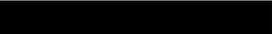


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Dear Sirs

I write regarding the proposals made by the Commission for Rochford District Council but mainly in relation to how they affect the wards on Rayleigh Town Council.

My understanding is that under the terms of the relevant Act, Town/Parish wards may not cross County Division boundaries. This is most unfortunate because in the case of Rayleigh Town Council it is suggested that to overcome this there will be 10 wards, some having 4 members, one having 2 members and 4 having 1 member. Some of the wards are very small indeed with one having only 189 electors whereas another one seat ward has 1,528 electors.

There are many objections to this including the possibility that there could be a by-election in a ward having only 189 electors and with the real chance that the turnout could be low, the number of votes cast would be laughable and cause great expense.

It will also be very confusing for electors as for example, under the proposals we would have some people voting for Trinity ward in District and Beech in Town.

If there is no way round the provisions of the Act mentioned above we shall have to accept the proposals in the case of Lodge/Whitehouse and Downhall & Rawreth/Victoria.

However, we fully support the proposals which we understand are being lodged by Rochford District Council and Rayleigh Town Council regarding the 2 very small wards.

If the electors in the proposed Beech ward remain in the new District ward of Wheatley, Picton voters are placed in the new Trinity ward and the electors in the proposed Deepdene ward remain in the new District ward of Grange, this would obviate the need for those 2 small wards. This suggestion would mean that the District wards concerned would be purely within one County Division.

We feel our proposals would make for better local governance, eliminate a great deal of confusion amongst electors and potentially save a great deal of money and we shall be grateful if serious consideration is given to them by the Commission.

Hilton Brown
on behalf of Rayleigh and Wickford Conservative Association