the suggestion of linking Bretton South with West ward). In fact there are good road, pedestrian and cycle links between the current North Ward and Walton at the points where the A47 is crossed by Lincoln Road and Fulbridge Road respectively. I hope that the commission may find these brief comments helpful.

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