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## *Deeping St Nicholas Parish Council*

**Meeting Place;**

Deeping St Nicholas CP School,  
Deeping St Nicholas,  
SPALDING,  
Lincs.  
PE11 3DG

Mrs Helen Scott,  
*Parish Clerk.*



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4<sup>th</sup> July 2006

Dear Sir

**FURTHER ELECTORAL REVIEW OF SOUTH HOLLAND  
FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS  
THREE MEMBER CROWLAND AND DEEPING ST NICHOLAS**

I am writing to you with reference to the recent recommendation by the Boundary Commission and the proposal to create three member Crowland and Deeping St Nicholas, and am enclosing a copy of the original representation made by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council feel most strongly against the final recommendation. In this arrangement, the three members would be elected by Crowland residents, leaving this Parish without its own representative on the District Council. The Parish Council rely heavily on its representative to assist with several major ongoing issues in the Parish, and feel that any other arrangement would severely hamper its ability to deal with them to the benefit of its Parishioners.

Although a large Parish, but with a low population, it feels that its problems would be of lesser importance as the emphasis would be placed on Crowland, which is becoming quite developed now and is a particularly easy commute to Peterborough. As such, it has little affinity with Deeping St Nicholas, either in distance or community, and the Parish Council feel that the small community identity here would be lost completely. Although not always apparent in large scattered communities, this identity is still very much present and active in the Parish.

Your faithfully



Parish Clerk

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26<sup>TH</sup> January 2006  
Dear Sirs

Electoral Review of South Holland District Council – Draft Recommendations

The Parish Council is writing to you with reference to the above and your recommendation to combine the Parish of Deeping St Nicholas with that of Crowland. Although aware that this Parish falls short of the required number of electors for a Ward councillor, the Parish Council is not in agreement with this decision. It feels that it does not take into account not only the nature and specific problems of its Parish as a whole, but also the geography of this very large area with little or no public transport. As well as the main village there are 3 smaller settlements, (Tongue End, Counter Drain and Horseshoe Road) which are a very considerable and impractical distance from Crowland.

Deeping St Nicholas itself stretches for 5 miles along the very busy A16, which impacts hugely on the village, and the Parish Council permanently monitor conditions and struggle continually for improvements. This is ongoing, and has been for many years, and as the traffic ever increases, so do the problems.

The population has also increased by more than one half again in recent years, due mainly to a large housing estate, and will no doubt continue to increase. As well as the housing development and its associated problems, there have also been other major issues to contend with recently, such as wind turbine development. There are currently campaigns for a new Community Centre and to re-open the rail stop.

To conclude, this is not a 'sleepy' little Parish. The Parish Council work very conscientiously, always have a full Agenda for Meetings, and do not think that this change will benefit or serve the best interests of Parishioners.

Yours faithfully

Parish Clerk

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