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Dear Sirs,

Electoral Review of Three Rivers

With reference to your letter of 24th July 2012.

The Parish Council met last night for the first time since the receipt of your letter and the following is its resolved opinion.

Members of the Parish Council were in agreement with the Commission's support for the proposal that Three Rivers District Council could be reduced to 39 elected members.

Members were of the view that 39 members of the District Council was appropriate, as this would allow a sufficient level of representation for the diverse and individual communities which make up the District. It would also provide the flexibility to enable wards to be represented by between one and three members, depending on ward population.

A reduction to 39 would also support the District Council's proposed move from executive to committee governance, ensuring that there are sufficient Councillors to allow committees to be fully staffed. Members felt that a move towards a more full-time role of councillor, which might follow a greater reduction in the number of Councillors, would reduce the number and variety of Councillors willing and able to serve.

The Parish Council was not in favour of the alternative proposal to reduce the council to 30 members. Members felt this could create a member to ward allocation that did not reflect individual ward populations and also that the reduction in the number of members would not allow for effective committee based governance.

Yours sincerely,

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