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Comment text:

In the city of Cambridge the Commission has more or less adopted the scheme sent to it by Cambridge City Council. In the analysis of proposals, the Commission treats this scheme as the standard by which other representations are judged – and mainly rejected. We wish to draw to the Commission’s attention that the representation from Cambridge City Council was in fact – in its entirety – the proposal of the local Labour Party on which the majority Labour Councillors forced through the City Council. To us this was unusual in that the Labour party sought no professional officer guidance and there was no attempt at eliciting other input or addressing any that was provided: in short, no attempt at consensus-building to produce a scheme that could be supported by other than one political party. This in principle might still produce a scheme which reflects the Commission’s objectives and the community issues within the city. In reality a number of highly misleading assertions are made about the definition of communities, which would be challenged by anyone who knows the city. Going against what is so obvious in the city has the effect of deploying Labour voting areas between divisions to gain maximum electoral impact. It is recognised that the task of reducing divisions within the city from 14 to 12 is a significant challenge and it is understood there will be a number of tough decisions. We argue that there is nothing in your criteria, apart from the need to observe numerical targets, which should force maximum change on very long established segments of the city which have successfully shared local elected representatives for very long periods of time. This unfortunately is the impact of some of the proposals you have so far endorsed. It is important that the Commission ultimately endorses boundaries which are based on honest appraisal of communities within the city which are not primarily inspired by serving the competitive purposes of only one of its political parties. The boundaries need to be seen as fair by all political parties which compete within them. Although we have problems with many aspects of the whole scheme for the city, we are separately submitting to you 4 other representations which are associated with this one, which seek focused change within the Commission’s proposed framework and could be accommodated without disturbing everything. These address the most alarming mistakes which could otherwise be made.

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Feature Annotations

Map Features:

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This alternative boundary meets the Commission’s numerical targets in an equivocal manner to the St Paul’s and St Matthew’s divisions but makes the separation along a broadly SW-NE line instead of a broadly NW-SE line. However, it much better meets the Commission’s objective to reflect community identity. It succeeds in almost completely maintaining the integrity of two of the three longstanding existing divisions: Market and Petersfield, adding to each discrete components of the northern part of the Trumpington division. We contend that new divisional boundaries are going to create much more effective units to the degree they maintain continuity of association and minimise the sense of disorientation. We would accordingly propose to call the western division “Market” and the eastern division “Petersfield”. The essence of the existing Market division is the identity of the “Kirk” residential area with the historic core of the city. The essence of the existing Petersfield division is the focal point of Mill Road west of the railway line. We note your response to previous representations in relation to the importance of Mill Road as a centre and would ask you to reconsider. The street is iconic within the city as an independent shopping centre, largely related to its surrounding community, and it is the focal point of local historic interests (supporting the Mill Road Society http://millroadcommunity.org), a huge annual community winter fair http://www.millroadwinterfair.org and all this is recognised by the City Council in appointing a “Mill Road Co-ordinator” to support trader/interests http://millroadtraders.org. A recently published advertisement in the local newspaper clearly demonstrates this a copy of which is attached. The surrounding community – on both sides of Mill Road - has in recent years responded dramatically and in unison on key planning issues regarded as of widespread mutual interest. The street consists of key elements of local neighbourhood infrastructure: doctor’s surgery, pharmacy, post office, places of worship, banking facilities, cafes and eateries. The road and the area around it are particularly cosmopolitan and are regarded as emblematic of good multi-ethnic relations. The notion that Mill Road should be treated as a divider between communities is a real travesty of its status and role within the city. It would be a serious misreading to use it as a boundary. It has been the focal point of a ward called Petersfield for the last hundred years. We also note your response to previous representations in relation to the significance of East Road and Gonville Place as a natural boundary and again ask you to reconsider. East Road and Gonville Place is part of the current recognised boundary between Market and Petersfield divisions and it is easy to see why. It is a wide arterial road, probably one of the busiest and most difficult to cross in the city, occasionally referred to as a ring of steel. It is if anything the converse of Mill Road. It has a few shops but is hardly a neighbourhood centre. The shopping concentration is in the Grafton Centre whose main entrance faces away from East Road on its very far side. Several major institutional premises - County Court, Crown Court, Multi-storey car parks, University administrative buildings, Swimming Pool and commercial office blocks create a natural screen between residential areas; these residential areas are almost exclusively accessed from the opposite sides, rather then from East Road. Green open spaces - Petersfield, Downley Common and Parker’s Piece also contribute to this as a natural boundary. The case for a division between East Road and Gonville Place as a centre of the community is difficult to understand. East Road has been an obvious and recognised boundary since the areas on both sides of it were substantially redeveloped and most of the road became a dual carriageway in the 1960s. The rationale for preserving the integrity of the existing Market Ward is that it matches the widespread sense of the city centre, which is partly staked out by the two poles of the city’s major retail activities: the historic centre and the Grafton centre. These are complementary centres and are bound together by a Business Improvement District: http://business.cambridgebdi.co.uk/files/566_Annual_Report_2014-15_WEB.pdf which is more or less congruent with the existing Market Ward and would be divided in two by the Commission’s proposed boundaries http://business.cambridgebdi.co.uk/files/CIF-BI-BUSINESS-PLAN-SMALL-2.pdf (pages 6-7). Cambridge’s city centre is most unusual in the degree to which classic city centre activities are mingled closely with residential areas. Residents who live at close quarters to both are impacted by their presence and elected representatives have a key role in related casework. Many issues exist in relation to crime and public safety in such an area and not necessarily the Police choose to organise their patrols around the Market Ward unit, which until now made mutual liaison with elected representatives efficient and simple. The city centre’s Core Traffic Scheme which restricts private motor vehicles, thereby impacting local residents, lies wholly within the existing Market Ward and would be divided by the Commission’s proposals. The nature of residents’ concerns and interests within the city centre arising from these factors (as well as others such as noise and pollution) are a binding factor amongst them, whether they are students or permanent residents, and enable a focussed and efficient representation through shared elected representatives. Much is made in the input on which the Commission’s proposal is based on the high student composition of the Market Ward and its impact on voter turnout. A historic analysis of voter turnout indicates that the ward is generally below the average turnout across the city, but not excessively so. The King’s Hedges division has very similar turnout levels which can have no connection with
student numbers. If the Commission's proposals were amended as we propose, the proportion of students within the new enlarged ward would anyway decline because there is a net addition of non-students.
MILL ROAD

Only a ten minute walk from the train station and a ten minute walk across Parker’s Piece, Mill Road is a unique and vibrant area of Cambridge and part of what makes it distinctive is it’s array of independent and international small businesses.

It’s over a mile long, with over 200 businesses all together ranging from estate agents and lawyers to violin makers and psychics. The area boasts a number of fantastic events including local street parties, pop up food markets and in August it will be having an outdoor cinema screening of Casablanca in Hope Street Yard.

Here are some top tips for exploring the area:

- Hunting for retro items, gifts and antiques?
  Visit Hope Street Yard and Gwydir Street (recently featured on Antiques Road Trip no less)

- Cool cafes with wi-fi?
  Check out Urban Larder, Hot Numbers Coffee and Relevant Records.

- International restaurants?
  Check out Tradizion, our new authentic Italian on Broadway. For North African cuisine check out Bedouin. For posh fish and chips try the Sea Tree, or if it’s a curry you’re after, Mill Road has four Indian restaurants to choose from.

- An unusual herb or spice?
  Try Al Amin for global groceries. Mill Road has two Chinese supermarkets, one Korean and many Halal butchers and world foods on offer.

- Want to make a night of it?
  There are 14 pubs in the vicinity of Mill Road and one exceptional cocktail bar. (Download the pub map from the Traders’ website)

INDEPENDENTS

Independent businesses in Mill Road

MILL ROAD MIDSUMMER NIGHT MARKET

Independent shops contribute to the local economy and play a vital part in Mill Road’s community. The Traders’ Association on Mill Road provides a forum for small business to come together to share costs, exchange knowledge and work together to improve the area. The Traders’ Association also works closely with other community groups such as Mill Road Bridges and the Festive Lights Committee.

As an example, Mill Road has recently launched a crowdfunder campaign to pay for the Festive Lights this year. Many local businesses are supporting the cause by donating prizes or running fundraiser events, for example The Earl of Beaconsfield raised over £200 through a series of quiz nights and the Six Bells raised over £600 at a recent BBQ and live music event. But the campaigns success relies upon the support of local residents. Crowd funder only works if the target is reached and there are only 16 days to go. See www.crowdfunder.co.uk/mill-road-festive-lights

Mill Road Traders Association thanks it’s core sponsors Cambridge Classics, Bush and the Co-operative Food

To find out more about Mill Road shops and events, visit the Traders’ Association website:

WWW.MILLROADTRADERS.ORG

ONLINE LISTING OF ALL SHOPS ON MILL ROAD INCLUDING CONTACT DETAILS AND OPENING TIMES

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Comment text:

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Annotation 2: Proposed alternative western boundary line between Arbury division and Castle & Newnham division

Annotation 3:

Comment text:
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Feature Annotations

3: Ideal boundary to divide the proposed two-member Castle & Newnham division into two separate one-member divisions

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Comment text:

We would like to register our strong support for single member divisions and therefore advocate a dividing boundary within the Commission’s proposed Castle & Newnham division, enabling both a Newnham community-focused division and a Castle community-focused division to continue. We would like to see that this boundary continue to be along the Medingley Road as indicated, but understand that with this it may be difficult to balance the numbers between the two divisions. We would therefore like to see the boundary as close as reasonably possible to Medingley Road.

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