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Date: 13th March 2015

FOI Officer,
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To FOI Officer,

Re: FOI Request for Copies of Letters

Could you please provide me with copies of the replies for the two enclosed letters that were sent to me from Mr Caller from the Boundary Commissioner for England in 2010 and 2011.

The first letter was dated 9th December 2010 and the second letter would have been dated between 12-18th January 2011.

If you require any further information to assist you in locating the letters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your help.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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Enc. Copies of 2 letters sent to the Boundary Commissioner

From: Egan, Helen
Sent: 13 March 2015 10:42
To: Vallotton, Sarah
Subject: FW: FOI Request for Copies of Letters
Attachments: Request for letters from the Boundary Commissioner.doc; Local Gov - reduce councillors.doc; Local Gov Boundary Commission - future review programme.doc

Hi Sarah,

Please see FOI request below.

Regards,
Helen

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 March 2015 09:42
To: Reviews@
Subject: FOI Request for Copies of Letters

Good morning,

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Yours sincerely,

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Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council,
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From: Vallotton, Sarah
Sent: 19 March 2015 11:52
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: For the Attention of [REDACTED] - FOI Ref: 2015/01

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: FOI Ref: 01/15

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, which was requested by your PA, Sheila Greenbank, on Friday 13th March.

You requested: **“...copies of the replies for the two enclosed letters that were sent to me from Mr Caller from the Boundary Commissioner for England in 2010 and 2011.”**

The Commission aims to respond promptly and within the statutory deadline of 20 working days set by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please expect a response on or before Monday 13th April 2015.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me on the details provided below. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Kind Regards,

Sarah Vallotton

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8 April 2015

Dear [REDACTED],

Our ref: 01/15

Thank you for your letter of 13th March, received by email the same day, requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You have requested:

“...replies for the two [enclosed] letters that were sent to me from Mr Caller from the Boundary Commission for England in 2010 and 2011.

The first letter was dated 9th December 2010 and the second letter would have been dated between 12-18th January 2011.”

The Commission does hold some information relevant to your request. The letter to you from Archie Gall dated 9 February 2011 has been released and a hard copy of the information you have requested is enclosed.

We do not have a copy of the letter from Max Caller dated 9 December 2010. This letter was sent as part of a large mail merge which was sent to all local authorities in England enquiring whether each council was minded to consider requesting a review. It has not been kept by the Commission and is therefore no longer available.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, quoting the reference number above in any correspondence.

If you wish to request a review of our decision, you should write to me at:

Sarah Vallotton
Business & Committee Services Manager
Local Boundary Commission for England
Layden House
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Please note, from 27th April 2015 the Commission is moving to new premises. If you wish to contact me after that date, you should write to me at the following address:

Sarah Vallotton
Business & Committee Services Manager
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
14th Floor Millbank Tower
Millbank
London
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My new phone number will be: 0330 500 1264. My email address will remain unchanged.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Details of this procedure can be found on the ICO website: <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

Yours sincerely,

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The
Local Government
Boundary Commission
for England

[REDACTED]
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9 February 2011

Your Ref: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

LGBCE FUTURE REVIEW PROGRAMME

Thank you for your letters of 12 and 18 January to Max Caller, Chair of the Commission, about the Commission's future review programme.

In your letter of 12 January, you ask whether it would be possible for Sefton to move from a uniform pattern of three-member wards to a uniform pattern of two-member wards. Unfortunately, the answer is no. Under the provisions of paragraph 2(3)(d) of Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, there is a presumption that local authorities that elect by thirds should return three members from each ward. Any departure from this presumption would need to be justified by reference to the other criteria set out in paragraph 2(3).

However, under the terms of the Local Government and Public Health Act 2007 (Part 2, Chapter 1), the council can resolve to change its electoral cycle so that it elects by whole council or by halves instead of by thirds. In that case, the legislation allows the Commission to recommend a mixed pattern of single-member, two- or three-member wards (in the case of whole council elections) or a presumption in favour of two member wards in the case of councils that elect by halves as set out by the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (see paragraph 2(3) (d) of Schedule 2).

The next opportunity your Council will have to resolve to change its electoral cycle in the way described above and as set out in legislation is in the period after its annual general meeting in 2013 and ending on 31 December that year.

I hope you find this response helpful



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