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Dear Ms Beasley,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE: FURTHER LIMITED CONSULTATION

Following consultation on draft recommendations for Cambridgeshire, I am writing to inform you of the Commission's decision to undertake a further period of limited consultation prior to publication of its final recommendations. This will involve our proposals for the City of Cambridge only.

Outcome of consultation for the City of Cambridge

During consultation on its draft recommendations, the Commission received evidence from the Liberal Democrat Group on Cambridgeshire County Council and local residents in support of alternative division arrangements for the city. Specifically strong evidence was received to justify changes in the Barnwell, Petersfield and Romsey areas.

The Commission has carefully considered the evidence received for Cambridge city and considered that the alternative division pattern has merit in that it will ensure clear boundaries while reflecting communities and maintaining electoral equality. However, the proposed pattern of divisions is markedly different from what has been proposed in the Commission's draft recommendations. Furthermore, these proposals are not self-contained within the areas affected but require changes to the wider division pattern for the city. The alternative pattern will affect the Barnwell, Market, Petersfield, Romsey, Trumpington and Queen Edith's areas of Cambridge. Given this, the Commission has decided to conduct this period of further limited consultation to seek the views of local residents and organisations as to whether it should confirm its draft recommendations as final or adopt the alternative division pattern for Cambridge.

The Commission is therefore seeking views from interested parties locally on whether the alternative proposals would better reflect community identities and provide for effective and convenient local government than the Commission's draft recommendations. Should

we not receive sufficient evidence for all the potential changes in the city, the Commission is likely to confirm its draft recommendations as final.

The map attached to this letter shows the different proposed division arrangements. Map 1 is the Commission's draft recommendations for divisions in Cambridge. Map 2 is the alternative division pattern for Cambridge. Electorate information for the area subject to further consultation can be found at the end of this letter.

This period of further limited consultation commences today, **3 November 2015**, and closes on **30 November 2015**. During this period the Commission welcomes comments on the proposed recommendations in Cambridge city.

The Commission's final recommendations for the whole county, including those areas not subject to further limited consultation, will now be published in February 2016.

Further Consultation

The Commission is now undertaking a further period of limited consultation on the electoral divisions in Cambridge. The Commission would like to hear whether you support its proposed changes and the reasons for your views.

Representations must be submitted to the Commission by **30 November 2015**. The Commission has not finalised its recommendations for the city and, in light of further evidence, may make further revisions to its proposals in Cambridge. We therefore encourage those who have a view on the proposals to write to us, whether they agree with them or not. All representations received during the consultation period will be taken into account and the Commission will then consider whether or not to further amend its proposals prior to the publication of its final recommendations.

Representations should be made in writing to reviews@lgbce.org.uk or:

Review Officer (Cambridgeshire)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
14th Floor, Millbank Tower
Millbank
London
SW1P 4QP

Any respondents who submit comments during this period of the review, and do not want all or any part of the response or name made public, must state this clearly in the response. Any such request should explain why confidentiality is necessary, but all information in responses may be subject to publication or disclosure as required by law

(in particular under the Freedom of Information Act 2000). Following the conclusion of this further consultation, the Commission will consider any further evidence received and prepare its final recommendations for Cambridgeshire as a whole

If you have any queries, please contact Alex Hinds on 0330 500 1274, or alex.hinds@lgbce.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jolyon Jackson', written in a cursive style.

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ELECTORATE INFORMATION – divisions subject to further consultation in Cambridge City

Division name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2014)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2020)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
Cambridge City							
Abbey	1	7,643	7,643	-3%	7,787	7,787	-9%
Arbury	1	7,593	7,593	-3%	8,615	8,615	1%
Castle & Newnham	2	13,657	6,829	-13%	15,661	7,831	-8%
Cherry Hinton	1	8,750	8,750	11%	8,945	8,945	5%
Chesterton	1	8,679	8,679	11%	8,977	8,977	5%
King's Hedges	1	9,029	9,029	15%	8,996	8,996	5%
Market	1	7,839	7,839	0%	8,361	8,361	-2%
Petersfield	1	8,911	8,911	14%	9,262	9,262	8%
Romsey	1	8,343	8,343	6%	8,691	8,691	2%
Trumpington & Queen Edith's	2	12,715	6,358	-19%	16,455	8,228	-4%

Draft recommendations for Cambridgeshire County Council

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Cambridge City							
Arbury	1	7,593	7,593	-3%	8,615	8,615	1%
Barnwell	1	8,288	8,288	6%	8,538	8,538	0%
Castle & Newnham	2	14,854	7,427	-5%	16,858	8,429	-1%
Cherry Hinton	1	8,684	8,684	11%	8,839	8,839	3%
Chesterton	1	8,679	8,679	11%	8,977	8,977	5%
King's Hedges	1	9,029	9,029	15%	8,996	8,996	5%
Queen Edith's	1	7,183	7,183	-9%	7,828	7,828	-8%
Romsey	1	8,408	8,408	7%	8,670	8,670	1%
St Paul's	1	7,844	7,844	0%	8,231	8,231	-4%
St Matthew's	1	8,002	8,002	2%	8,490	8,490	-1%
Trumpington	1	4,595	4,595	-41%	7,708	7,708	-10%