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### Re: Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire: Further Limited Consultation

Dear Alex,

We are writing in response to your letter to the County Council, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015, announcing a further limited consultation on your proposals for the County Council's electoral arrangements in Cambridgeshire.

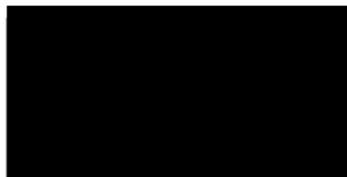
The County Council's member review group met to consider this issue on the 19<sup>th</sup> November and has agreed to make the following representations to the LGBC:

- That the LGBC respects the clearly expressed preference of the County Council (endorsed by **all** political groups of the County Council) for an electoral arrangement of single member divisions. It is noted that the County Council's view in this matter has been clear since the beginning of the review and there is disappointment that the LGBC has as yet not taken this view into account.
  - In respect to the possible two member division of 'Queen Edith's and Trumpington' (as shown on your map entitled 'Cambridge further draft recommendations', boundaries in red). It is noted that two single member divisions could easily be achieved in this case by respecting existing community boundaries.
  - Similarly in respect of the possible two member division of 'Castle and Newnham' as depicted in either form (on the map reference above or the map entitled 'Cambridge draft recommendations', boundaries in black) it is noted that the two single member divisions are achievable.
  - In respect to both of these areas the County Council urges the LGBC to listen carefully to local representations; in particular what they have to say about retaining the integrity of local community boundaries.
- Given the timescale the County Council is not minded to indicate a preference between either of the draft proposals for Cambridge at this point. That should be a

choice for local communities and other representations, and the feedback of those communities/individuals should be respected.

It should be noted that these specific representations are supported by **all group leaders** at Cambridgeshire County Council and all have agreed to put their signatures to this letter.

Yours Sincerely



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