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Subject: Lancaster North ....North Norfolk District Council

Dear Sirs

Once more we feel that we must write to oppose the reduction in Councillors in the Lancaster North Ward (Fakenham). Following our previous letter to yourselves we have further investigated the proposed growth of Fakenham Lancaster North. We now find that the proposed growth over the next ten years is likely to be larger than that originally anticipated by perhaps a further 100 houses plus, provision for a school (this as yet not yet been defined as to whether this will be a 200 plus 400 plus or 600 plus school) and of course other public facilities.

We have of course in our previous letter understood that the people allocated to each Councillor for fairer electoral representation is required and we have put forward other considerations.

Since the previous letter we have been approached, and it has been suggested to us, that if the village of Hempton (this community adjacent and adjoining Fakenham in part) was incorporated into Lancaster North this would achieve the desired numbers to retain two Councillors for Lancaster North Ward without adversely affecting the Raynhams Ward of which Hempton village surprisingly is part of at the moment. Indeed, this sounds ideal as has always been considered part of the greater Fakenham.

Surprising on discussion with the general public on a door to door survey residents were unaware of any consultation of Ward Boundaries and many were very disturbed that this reduction of Councillors is being suggested due to the imminent future growth of Lancaster North With an expected increase of 100 dwellings per annum.

We respectfully ask that further consideration is given to the retention of two Councillors for Lancaster North, it seems absolutely ludicrous to reduce the number of Councillors in a Ward which is known to be increasing rapidly with homes and residents, plus schools and other amenities including some industrial build.

Intense growth is taking place and will continue to do so over at least the next 10 years, the present suggested rate of 100 dwellings, 200 - 300 people per annum.

With the necessary engagement of the general public North Norfolk District Council, County Highways and other Authorities regarding the infrastructure a build project such as this will require necessary discussion and representation at District level. The electorate of Fakenham Lancaster North require and indeed deserve the representation of two District Councillors at North Norfolk District Council.

We believe strongly that we should retain Two District Councillors.

Kind regards

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