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Dear Alex

Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire

The Civic Affairs Committee considered the Boundary Commission's draft recommendations on Friday 26 June.

The City Council is pleased to note the Boundary Commission has produced draft recommendations that broadly agree with the City Council submission of January 2015.

There is one proposal which the City Council wishes to strongly oppose in the Commission's draft recommendations and that is a two member division for Castle/Newnham. The City Council strongly believes that these divisions should be kept separate. The City Council believes that Madingley Road should be the basis of the boundary. It therefore suggests that the Boundary Commission consider including Lansdowne Road, Conduit Head Road and Churchill College, all immediately north of the Madingley Road in Newnham Division. This equates to approximately 600 electors (June 2015 electoral figures) from Castle to Newnham Division and better addresses electoral equality. It importantly retains the separate community identities of the two divisions.

The City Council also supports the County Council in its opposition to a two member division in the city.

Finally, the City Council would request that the proposed division name of Barnwell (which it did propose) be replaced by Abbey, which is the existing division name.

Do please come back to me with any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely

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