Dear Sirs,

It is somewhat surprising that the Electoral Commission is ignoring the objections of our elected Councillors to the proposed ward boundary changes in Royston. It is even more surprising that the Electoral Commission's so-called rationale for making these tiny changes is on the pretext of balancing the voter numbers to the number of Councillors. I have not heard of any Councillor in the wards in question complaining that they are overloaded. Furthermore, with extra housing coming to Royston, at this rate it will surely have to be done again before long.

I can only assume that this exercise of heavy-handed administration is another example of Government by stealth. If boundary changes are made little by little, then not many people are likely to object. If, however, they are performed when the differences are really significant enough to justify the costs of change, then the media might make an issue about attempting to change the voting pattern in favour of the current administration. Well, then a climb-down occurs, and the changes would be negated because of media pressure, as has happened so frequently in the past, since this Administration is incapable of withstanding media pressure by rational argument.

Thus I most strongly object to paying additional charges in my Council Tax bill for the required extra election, along with the consequent and subsequent extra administration costs, just to satisfy a few percentage points of voter reorganisation.

Your sincerely,

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