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Dear Mr Gall

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF PETERBOROUGH

Thank you for your letter regarding the above review, I would like to make the following submission.

Peterborough has grown considerably over the last 10 years and some forecasts put future growth as high as 20% in the next decade.

The current localism agenda has meant that Councillors engagement and workload has increased this along with the local government reform agenda means Councillors involvement with the community is likely to increase.

Peterborough has an extraordinarily diverse community with demographics which have changed considerably in recent times. It is important that councillors represent the communities they serve and therefore that there is the opportunity for people to elect councillors from a wider diversity of candidates. It is therefore important that everyone has the opportunity to stand as a councillor if they wish to serve their community.

Numbers of councillors serving Peterborough must be sufficient to allow democratic representation. When considering the number of councillors it is important to make sure that the demands on their time do not become overly burdensome. I recognise that some councillors will always take on more responsibilities than others but, in order to enable diversity, it is vital that being a councillor can continue to be considered a part-time role.

Yours sincerely,



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