I am writing to convey the response of the Bentley Road and Newton Road Residents’ Association (BENERA) to the revised proposed changes to the boundaries within Cambridge.

We strongly object to the proposal to create a combined Trumpington and Queen Edith’s Division.

Our residents believe that it would be much more effective to have an enlarged Trumpington division, with its eastern boundary extended to the west side of Hills Road and Babraham Road. This would better reflect both the rapid and ongoing growth in housing development in the Trumpington area yet also the continuing and distinct identity of Trumpington as a historic community.

Our objections are principally based on three grounds:

1) We do not believe that the proposed enlarged division reflects the reality of community identity. Trumpington and Queen Edith’s are quite different communities with different centres, with limited interaction.

2) The proposed division fails to take account sufficiently of the substantial growth in the population of Trumpington, deriving from the rapid development of Clay Farm, Glebe Farm and Trumpington Meadows. These new areas of high density housing will have transformed the population of Trumpington by 2020 and beyond.

3) Our members are unpersuaded by the proposal of two members for the combined division and remain unconvinced about the effectiveness of these two members in representing the interests of residents in the Trumpington area.

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