South Ribble Liberal Democrats

**Submission on the draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for South Ribble Borough Council.**

South Ribble Liberal Democrats support the Local Government Boundary Commission’s proposals for a council size of fifty members. We also believe that electoral equality should also extend to the number of councillors representing each ward where possible. To this end we support the Commission's proposals for nineteen two-member wards and four three-member wards based on the five ‘My Neighbourhood’ areas.

The electoral review of Western Parishes, Central and Eastern areas.

We support the final submission of South Ribble Borough Council for the above areas.

The electoral review of Penwortham.

We support the Boundary Commission’s proposals for two three-member wards and two two-member wards on the boundaries as set out in the Commission’s draft proposals. There are distinct communities of both Howick and Priory served by the Liverpool Road district centre.

There is also a distinct community of Broad Oak encompassing the development of Broad Oak Farm, and we support the names of Howick and Priory and Broad Oak.

Middleforth and Kingsfold are served by the Hawksbury Drive district centre, and Leyland Road shopping area. The new ward is centred around the Church of England parish of St. Leonards, and we propose that instead of Middleforth the ward be called St. Leonards.

The Charnock ward already exists on current boundaries and is designated for most of the proposed new build. We therefore support the Commissions draft proposals for the boundary and name.

The electoral review of Leyland.

We support the Boundary Commission’s proposals for six two-member wards.

We also support the submission of South Ribble Borough Council with regard to a revised boundary of the proposed Farington East and Turpin Green.

We accept the proposed names of Moss Side, Broadfield and Buckshaw and Worden.

The proposed Bannister Brook we do not recognise as being community based as it is centered on Leyland. We would therefore support the name of Leyland Central. We also do not recognise Wade Hall as being representative of the local community, being around a third of the proposed ward and at its southern end. We would support the name of Severn Stars based around its district centre.

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