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**Subject:** RE: Representation: East Cambridgeshire

Good Afternoon.

The North East Cambridgeshire Conservative Association wishes to express its support for the latest proposals passed by East Cambridgeshire District Council in respect of the redrawing of District Council Ward boundaries, insofar as such Wards fall within the North East Cambridgeshire Constituency.

Specifically, we support:

1. the reduction in the number of Councillors – however, 28 is a more appropriate number to choose rather than 27 because 27 would fail to reflect community identities because of the need to create wards partially within and partially outside the boundaries of the City of Ely – in a scheme of 28 councillors wards can be created which overall achieve complete coterminosity with the boundaries of the City of Ely. If there were only 27 Councillors there would need to be at least one ward which straddled the City of Ely's boundaries or one or more ward(s) would have an excessive electoral variance.
2. the representations made by Littleport Parish Council to create a single three-member District Council Ward which would exclusively cover the whole of the area of the Parish of Littleport – this clearly reflects the existing local community and would be conducive to good local governance.
3. the representations made by Sutton Parish Council to avoid splitting Sutton between wards. Sutton is a village with a clear identity. However the electorate of Sutton is far too large to support a single seat and is far too small to support two seats. In order to avoid an artificial split of the Parish of Sutton it would be preferable to include the nearby and well-connected Parishes of Mepal, Wentworth and Witcham with the Parish of Sutton in a two-member division.
4. the proposed single-member ward of Downham Villages, which is within the accepted limits of electoral variance. This ward would reflect the continuing close links between the villages of Little Downham, Coveney and Pymoor.

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