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Summary

Who we are

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is an independent body set up by Parliament. We are not part of government or any political party. We are accountable to Parliament through a committee of MPs chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons.

Our main role is to carry out electoral reviews of local authorities throughout England.

Electoral review

An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority. A local authority's electoral arrangements decide:

- How many councillors are needed
- How many wards or electoral divisions should there be, where are their boundaries and what should they be called
- How many councillors should represent each ward or division

Why Peterborough?

We are conducting an electoral review of Peterborough City Council as the Council currently has high levels of electoral inequality where some councillors represent many more or many fewer voters than others. This means that the value of each vote in city council elections varies depending on where you live in Peterborough. Based on December 2012 electorate data, 33% of the city's wards currently have a variance of more than 10%. Of these, one ward – Orton with Hampton – has an electoral variance of 34%.

Our proposals for Peterborough

Peterborough City Council currently has 57 councillors. Based on the evidence we received during previous phases of the review, we consider that increasing the council size to 60 members will ensure the Council can discharge its roles and responsibilities effectively.

Electoral arrangements

Our final recommendations propose that Peterborough City Council's 60 councillors should represent two single-member wards, two two-member wards and 18 three-member wards across the city. None of our proposed 22 wards would have an electoral variance of greater than 10% from the average for Peterborough by 2020.

We have finalised our recommendations for electoral arrangements for Peterborough.

1 Introduction

1 This electoral review is being conducted following our decision to review Peterborough City Council's ('the Council's') electoral arrangements to ensure that the number of voters represented by each councillor is approximately the same across the city.

What is an electoral review?

2 Our three main considerations in conducting an electoral review are set out in legislation¹ and are to:

- Improve electoral equality by equalising the number of electors each councillor represents
- Reflect community identity
- Provide for effective and convenient local government

3 Our task is to strike the best balance between them when making our recommendations. Our powers, as well as the guidance we have provided for electoral reviews and further information on the review process, can be found on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk

Consultation

4 We wrote to the Council as well as other interested parties, inviting the submission of proposals on council size. We then held three periods of consultation, first on council size, second on warding patterns for the Council and finally on our draft recommendations. The submissions received during our consultations have informed our final recommendations.

This review was conducted as follows:

Stage starts	Description
24 September 2013	Council size consultation
14 January 2014	Warding pattern consultation
2 April 2014	LGBCE's analysis and formulation of draft recommendations
14 July 2014	Draft recommendations consultation
7 October 2014	Analysis of submissions received and formulation of final recommendations
20 January 2015	Publication of final recommendations

¹ Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

How will the recommendations affect you?

5 The recommendations will determine how many councillors will serve on the Council. They will also decide which ward you vote in, which other communities are in that ward and, in some instances, which parish council wards you vote in. Your ward name may also change, as may the names of parish or town council wards in the area. The names or boundaries of parishes will not change as a result of our recommendations.

What is the Local Government Boundary Commission for England?

6 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body set up by Parliament under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

Members of the Commission are:

Max Caller CBE (Chair)
Professor Colin Mellors (Deputy Chair)
Dr Peter Knight CBE DL
Alison Lowton
Sir Tony Redmond
Professor Paul Wiles CB

Chief Executive: Jolyon Jackson CBE

2 Analysis and final recommendations

7 Legislation states that our recommendations are not intended to be based solely on the existing number of electors² in an area, but also on estimated changes in the number and distribution of electors likely to take place over a five-year period from the date of our final recommendations. We must also try to recommend strong, clearly identifiable boundaries for the wards we put forward at the end of the review.

8 In reality, the achievement of absolute electoral fairness is unlikely to be attainable and there must be a degree of flexibility. However, our approach is to keep variances in the number of electors each councillor represents to a minimum.

9 In seeking to achieve electoral fairness, we work out the average number of electors per councillor by dividing the electorate by the number of councillors as shown on the table below.

	2014	2020
Electorate of Peterborough City	134,535	150,040
Number of Councillors	60	60
Average number of electors per councillor	2242	2501

10 Under our final recommendations, none of our proposed wards will have electoral variances of greater than 10% from the average for the city by 2020. We are therefore satisfied that we have achieved good levels of electoral fairness for Peterborough.

11 Additionally, in circumstances where we propose to divide a parish between wards or county divisions, we are required to divide it into parish wards so that each parish ward is wholly contained within a single ward or county division. We cannot make amendments to the external boundaries of parishes as part of an electoral review.

12 These recommendations cannot affect the external boundaries of Peterborough City Council or result in changes to postcodes. Nor is there any evidence that the recommendations will have an adverse effect on local taxes, house prices, or car and house insurance premiums. The proposals do not take account of parliamentary constituency boundaries, and we are not, therefore, able to take into account any representations which are based on these issues.

Submissions received

13 See Appendix B for details of submissions received. All submissions may be inspected both at our offices and those of the council. All submissions received can also be viewed on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk

² Electors refers to the number of people registered to vote, not the whole adult population.

Electorate figures

14 The Council submitted electorate forecasts for 2020, a period five years on from the scheduled publication of our final recommendations in 2015. These forecasts were broken down to polling district levels and projected an increase in the electorate of 11.5% to 2020.

15 Having considered the information provided by the Council, we are satisfied that the projected figures are the best available at the present time and these figures form the basis of our final recommendations.

Council size

16 Prior to consultation, the Council submitted a proposal to us to increase the council size to 60 members. During this preliminary period we also received a submission from Thorney Parish Council which favoured reducing the number of councillors from 57. We received 32 submissions during our council size consultation. These were from six city councillors, 21 residents, three parish councils, the local association of parish councils, and an MEP. The Council did not submit further comments in this round of public consultation.

17 We carefully considered the representations received during consultation. We considered that the Council's original submission proposing a council of 60 had been supported by adequate evidence to justify increasing the existing council size. We were satisfied that the Council demonstrated that the authority can operate efficiently and effectively under the proposed council size and ensure effective representation of local residents. We were not persuaded that sufficient evidence had been provided to justify a reduction in council size. Those respondents who proposed a reduction did not, in our view, adequately justify their preferred number in the context of the size and geographical nature of the city. During consultation on the draft recommendations, the City Council reiterated their preference for 61 councillors, in order to facilitate their preferred warding arrangements. However, we remain of the view that a council size of 60 members will ensure effective and convenient local government for Peterborough.

Warding patterns

18 We received 24 submissions during the initial consultation on warding patterns for Peterborough. The Council submitted an authority-wide proposal. We also received submissions from seven parish councils and the Barnack Ward group of parish councils. In addition, we received submissions from three city councillors, the Liberal Democrat Group on the Council, Brookfield & Dukesmead Residents' Association and ten local residents.

Draft recommendations

19 We received 220 submissions during consultation on our draft recommendations. Over three-quarters of submissions received were in relation to our proposals for the rural western area.

Final recommendations

20 The Commission mainly received objections to the proposed three-member Barnack and West wards; 169 of the 220 submissions received referenced this area. The Commission also received comments on the northern and southern urban areas, specifically the areas of Hampton in the south and Werrington in the north.

Rural West

21 The Commission received 169 submissions referring to the proposed warding of the rural western area of Peterborough. The majority of these objected to the inclusion of the urban areas of South Bretton and Longthorpe with the rural areas to the west. In particular, respondents stated that the low electorate numbers in the rural areas would be overwhelmed by their inclusion with more urban areas, and as a result would struggle to be represented effectively. The submissions also argued that the community identity of the rural areas would be compromised.

22 The Commission made a further visit to the area in December 2014 to view the areas in question. Based on this visit and on the quantity and quality of evidence received from residents, we are persuaded to adopt an alternative warding pattern in the rural western area. This will comprise a single-member Barnack ward, a single-member Wittering ward and a two-member Glington & Castor ward. The urban areas that were formerly included within the rural wards will form the two-member West ward.

Rural East

23 The Commission received four submissions relating to Eye, Thorney & Newborough ward in the rural east of Peterborough. Based on the evidence received from Peakirk Parish Council, we propose to move Peakirk parish into Glington & Castor ward. We do not propose any other changes to the rural eastern wards.

North Peterborough

24 As a result of the creation of the proposed West ward, we propose that the Muskham and Sprignall areas be included in Bretton ward. Based on evidence received during consultation, and to better reflect access routes through North ward, we propose that Allen Road, Gilpin Street and Rock Road be moved from Park ward into North ward.

25 We received 19 submissions relating to the proposed Werrington and Gunthorpe wards in the north of the city. These submissions provided detailed evidence regarding the community identity of Werrington Village, which was also observed on a Commission visit to the area. Taking this into account, the Commission is minded to alter the proposed boundary between Werrington and Gunthorpe; the amended proposals place The Green and its immediate surroundings into Werrington ward, and Amberley Slope and Cissbury Ring into Gunthorpe ward. This achieves acceptable electoral equality whilst maintaining community identity as far as is possible.

26 The Commission does not propose to make any changes to the three-member wards of Dogsthorpe and Paston & Walton.

Central Peterborough

27 As detailed above, the re-warding of the rural western area also necessitates the creation of a two-member West ward comprising South Bretton and Longthorpe.

28 We propose that Allen Road, Gilpin Street and Rock Road be moved from Park ward into North ward; this decision was made on the basis of evidence received from a city councillor. We do not propose any changes to our proposed Central, East, Fletton & Stanground, Fletton & Woodston or Ravensthorpe wards.

South Peterborough

29 In the southern area of the city, significant development is forecast to take place over the next five years. Based on the evidence received throughout the review, we have decided to confirm our draft recommendations for this area as final.

Detailed wards

30 The tables on pages 8–14 detail our final recommendations for each area of Peterborough. Where we have moved away from our draft recommendations, we have outlined how the proposed warding arrangements reflect the three statutory criteria of:

- Equality of representation
- Reflecting community interests and identities
- Providing for convenient and effective local government

Rural West

Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Barnack	1	3%	This ward comprises the north-western rural area, broadly bounded to the east by the East Coast Main Line.	We received five submissions that referred specifically to Barnack ward only, and 169 submissions objecting to the warding of the rural area within which Barnack is contained. On the basis of evidence received, we have decided to move away from the three-member warding pattern in this rural area and recommend a single-member Barnack ward, mirroring the current warding arrangement for this area. In particular, we consider that the ward reflects the rural communities in the north-west of the authority. Moreover, we are persuaded that a single-member ward is more likely to ensure effective and convenient local government for this area than a three-member warding pattern.
Glington & Castor	2	8%	This ward comprises the rural area directly to the west of Peterborough city.	We received 169 submissions objecting to the draft recommendations for this rural western area. Based on the evidence received, we are persuaded to move away from our draft recommendations and propose a two-member ward containing the parishes of Ailsworth, Castor, Marholm, Etton, Glington, Peakirk, Northborough, Deeping Gate and Maxey. This will allow for the maintenance of community identity within the rural areas whilst achieving good electoral equality. We are persuaded that a two-member ward is more likely to ensure effective and convenient local government for this area than a three-member warding pattern.
Wittering	1	4%	The ward comprises the south-western rural area.	The Commission received 169 submissions objecting to the draft recommendations for this rural western area. Based on the evidence received, we are persuaded to move away from our draft recommendations and propose a single-member ward consisting of the parishes of Wittering, Thornhaugh, Wansford, Sutton and Upton. We are persuaded that a single-member ward is more likely to ensure effective and convenient local government for this area than a three-member warding pattern.

Rural East

Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Eye, Thorney & Newborough	3	-2%	This ward comprises the rural area to the east of the city of Peterborough.	We received three submissions specifically relating to this area, all of which requested that we move away from the proposed three-member ward. We are not persuaded that sufficient evidence has been received to justify modifying our recommendations. We consider that our draft recommendations for this area provide for good electoral equality, whilst still reflecting communities within the ward. Furthermore, it is not possible for us to recommend smaller wards in this area and ensure good electoral equality. We have therefore decided to confirm our draft recommendations for this ward as final.

North Peterborough

Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Bretton	3	-3%	This ward comprises the urban area north of Soke Parkway and west of the railway line.	We received three comments specifically relating to this ward, all of which objected to the inclusion of rural Marholm within the urban Bretton ward. Due to the strength of evidence suggesting the rural areas (including Marholm) have no community links with Bretton, we have decided to move the Marholm area into our proposed Glinton & Castor ward. We therefore propose a Bretton ward, comprising the North Bretton area, as part of our final recommendations. We consider this will provide good electoral equality while reflecting the community identities of this suburb of Peterborough city.
Dogsthorpe	3	-4%	This ward comprises the area encompassed by Soke Parkway, Paston Parkway and Frank Perkins Parkway, with Newark Avenue to the south.	We received no submissions specifically relating to this ward. We have therefore decided to confirm this ward as part of our final recommendations.
Gunthorpe	3	8%	This ward comprises the area to the east of Fulbridge Road and west of Paston Parkway, as well as the area of new development bounded by the Roman Canal.	We received 19 submissions relating to Gunthorpe ward and its boundary with Werrington. The evidence received demonstrated that the Gunthorpe and Werrington areas have separate community identities, which was reinforced by a Commission visit to the area. As such, we propose to move away from our draft recommendation for this area. We have decided that the area surrounding The Green be moved into our proposed Werrington ward, and that Amberley Slope and Cissbury Ring move into Gunthorpe ward. Subject to this amendment, we have decided to confirm our draft recommendations for this ward as final.

North	3	-2%	This ward comprises the area east of the railway line, north of Taverners Road and north of St Paul's and Welland roads, with Soke Parkway to the north.	We received one submission specifically relating to this ward. We propose that Allen Road, Gilpin Street and Rock Road be moved from Park ward into North ward; this decision was made on the basis of evidence received from a city councillor. We also consider that it provides a better reflection of transport and communication routes through North ward. Subject to this amendment, we have decided to confirm our draft recommendations for this ward as final.
Paston & Walton	3	4%	This ward comprises the area north of Soke Parkway, east of the railway line and south of Gunthorpe.	We received no submissions specifically relating to this ward. We therefore propose to confirm this ward as part of our final recommendations.
Werrington	3	8%	This ward comprises the most northerly urban area of the city, with the railway line in the north and south-west and Paston Parkway to the west.	We received 19 submissions relating to Werrington ward and its border with Gunthorpe. The evidence received demonstrated that the Gunthorpe and Werrington areas have separate community identities, which was reinforced by a Commission visit to the area. As such, we have decided to move away from our draft recommendation for this area, with the area surrounding The Green moving into Werrington ward, as this forms the centre of the Werrington Village area, and Amberley Slope and Cissbury Ring moving into Gunthorpe ward. Subject to this amendment, we have decided to confirm our draft recommendations for this ward as final.

Central Peterborough

Ward name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Central	3	5%	This ward comprises the city centre, north of the River Nene and south of	We received one submission specifically relating to this ward. However, we are not persuaded that sufficient evidence has been received to justify any changes. We remain satisfied that

			Taverners Road.	our proposed ward provides for good electoral equality whilst reflecting community identities. We therefore propose to confirm this ward as part of our final recommendations.
East	3	1%	This ward comprises the area west of Willow Hall Lane, encompassing Flag Fen and the Fengate and Eastfield areas.	We received no submissions specifically relating to this ward. We therefore propose to confirm this ward as part of our final recommendations.
Fletton & Stanground	3	-3%	This ward comprises the area south of the River Nene and north of Whittlesey Road.	We received no submissions specifically relating to this ward. We therefore propose to confirm this ward as part of our final recommendations.
Fletton & Woodston	3	1%	This ward comprises the area south of Longthorpe Parkway and north of the railway line.	We received no submissions specifically relating to this ward. We therefore propose to confirm this ward as part of our final recommendations.
Park	3	-2%	This ward comprises the area south of Newark Avenue and north of Granville Street, encompassing The Park.	We received one submission specifically relating to this ward. Based on the evidence received, we have decided that Allen Road, Gilpin Street and Rock Road be moved from Park ward into North ward; this decision was made on the basis of evidence received from a city councillor. With this amendment, we propose to confirm this ward as part of our final recommendations.
Ravensthorpe	3	4%	This ward is bounded in the east by the railway line and in the west and north by the Soke Parkway.	We received no submissions specifically relating to this ward. We therefore propose to confirm this ward as part of our final recommendations.
West	2	-9%	This ward comprises the area of Longthorpe and the southern part of Bretton parish.	Due to the changes made to the western rural areas, and the significant number of well-evidenced objections to our draft recommendations for this area, we have decided to move away from a three-member warding pattern to create a two-

				member West ward. The proposed ward would comprise Longthorpe and South Bretton and provides for good electoral equality whilst reflecting community identities, both in the urban and rural areas.
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South Peterborough

Ward Name	Number of Cllrs	Variance 2020	Description	Detail
Hampton Vale	3	-8%	This ward comprises the most southerly area of Peterborough and part of Hampton Hargate & Vale parish.	We received 10 submissions relating to this area, which objected to the proposed warding pattern. However, due to the significant development forecast in this area, we consider that our draft recommendations will minimise electoral variances whilst providing the resilience needed to cope with the forthcoming growth. We therefore propose to confirm this ward as part of our final recommendations.
Hargate & Hempsted	3	-7%	This ward comprises part of Hampton Hargate & Vale parish and the industrial area to the north of Fletton Parkway.	We received 10 submissions relating to this area, which objected to the proposed warding pattern. However, due to the significant development forecast in this area, we consider that our draft recommendations will minimise electoral variances whilst providing the resilience needed to cope with the forthcoming growth. We therefore propose to confirm this ward as part of our final recommendations.
Orton Longueville	3	3%	This ward lies to the south of the River Nene and encompasses Orton Longueville parish.	We received no submissions specifically relating to this ward. We therefore propose to confirm this ward as part of our final recommendations.
Orton Waterville	3	7%	This ward lies to the south of the River Nene and encompasses Orton Waterville parish.	We received one submission specifically relating to this ward, which proposed an alternative warding arrangement for the area. However, this submitted proposal did not provide for acceptable electoral equality. We have therefore decided to confirm this ward as part of our final recommendations.

Stanground South	3	-9%	This ward comprises the area to the north of the A605 and to the east of Fletton Parkway, along with an area of Old Fletton.	We received one submission specifically relating to this ward, which proposed a reduction to two councillors. This would not, however, provide for acceptable electoral equality in the area. We have therefore decided to confirm this ward as part of our final recommendations.
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Conclusions

31 Table 1 shows the impact of our final recommendations on electoral equality, based on 2014 and 2020 electorate figures.

Table 1: Summary of electoral arrangements

	Final recommendations	
	2014	2020
Number of councillors	60	60
Number of electoral wards	22	22
Average number of electors per councillor	2,242	2,501
Number of wards with a variance more than 10% from the average	9	0
Number of wards with a variance more than 20% from the average	3	0

Final recommendation

Peterborough City Council should comprise 60 councillors serving 22 wards representing two single-member wards, two two-member wards and 18 three-member wards. The details and names are shown in Table A1 and illustrated on the large maps accompanying this report.

Mapping

Sheet 1, Map 1 illustrates in outline form the proposed wards for Peterborough. You can also view our final recommendations for Peterborough on our interactive maps at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>

Parish electoral arrangements

32 As part of an electoral review, we are required to have regard to the statutory criteria set out in Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (the 2009 Act). The Schedule provides that if a parish is to be divided between different wards it must also be divided into parish wards, so that each parish ward lies wholly within a single ward. We cannot recommend changes to the external boundaries of parishes as part of an electoral review.

33 Under the 2009 Act we only have the power to make changes to parish electoral arrangements where these are as a direct consequence of our recommendations for principal authority warding arrangements. However, Peterborough City Council has powers under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to conduct community governance reviews to effect changes to parish electoral arrangements.

34 As a result of our proposed ward boundaries and having regard to the statutory criteria set out in schedule 2 to the 2009 Act, we are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for the parishes of Hampton Hargate & Vale, Orton Longueville, and Orton Waterville parishes.

35 As a result of our proposed ward boundaries and having regard to the statutory criteria set out in schedule 2 to the 2009 Act, we are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Hampton Hargate & Vale parish

Final recommendation
Hampton Hargate & Vale Parish Council should comprise 14 councillors, as at present, representing two wards: Hampton Hargate (returning six members) and Hampton Vale (returning eight members). The proposed parish ward boundaries are illustrated and named on Map 1.

36 As a result of our proposed ward boundaries and having regard to the statutory criteria set out in schedule 2 to the 2009 Act, we are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Orton Longueville parish.

Final recommendation
Orton Longueville Parish Council should comprise 11 councillors, as at present, representing three wards: East (returning one member), North-East (returning one member) and Orton Longueville (returning nine members). The proposed parish ward boundaries are illustrated and named on Map 1.

37 As a result of our proposed ward boundaries and having regard to the statutory criteria set out in schedule 2 to the 2009 Act, we are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Orton Waterville parish.

Final recommendation
Orton Waterville Parish Council should comprise 13 councillors, as at present, representing two wards: Goldhay East (returning one member), and Orton Waterville (returning 12 members). The proposed parish ward boundaries are illustrated and named on Map 1.

3 What happens next?

38 We have now completed our review of Peterborough City Council. The recommendations must now be approved by Parliament. A draft Order – the legal document which brings into force our recommendations – will be laid in Parliament. Subject to parliamentary scrutiny, the new electoral arrangements will come into force at the local elections in May 2016.

Equalities

39 This report has been screened for impact on equalities; with due regard being given to the general equalities duties as set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. As no potential negative impacts were identified, a full equality impact analysis is not required

Appendix A

Table A1: Final recommendations for Peterborough City Council

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2014)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2020)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Barnack	1	2,356	2,356	5%	2,570	2,570	3%
2	Bretton	3	6,969	2,323	4%	7,280	2,427	-3%
3	Central	3	7,668	2,556	14%	7,876	2,625	5%
4	Dogsthorpe	3	6,681	2,227	-1%	7,180	2,393	-4%
5	East	3	6,891	2,297	2%	7,608	2,536	1%
6	Eye, Thorney & Newborough	3	6,825	2,275	1%	7,330	2,443	-2%
7	Fletton & Stanground	3	6,705	2,235	0%	7,245	2,415	-3%
8	Fletton & Woodston	3	7,487	2,496	11%	7,548	2,516	1%
9	Glington & Castor	2	5,149	2,575	15%	5,380	2,690	8%
10	Gunthorpe	3	6,308	2,103	-6%	8,105	2,702	8%
11	Hampton Vale	3	3,792	1,264	-44%	6,904	2,301	-8%
12	Hargate & Hempsted	3	3,929	1,310	-42%	6,961	2,320	-7%

Table A1 (cont.): Final recommendations for Peterborough City Council

Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2014)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2020)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
13 North	3	7,118	2,373	6%	7,323	2,441	-2%
14 Orton Longueville	3	7,690	2,563	14%	7,723	2,574	3%
15 Orton Waterville	3	7,143	2,381	6%	8,051	2,684	7%
16 Park	3	7,216	2,405	7%	7,370	2,457	-2%
17 Paston & Walton	3	7,418	2,473	10%	7,810	2,603	4%
18 Ravensthorpe	3	7,417	2,472	10%	7,776	2,592	4%
19 Stanground South	3	4,895	1,632	-27%	6,795	2,265	-9%
20 Werrington	3	7,924	2,641	18%	8,075	2,692	8%
21 West	2	4,407	2,204	-2%	4,540	2,270	-9%
22 Wittering	1	2,547	2,547	14%	2,590	2,590	4%
Totals	60	134,535	–	–	150,040	–	–
Averages	–	–	2,242	–	–	2,501	–

Source: Electorate figures are based on information provided by Peterborough City Council.

Note: The 'variance from average' column shows by how far, in percentage terms, the number of electors per councillor in each electoral ward varies from the average for the borough. The minus symbol (-) denotes a lower than average number of electors. Figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

Appendix B

Submissions received

All submissions received can also be viewed on our website at

<http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/eastern/cambridgeshire/peterborough-fer>

Local Authority

- Peterborough City Council

Political Parties

- Peterborough Liberal Democrat Group

MPs

- S Jackson MP
- S Vara MP

Councillors

- Councillor John Fox (Peterborough City Council)
- Councillor John Holdich OBE (Peterborough City Council)
- Councillor Diane Lamb (Peterborough City Council)
- Councillor David Over (Peterborough City Council)
- Councillor John Peach (Peterborough City Council)
- Councillor Brian Rush (Peterborough City Council)
- Councillor Nick Sandford (Peterborough City Council)
- Councillor Charles Swift OBE (Peterborough City Council)

Town and Parish Councils

- 18 town and parish councils

Residents

- 179 local residents

Appendix C

Glossary and abbreviations

Council size	The number of councillors elected to serve on a council
Electoral Change Order (or Order)	A legal document which implements changes to the electoral arrangements of a local authority
Division	A specific area of a county, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever division they are registered for the candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the county council
Electoral fairness	When one elector's vote is worth the same as another's
Electoral inequality	Where there is a difference between the number of electors represented by a councillor and the average for the local authority
Electorate	People in the authority who are registered to vote in elections. For the purposes of this report, we refer specifically to the electorate for local government elections
Number of electors per councillor	The total number of electors in a local authority divided by the number of councillors
Over-represented	Where there are fewer electors per councillor in a ward or division than the average

Parish	A specific and defined area of land within a single local authority enclosed within a parish boundary. There are over 10,000 parishes in England, which provide the first tier of representation to their local residents
Parish council	A body elected by electors in the parish which serves and represents the area defined by the parish boundaries. See also 'Town council'
Parish (or Town) council electoral arrangements	The total number of councillors on any one parish or town council; the number, names and boundaries of parish wards; and the number of councillors for each ward
Parish ward	A particular area of a parish, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors vote in whichever parish ward they live for candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the parish council
Town council	A parish council which has been given ceremonial 'town' status. More information on achieving such status can be found at www.nalc.gov.uk
Under-represented	Where there are more electors per councillor in a ward or division than the average
Variance (or electoral variance)	How far the number of electors per councillor in a ward or division varies in percentage terms from the average
Ward	A specific area of a district or borough, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever ward they are registered for the candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the district or borough council