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Review Officer
Three Rivers
Local government Boundary Commission
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Dear Sir

Boundary Commission Review. TRDC

I am delighted to learn that the Commission is insisting on 3 member wards for Three Rivers. I am fortunate that I have been a Councillor for a Three Member Ward for many years. Working as a team of elected councillors enables us to represent our constituents and give them the responses they deserve. My fellow councillors working alone face many difficulties because the mutual support of the ward team is not present.

The present number of wards of 48 reduced to 39 I believe reflects the needs of our diverse communities which is very important to maintain. The proposal to reduce to 30 seats would destroy the geographical integrity and spoil the unique community life that has been fostered over many years with work in the existing wards. Three Rivers includes areas of affluence and of deprivation.

In the ward that I represent Mill End and Maple Cross each district has its own community centre reflecting the needs of each community.

The work load for councillors if the number was reduced to 30 would be very great. Councillors would face increasing committee work as well as less time to deal with ward matters. It is important that councillors are involved in the community and have time to prepare for their committee responsibilities. My experience is that it is very difficult to attract members of the public to become councillors. The work load if the total was reduced would make this even more difficult

Three Rivers wishes to continue with an open, democratic, locally based electoral system based upon wards that reflects each community. A dramatic reduction in councillors would result ward boundaries that do not reflect this. I consider this to be a very important issue.

Yours faithfully



Cllr Peter Wakeling. 