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Comments on the Boundary Review for Lincolnshire County Council We understand you are seeking a logical fit of divisions where each division contains a voting electorate that is within ten per cent variance from the mean of 8175 electors. Central Lincolnshire and SE Lincolnshire are currently undergoing Local Plan reviews. The maps with development locations have been delayed will be public from the end of August. Changing boundaries to get uniformity exactly as it is about to dramatically change is bizarre. We are expecting 25,000-45,000 new dwellings to be planned in Central Lincolnshire alone, 50% of those in the villages close to Lincoln, especially in the south and east, enabled by the new bypass. Divisions close to Lincoln with land is likely to attract development, should stay on the low side knowing they will be expanding rapidly. Our group understands but disagrees with the fundamental principle of assuming lower than registered number of electors, on the basis of low expectations of turnout. We feel it is the workload that is far more significant to share fairly. Often areas of low turnout, also include people of high deprivation with correspondingly increased support required from their councillor. If rural areas are a bit low, this should be allowed to counteract the complication of getting around a rural area, and not only at election time. Most of these rural areas also lack good broadband because of the distances involved. The issues we face are far more complex these days and may well require a series of meetings. For example in bringing partners together to design, fund and build Navenby village hall, costing £1.05m.

Notwithstanding the above, we have used your rules in the proposals. Our group members have looked at the proposed changes and have agreed a number of divisions. The County Council is submitting these directly. North Kesteven District Council is one where there are a number of viable options and I am proposing an option attached which is a neater fit in numerical terms than the County Council option. I have accepted changes in the North Hykeham and Sleaford areas. Description; 1. This is an Improvement in the division numbers, with divisions closer to the mean. 2. The number of electors for Branston Heighington and Washingborough is lower, leaving more room for the exceptional growth expected. This is well within the travel to work area of Lincoln. Ref local plan .Villages closest to Lincoln who share similar issues are now grouped. That is Bracebridge Heath, Canwick and Brant Road. 3. The Cliff Villages are grouped from Leadenham to Waddington. 4. The Division boundaries coincide as far as possible with the District Ward Boundaries. An exception is in lower Waddington, at the bottom of Station Road, where the ward boundary is no longer a natural boundary, the houses having grown round it. Here we have selected the physical boundary of Griffin's Lane. 5. This proposal retains Potterhanworth, Nocton and Dunston with the Cliff Villages, being also small rural villages of similar character, pressures and natural links. This includes the Cliff Cluster of Parish Councils. . The parish boundary of Dunston marks the end of this division and of the row of small villages on the edge of the fen. 6. To increase the Billingham and Metheringham division, we have included Scopwick Parish which includes Kirkby Green. This takes Ruskington and Cranwell ward closer to the mean. The small industrial area could be included if Scopwick Parish Boundary was also minded to change in future. Other alternatives considered; 1. Putting Brant Road instead of Waddington with the Cliff Villages. However, Brant Road is very urban in character, being right on the edge of the City, more like Bracebridge Heath. 2. Leaving the Navenby and Branston Division as it is currently on the target electorate. Instead some of Bracebridge Heath could be put with Heighington, Washingborough and Canwick. Brant Road is then included with

Bracebridge Heath and Waddington. Boundary Changes to South Kesteven - Why not leave Allington and Sedgebrook in SK1 (Hough Electoral Division) and put Great Gonerby in SK3? - Allington and Sedgebrook are linked with Long Bennington and Foston as part of the Saxonwell Church Parish Group.

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