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Dear Sir or Madam,

### **ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Cambridgeshire County Council. Today is the start of an 8 week public consultation on the Commission's draft recommendations on new division boundaries across Cambridgeshire. The consultation closes on 6 July 2015.

#### **View the draft recommendations**

You can view the Commission's draft recommendations at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/4143> where you can find interactive maps, a report and guidance on how to have your say. The Commission has not finalised its conclusions and now invites representations on the draft recommendations.

Enclosed with this letter is a summary outlining the Commission's draft recommendations outlining the draft recommendations, an interactive map of the Commission's recommendations for Cambridgeshire, electorate figures and guidance on how to propose new wards is available on the consultation area at: [www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk). Further information about the review and the Commission's work is also published on our website at: [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk).

#### **Have your say**

We encourage everyone who has a view on the draft recommendations to contact us whether you support them or whether you wish to propose alternative arrangements.

Before finalising the recommendations, the Commission will consider every representation received during consultation whether it is submitted by an individual, a local group or an organisation. We will weigh each submission against the criteria the Commission must follow when drawing up electoral arrangements:

- To deliver electoral equality where each county councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the county.
- That the pattern of divisions should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities.
- That the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government.

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It is important that you take account of the criteria if you are suggesting an alternative pattern of divisions. You can find additional guidance and information about previous electoral reviews on our website to help you or your organisation make a submission.

### **Get in touch**

The Commission welcomes comments on the recommendations report by 06 July 2015. Representations should be made:

- Through our interactive consultation portal where you can explore the maps of the recommendations, draw your own boundaries and supply comments at: [www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk).
- By email to: [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk).
- Or in writing to:  
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The Commission aims to publish every response it receives during phases of consultation. If you do not want all or any part of your response or name to be made public, you must state this clearly in the response. Any such request should explain why confidentiality is necessary. All responses may be subject to publication or disclosure as required by law (in particular under the Freedom of Information Act 2000).

This is the last opportunity to influence the Commission's recommendations before they are finalised. We therefore encourage local people to get in touch with us and have their say.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



**Alex Hinds**

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**Please note as of 27 April we have new contact details. Our new address is LGBCE, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Millbank Tower, Millbank, London, SW1P 4QP. Our new telephone number is 0330 500 1525.**

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Local Government  
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12 May 2015

Dear Mr Lloyd,

**ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: DRAFT  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has opened a public consultation on its draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements for Cambridgeshire County Council.

The consultation opens today 12 May 2015 and closes on 06 July 2015.

The draft recommendations propose that 61 county councillors should be elected to Cambridgeshire County Council in future. The recommendations also propose new electoral division boundaries across the county.

Once the Commission has considered all the responses to the consultation, we aim to publish final recommendations in September 2015. We will then lay a draft order in both Houses of Parliament under the negative resolution procedure. Subject to parliamentary scrutiny, the new electoral arrangements are scheduled to come into effect at the county elections in 2017.

All information relating to the draft recommendations is available on our website. The Commission's report on its draft recommendations can also be found at: <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/eastern/cambridgeshire/cambridgeshire-county-council>. In addition, hard copies of the report and accompanying map will be dispatched to the Council shortly.

Interactive maps of the proposals are also posted on the Commission's consultation portal at: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/4143>. The portal also allows visitors to submit comments and alternative proposals.

## Publicising the consultation

The Commission will shortly dispatch hard copies of the recommendations to the council for distribution to local information points. In the meantime, I would be grateful if you could bring the consultation to the attention of elected members.

We have also provided information on the draft recommendations directly to district and parish councils and community organisations as well as notifying local press and media.

I would be grateful if you could also take steps to bring the consultation to the attention of the public and interested parties. In particular, please include details of the consultation:

- On your website;
- Promote the consultation through social media and;
- Use any other channels you would normally employ to engage residents in local consultations (newsletters, press releases, publications etc).

The Commission would be happy to provide information and/or copy to help you promote the consultation locally.

## Draft recommendations

The Commission considered all the submissions it received in the previous stages of the review before drawing up the draft recommendations.

We have sought to balance the criteria we must follow when drawing up recommendations, namely:

- To deliver electoral equality where each county councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the county.
- That the pattern of divisions should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities.
- That the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government.

The Commission will consider all representations made on the draft recommendations and has an open mind about amending the scheme if an alternative pattern of divisions would better meet the statutory criteria above. It is also important for respondents to the consultation to indicate where and why they support the draft recommendations.

Further information on drawing up a pattern of electoral divisions and putting forward alternative proposals is available in our guidance document: *Electoral reviews: technical guidance* which can be found at: [www.lgbce.org.uk/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/10410/technical-guidance-2014.pdf](http://www.lgbce.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0006/10410/technical-guidance-2014.pdf).

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We also publish a practical guide for putting forward submissions called *How to propose a pattern of wards* which is available at:  
[www.lgbce.org.uk/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0014/10409/proposing-new-wards-guidance.pdf](http://www.lgbce.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0014/10409/proposing-new-wards-guidance.pdf).

Our website includes information about previous electoral reviews of county councils where you can see how the Commission came to its conclusions and how other counties, districts and parishes responded to consultations on draft recommendations.

As ever, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the consultation.

### **Correspondence and enquiries**

Correspondence relating to the review – and consultation responses - should be addressed to:

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Responses to the consultation can also be made directly through our specialist consultation portal: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/4143>.

Further information on electoral reviews can also be found at our main website at: [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk).

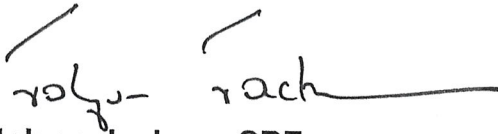
Your direct contacts for the review remain:

Alex Hinds, Review Officer, with specific responsibility for the day-to-day running of the review: email: [Reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:Reviews@lgbce.org.uk) ; tel: 0330 500 1274.

Richard Buck, Review Manager, leads the team dealing with this and other electoral reviews: email: [Reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:Reviews@lgbce.org.uk); tel: 0330 500 1271.

I am copying this letter to the organisations and individuals listed below.

Yours sincerely



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cc    MPs and MEPs with constituency interests in Cambridgeshire  
      Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner  
      Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group  
      Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service  
      Local organisations in Cambridgeshire  
      Parish and Town Councils in Cambridgeshire  
      District, City and Borough Councils in Cambridgeshire

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# Electoral review of Cambridgeshire

## Tell us what you think

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is asking people across your area to comment on proposed new electoral arrangements for Cambridgeshire County Council.

## Our draft recommendations

Our draft recommendations propose new electoral divisions, division boundaries and division names across the county.

We are now asking local people to have their say.

- Do the proposed divisions reflect local communities?
- How do you think the proposals can be improved?
- Are the names of the proposed electoral divisions right?

For more information, including interactive maps, visit:  
[www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk) and [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

The report and maps will also be available in council buildings and libraries.

## Have your say

Your views will make a difference.

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The consultation closes on **6 July 2015**

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