

Fen Ditton Parish Council



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The Review Officer (South Cambridgeshire)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
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Millbank
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Sent by e-mail and post

Dear Sir

Review of Electoral Arrangements for South Cambridgeshire District Council

We object strongly to your proposed three member Fen Ditton and Fulbourn Ward on the grounds that you have not taken account of its geographical size and dispersion of the eight villages contained within it which will make it impossible to reflect community interests and identities whilst creating a ward which is 7% above the norm.

You appear to have failed to appreciate the close working relationship between members and parish councils/communities in rural areas and the travelling time involved. Your proposal will therefore lead to less effective governance for us.

We note from the Electorate_Proforma_SouthCambs_Complete.xlsx worksheet in the consultation that maintaining the Wilbrahams as at present and a 2 member combined Fulbourne and Teversham would result in -3% and +12% deviations respectively from the district average. We propose this alternative to your Draft Recommendations.

We therefore seek that you reconsider your proposal as regards to the parish councils of Fen Ditton, Fulbourn, Great Wilbraham, Horningsea, Little Wilbraham & Six Mile Bottom, Stow cum Quy and Teversham.

Yours faithfully



Fen Ditton PC Chairman

