

COPY OF PETITION WHICH IS FOLLOWING,

TO THE INDEPENDENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

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Such a move would put an unacceptable burden on that person and deny them the important opportunity for discussing island affairs with a fellow councillor, as well as sometimes having to present two different points of view. It would also take no account of illness or any other reason for non attendance at a meeting.

Surely, it should not be the ratio of voters to the number of councillors that is the deciding factor, but our very unique geographical situation. Each island is separate and has different needs.

It would do our Islands a great disservice to introduce such an unnecessary change to a system that has been in place a very long time and has served our community well.

From my own experience of being a councillor for St Martin's I know that the above points are all very important.

The reduction of off-island councillors to one each would make the representation very difficult

Please do not change this very well-established system.

(I apologise for my writing - my sight is bad)
Yours hopefully,



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