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**From:** Peter Chivall GLD [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 October 2014 21:18  
**To:** Reviews@[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Response by City of Peterborough Liberal Democrats to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Englands Review of Peterborough City Council.

Dear sirs,

Please find attached the Response of The City of Peterborough Liberal Democrats to your recent proposals.

Yours Peter Chivall, Local Party Vice Chair.

**Response to Proposals by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England,**  
**on behalf of City of Peterborough Liberal Democrat Local Party.**  
September 2014

**General.**

In producing its recommendations, the LGBCE has to have regard to three principles:

1. Electoral equality (with a variance of no more than +/- 10%)
2. Community identity (including Transport links and identifiable boundaries)
3. Effective local government.

In drawing up these proposals I have attempted to maintain all three requirements. However, it is my contention that the Commission appears to have only to have paid attention to the first of these and neglected to consider community identity, except where these have coincided with the electoral equality requirement.

In general, I have used the Commissions projections of elector numbers for 2020, but have had to rely on Parish and Polling District totals from the present Electoral Roll, except where, as in the Paston Reserve and Norwood Urban Extensions, I propose Glinton and Northborough to be added to the north Werrington Ward and other consequential adjustments which would give a projected electorate in 2020 of 25351 for this area, sufficient for 4 x 3 member Wards within permitted variance. Glinton and Northborough have close ties with the North Werrington area, as many Werrington children attend the Arthur Mellows Academy in Glinton. Northborough like Glinton shares bus routes to the Deepings and Bourne. This proposed link would not imply any proposal to develop land between Werrington and Glinton, any more than the Commission's current proposals would see housing development between South Bretton and Castor and Ailsworth.

The new **Glinton and North Werrington Ward** would have sufficient electors to allow the Welbourne and Greenacres estates to be moved to South Werrington and Gunthorpe where its natural lines of communication best fit. This Ward would then have approx. 8217 electors, giving it a variance of 10%.

**Walton Ward** currently has two councillors and would need enlarging to allow it to have three councillors under the new scheme. We propose to move the northern boundary of this Ward to Werrington Church Street and the Eastern boundary in this area to Fulwood Road. In the south of the Ward, the whole of Paston Ridings as far as Topmoor Way, together with Pittneys and the Windrush Way/Witham Road area from the current PAS1 polling district is included.

The current **Werrington South Ward** would have Welbourne and Greenacres added to it from the current Werrington North Ward and have the Pennine Way and Derwent Drive areas of the current PAS1 polling district added, while it loses all of the streets south of Church Street and the Green to the new **Walton and Paston Ward**.

Finally, the PAS2 and PAS4 polling Districts of the current Paston Ward, together with the Ringstead Road/ Stonehill Road estate from PAS3, would form the basis of the new **Gunthorpe Ward**. The current electorate of this Ward would be well below the allowed variance, but, like the two Hampton Wards, this area expects considerable new building in the next ten years in the form of the Paston Reserve and the Norwood urban extensions. I understand that there could be up to 3,500 homes built there by 2026. At the ratio of 1.6 electors per dwelling, this would give an additional 5,600 electors. The urban extension of Paston Reserve (SA1.4) has 1212 completions committed it appears by 2021 (CS DPD 5.4.13). The adjacent Urban extension of Norwood (SA1.5), like Gt. Haddon (adjacent to Hampton) is included in CS 5.4.13 as a late addition (see Chapter 5.4 Table 2) "allocated for development in accordance with CS5 as at 31/3/2010" and is shown in Table 2 as part of a "guiding total of new dwellings to be allocated". (see ASA DPD policy SA1 and accompanying table).

The documentation I have been quoting from on the sites [http://consult.peterborough.gov.uk/portal/planning/peterborough/adopt/sa\\_a?pointId=1329146010746#section-1329146010746](http://consult.peterborough.gov.uk/portal/planning/peterborough/adopt/sa_a?pointId=1329146010746#section-1329146010746) and [http://consult.peterborough.gov.uk/portal/planning/peterborough/adopt/adopted\\_cs?pointId=1293095471349#section-1293095471349](http://consult.peterborough.gov.uk/portal/planning/peterborough/adopt/adopted_cs?pointId=1293095471349#section-1293095471349) does not extend to a timetable for us to identify completions for both Paston Reserve and Norwood by 2020, other than a note in the ASA DPD that both Paston Reserve and Norwood are "being brought forward". However, the total electorate for the Commission's proposals for this area are consistent with these figures.

### **Consequent effects (and opportunities) of moving Glington and Northborough Parish from the new Barnack Ward to a new Glington and Werrington North Ward.**

Adding the electorates for all the parishes currently proposed for the new Barnack and West Wards (but less Glington and Northborough parishes, the BRS area of Bretton and the WES2 polling district in the current West Ward) would give a wholly rural Ward with an electorate of approximately 7727.

This would leave the combined Rural West and Barnack Ward with approximately 7727 electors and a variance of 3%

### **Adopting the City Council's proposals for the current West and Ravensthorpe Wards.**

Reattaching the BRS and WES2 polling districts to the remainder of the old West Ward area would give a viable ward which could be called Longthorpe to distinguish it from a new Rural West ward. We would, however, prefer to attach the WES1 polling district to Ravensthorpe Ward rather than the City Council's proposals for the existing WES3 area to be attached. This is because the increase in population due to the building on the old PDH site would better fit the totals for each Ward.

We accept the Commission's proposal to add the parish of Marholm to the Bretton North ward.

### **The Central area.**

We accept the City Council's original proposals for the five Wards in the PE1 area and see no reason or logic in the Commission's proposals to have Central Ward bridging the railway and taking over a large portion of the area of the current West Ward.

### **The Southern area.**

The proposal for an area of approximately 337 electors south of Thorpe Road to be attached to the Fletton and Woodston Ward with whom it has no physical connection and no other association is ludicrous. As mentioned above, there is no need to dismember the current West Ward in this way and removing the 337 electors from the proposed Fletton and Woodston Ward would leave approximately 7211 electors, with a variance of minus 4%.

Similarly, the perhaps 250 electors in the Newcastle Drive area detached from the rest of the new Orton Longueville Ward to boost numbers in the new Hargate and Hemsted Ward would make no difference as Orton Longueville would still be well within permitted variance and Hargate and Hemsted would be below permitted variance in any case for the majority of the next five years. We therefore prefer the Commission's proposals to those of the City Council, but with the adjustments we have outlined consequent on the restoration of West Ward as a viable entity.

### **Summary.**

We therefore reject the Commission's proposals for a City Council of 60 Councillors in 20

Wards, divided as they have proposed, with almost no regard to the requirements of Community Identity or effective Local Government. We believe that, to achieve the three objectives the Commissioners have set out, it is necessary to seek a City Council of 63 Councillors in 21 Wards, arranged in the manner we have set out above.

Peter Chivall, Vice Chair, on behalf of City of Peterborough Liberal Democrats Local Party  
September 2014.