

Fuller, Heather

From: Fuller, Heather
Sent: 12 November 2013 09:07
To: Morrison, William
Subject: FW: Peterborough Councillors

From: Doug Henderson [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 November 2013 12:05
To: Reviews@
Cc: 'Alan Gray'; David Over; 'Jane Anderson'; 'John Lawrence'; 'Paul Armitage'; 'Paula Cooper'
Subject: Peterborough Councillors

Dear Sir,

RE: Local Boundary Review of Peterborough

We have had an opportunity to consult on the proposed changes to the number, names and boundaries of the council's wards.

The Wothorpe Parish Council and its residents are **OPPOSED** to any changes in the current arrangements for the following reasons:

- 1 We have a long established and close connection with our Councillor who has an intimate knowledge of our community, the issues we face and the opinions of our residents. The proposal to establish three-member wards in the PCC area would weaken this valuable link.
- 2 The existence of the Barnak Ward Group demonstrates the importance that the local Parishes place on having and retaining and developing this link.
- 3 We are concerned that a move to three-member wards would mean that regular attendance at Parish Council meetings and events would be lost. This would significantly affect the effectiveness of rural representation and give much more weight and emphasis to the urban interests of Peterborough city.

It is our opinion that this proposal would lead to electoral inequality, a loss of community identity, a degradation of the representation of community interests and as a consequence would fail to promote effective and convenient local government.

Yours faithfully

D. Henderson
Chairman, Wothorpe Parish Council