

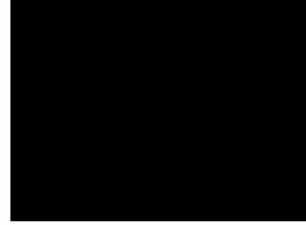
# Grantchester Parish Council

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The Review Officer (South Cambridgeshire)  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
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c/o Anne Rudge [Clerk]



19<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Dear Sirs,

We, Grantchester Parish Council, support the draft recommendations for ward boundaries in SCDC of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, which proposes a 3 member Ward 'Harston & Comberton', on the condition that Madingley Parish Council is permitted to join 'Harston & Comberton', ward as well.

We note our concern that the move from single District Councillor wards to a 3 District Councillor ward will weaken effective representation.

We ask the Local Government Boundary Commission and South Cambridgeshire District Council to note also the strong historic links between Barton, Coton, Grantchester and Madingley Parish Councils. These Parish Councils formed the 'Quarter to Six Quadrant' (QTSQ) to represent the common interests we share of pressure on transport and housing as rural communities on the fringe of a major City.

This close cooperation around common interests led to the preparation of a detailed joint vision, underpinned by a public consultation exercise, published in 2012 (accessible at <http://qtsq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/QTSQfinalA.pdf>). This vision document was presented to South Cambridgeshire County Council in May 2012 and now forms a Material Planning Consideration where relevant.

We request that the three District Councillors for Harston & Comberton between them consider allocating one of their number to specifically represent the rural interests of the QTSQ villages, recognising the particular vulnerability of these green belt parishes to the expansion of Cambridge.

Yours faithfully



Lesley Sherratt  
Chair, Grantchester Parish Council