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Review Officer Cambridgeshire

Dear Sir / Madam

Please consider the following comments in respect of the proposals for Gransden:

"If the current proposals are accepted, when Love's Farm reaches capacity – in approximately 2020 – the 6 villages will constitute a very small part of what will be a majorly urban division. The identities and needs of this minority of rural communities will inevitably be over-run, as they will be very different from those of the urban community.

My understanding of the Boundary Commission's philosophy is that they consider community identity and interests to be important.

Whilst I appreciate that Councillors should have fairly equal divisions of labour, this does not necessarily have to be achieved by them serving an equal number of constituents.

If the current grouping of villages (Abbotsley, Buckden, Gransden, The Offords, Toseland, Waresley and Yelling) was retained, the current rural identity and links would be maintained. The greater geographical area (and minor differences that imposes) covered by this division would compensate for the smaller numbers of constituents represented by their Councillor. The representative of the larger number of constituents in the more compact urban area would then be able to concentrate on their very different issues.

Surely such a disparity in numbers, combined with the vastly different natures of these two communities, cannot possibly provide a fair and democratic solution under the current proposals."

Thank you

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