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Dear Ms Hyde

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF BROXTOWE

I am writing to formally announce the start of the electoral review of Broxtowe Borough Council. Broxtowe is being reviewed in order to improve the levels of electoral representation in the borough, which have become imbalanced since the last review. Currently, the councillors in Eastwood North and Greasley (Beauvale) Ward represent 36% fewer electors than the borough average.

A copy of the Commission's press release and posters advertising the start of the review are being sent to your Council. It would be much appreciated if you could publicise the start of the review by placing copies on display at local information points, and by taking such other steps as you consider appropriate to bring the review to the attention of the public and other interested parties.

Review timetable

The first stage of the review starts today, 3 September 2013. The Commission will initially consult on 44 councillors for Broxtowe – we refer to this as council size. The closing date for submissions on council size is **14 October 2013**. Once we have considered all the representations we receive, we will take a provisional decision on council size.

It is intended that these conclusions will be publicised in November 2013 on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk, and be sent to your Council, to those organisations and individuals listed at the end of this letter, and to all those who submit representations during this stage. We will then begin a public consultation on the warding arrangements which we expect to run from 26 November 2013 to 3 February 2014.

Once the Commission has considered the representations, it will publish a report which will set out in detail a pattern of wards which it will invite views on. We expect to publish this in April 2014. A twelve-week period of public consultation will follow this, during which time we would very much welcome your views on what is being proposed from your Council and all interested parties. Following this consultation period, the Commission will formulate the final recommendations; we expect to publish these in Autumn 2014.

Please note that in the interests of transparency, copies of all representations we receive during this review will be placed on the Commission's website, at www.lgbce.org.uk

Guidance on how to have your say on council size is available in the consultation area <http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>. Technical guidance can be found on the *Policy and publications* page of our website.

Parish electoral arrangements

The Commission will make recommendations on the number of councillors, the number and boundaries of wards, and the names of wards. It can also recommend changes to the electoral arrangements of parish and town councils i.e. the number, names and boundaries of parish wards, and the number of parish councillors for each parish ward. However, this is only in circumstances where the parished area is to be divided between wards. The Commission cannot, as part of this review, consider changes to the external boundaries of a parish, or create new parishes. Under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, changes to external parish boundaries are the responsibility of local authorities.

Correspondence and Enquiries

Your Council's main contacts at the Commission will be:

- Paul Kingsley, Review Advisor, with specific responsibility for the day-to-day running of the review. email: paul.kingsley@lgbce.org.uk; Tel: 020 7664 8512;
- Alison Evison, Review and Programme Manager, who leads the team dealing with this and other reviews. email: alison.evison@lgbce.org.uk; Tel: 020 7664 8537.

I am copying this letter to the organisations and individuals listed below.

Yours sincerely



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MPs and MEPs with constituency interests in Broxtowe
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner
Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
NHS Nottingham West Clinical Commissioning Group
Nottinghamshire Association of local councils
Parish and town councils in Broxtowe
Local Organisations in Broxtowe