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New electoral Arrangements for Leicestershire County Council

Dear Sir

I have been invited to air my opinions on your proposed changes for the above electoral area' I speak as A) County Councillor for the current Syston Ridgeway Division of Leicestershire County Council

B) District Councillor for the Current Syston East Ward Charnwood Borough Council

C) Current Parish Councillor for St Peter's east ward for Syston Town Council.

I am amazed at your findings which not only work against me after the upheaval caused just 10 years ago, but against the communities I represent

The only parameter you seem to have been working for is to gain community sizes across the region, but you have totally ignored Community identity and electoral equality. There is a complete lack of strong easily identifiable boundaries.

There is a lacking of Community groups in the areas you propose, the issues of the communities could be made to merge but if something isn't broken don't fix it.

No public transport exists between the areas proposed.

I will explain further. There is no connection between Sileby and Syston and connections to Thurmaston are only because each area is more connected to The City of Leicester than to the present formation asking us for over 10 years to strengthen our links to Loughborough.

The area has never been part of Loughborough but through my own efforts and those of colleagues we have sought to strengthen our links with that town. You now seem to have thrown up the electoral arrangements into the air and come down with new communities of size only.

Little or no adherence is made of the Draft Corporate Plan which we have laboured over for

10 years ,

WE start from abase where it is claimed we are out of touch with our neighbouring communities at Sileby (at-9%)

Syston Fosse (BY-6%) Syston Ridgeway(by-8%) and Thurmaston (by-8%) .Your proposals could have made sense if these variances were made more coherent,yet you make them Sileby (-11%).Syston Fosse (-8%)

Syston Ridgeway (-7%)and Thurmaston Ridgemere(-6%).so not one community is better off unless you can claim success with variance of 1% in each of Syston Ridgeway and Thurmaston

Queniborough and district is being moved across political boundaries and thurmaston seems to have gained in representation of the people of South Croxton and Barkby.I doubt if anyone in Thurmaston knows anyone in these e villages so it is creation of a new community mixing a Leicester centric base on two rural villages . What sense is these in that?

Thurmaston and Syston are very different areas .Thurmaston is more Leicester centric than Syston and the communities look to that City more so than Syston.

Neither Syston or Thurmaston has anything in common with Sileby which is Loughborough centric.

To try and suggest that Syston Or Thurmaston has an economy based in Loughborough is living in a bureaucrat's desk driven haven and shows that nobody has taken a look at the economies

When it comes to reservation It will be an even bigger headache with Borough Councillors having to attend 2 or 3 different parish Councils.

I notice that Syston Town Council (the council was not represented by a town manager at the time) has not notified you of any changes nor has its MP (there was a change in our MP at the time as indeed to hold a review at the time of a general election shows a lack of you aiming for any close identity.

The political parties have not commented shows a general lack of communication can only be blamed.

I suggest that your deliberations halt and you get on a train into these communities to see your failings for yourself what can best be described as a dogs Dinner.

yours sincerely

Cllr. Stephen Hampson CC