

10 July 2008

Dear Sir or Madam:

UNITARY ELECTORAL REVIEW OF WILTSHIRE

Clarification of the BCFE draft recommendations in respect of the Warminster area

As you will be aware we published our draft recommendations for the new Wiltshire unitary authority on 01 July 2008. We have previously forwarded you a summary of these draft recommendations and indicated that the full draft recommendations report (and maps), along with all of the submissions received during the initial public consultation are available on our website at www.boundarycommittee.org.uk.

The Committee has recommended that a minor modification be made to the proposed boundary between Warminster West and Warminster Broadway contained in the Wiltshire County Council submission of 21 April 2008. This modification comprises the transfer of Warminster school (off Vicarage Street) from Warminster West into Warminster Broadway and can be seen in Map 6B accompanying our draft recommendations. This was done on the basis that there was no access from the school into any of the remainder of the Warminster West division.

Unfortunately this modification was not directly addressed in the text of the draft recommendations and the Committee would like to apologise for this and clarify the matter at this stage. We have placed the correct submission (and accurate mapping) from Wiltshire County Council as received on 21 April 2008 on our website.

This letter is not intended as an amendment to our draft recommendations but rather an acknowledgement of a misrepresentation of Wiltshire County Council's submission. It is intended to ensure that the current Stage Three

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consultation is as effective as possible by guaranteeing that all relevant stakeholders can provide submissions within an accurate context of previous submissions.

As such, this letter is being sent to Wiltshire County Council, West Wiltshire District Council, Warminster Town Council, along with any parties who made submissions with respect to the Warminster area. This letter will be placed on our website (along with copies of both iterations of the County Council submission for the sake of clarity). Please feel free to distribute this clarification to any further parties whom you believe may be interested in the electoral arrangements in this area.

The Committee is keen to state that despite the clarifications above, we have not amended our draft recommendations at the current time. We would urge any parties who support or oppose our draft recommendations in this area to provide further submissions during Stage Three in support of their view. This period of public consultation will end on 25 August 2008.

The Committee has three main considerations, which we would urge all parties to have regard to when making submissions during Stage Three of this review. These are equalising the number of electors each councillor represents, reflecting community identity, and providing for convenient and effective local government.

If you would like any clarification of the details contained in this letter then please contact me by email, post or over the phone.

Yours sincerely,



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