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Subject: Endorsement of Hennock Parish council stance

Please receive my endorsement of Hennock parish council stance.

Hennock Parish Council includes the three villages of Hennock, Teign Village and Chudleigh Knighton. The draft recommendations, if implemented, will mean that the Parish is split with Chudleigh Knighton remaining in Chudleigh Ward and Hennock & Teign Village being transferred to Teign Valley Ward. It doesn't make sense to split the Parish and it seems to be a matter of convenience for the Teignbridge boundaries in terms of numbers and not in the interests of the local communities.

The split would mean that the Parish Council would be subject to warding which will result in dysfunction because of the proposed split in terms of wards vis-a-vis the current split of those councillors living in Chudleigh Knighton compared with Hennock & Teign Village: if the proposals are adopted, the Parish would be split in to two wards with 8 councillors representing Chudleigh Knighton and 3 councillors representing Hennock & Teign Village; there are currently 11 councillors, 4 of whom are from Chudleigh Knighton and 7 are from Hennock & Teign Village. Whilst it is recognised that councillors represent the interests of the whole Parish, if the existing councillors wish to stand for re-election, this will mean that 4 of the councillors from Hennock & Teign Village will have to stand for Chudleigh Knighton Ward; in practice, this is unlikely to happen and it will probably mean that the seats for Chudleigh Knighton Ward will not be filled and Hennock & Teign Village Ward will require an election, causing unnecessary expense for the Council (there has been no requirement for an election in Hennock in the past i.e. the elections have been uncontested).

Having District Councillors from two different Teignbridge District Council Wards representing the Parish is likely to result in a duplication of effort & disturb the existing continuity in approach – it does not seem a sensible use of resources and will inevitably result in inefficiencies.

The Parish Council would like to stay in Chudleigh Ward; it's District Councillors serve the local community very well and much of the Parish associates with Chudleigh and uses Chudleigh for shops and services/local facilities. Hennock Parish Council, therefore, urges you to reconsider the draft recommendations and ensure that the villages of Hennock, Teign Village and Chudleigh Knighton remain in Chudleigh Ward.

Councillor Peter McCullar Hennock Parish Council