

Dear Richard et al.,

I would like to respond to the review of the new draft recommendations for the boundaries of wards in Cambridgeshire County Council.

First, I would like to thank the LGBCE for reopening consultation. We can see how the initial lack of feedback from the Petersfield ward - because the changes were not worrying at that time - led to incorrect conclusions about what might be a reasonable boundary to draw.

Residents in the north area of the existing Petersfield Ward, have been very concerned about the proposed division of the historic St Matthew's area, which was once the heart of a ward in its own name. This area runs south from St Matthew's Piece towards Mill Road. It is felt very strongly locally that this area must remain as one ward, undivided. We understand however that with the reduction in the number of wards, Abbey Ward has to extend, and the river limits the options for this.

I understand that our local city and county councillors are proposing instead extending Abbey Ward along the river towards the city to include more new developments along the north side of Newmarket Road. We would endorse that proposal as one which makes more sense on every level.

Ideally, Petersfield would include St Matthew's Piece and also the newer St Matthew's Gardens development to its east, and run south from there. We understand that St Matthew's Gardens is a problem numerically, but ideally this would be included in Petersfield.

I understand that the calculations must be made on the basis of the May 2015 electoral roll, but this clearly includes a major anomaly in Petersfield (with its high student population), and if that can be used to swing the balance a little on Petersfield's northern boundary, that would be very welcome.

Yours sincerely,

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On Tue, May 10, 2016 at 10:38 AM, Buck, Richard <[richard.buck@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:richard.buck@lgbce.org.uk)> wrote:

Dear Mr Franks,

Further to my email in March, I can announce that we have today published our new draft recommendations for Cambridgeshire County Council. I have attached a link below.

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