

DRAFT RESPONSE TO THE 2018 PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY REVIEW

Boundary Commission for England
35 Great Smith Street
London, SW1P 3BQ

Dear Sirs,

We write on behalf of Peterborough City Council in respect of the proposed changes.

Peterborough City Council established a working group to discuss the proposals and noted that the impact of the review for our region is as follows:

1. The significant reduction in the number of constituencies in England from 533 to 501
2. The requirement that every constituency, apart from two specified exceptions, must have an electorate that is no smaller than 71,031 and no larger than 78,507
3. The changes to the constituencies within the Eastern region, namely the reduction from 58 to 57
4. The specific impact on the Peterborough and North West Cambridgeshire constituencies

We noted the proposal of the inclusion of the ward of Fletton and Woodston from the existing North West Cambs constituency.

Historically, one third to a half of the current Fletton ward was part of the original City of Peterborough and was included in the “Old Soke of Peterborough”, a County Council in its own right until 1965 when it merged with the old County of Huntingdonshire. The part of Fletton, known as “New Fletton”, was part of the ancient City of Peterborough for many years.

Churches in “New Fletton” remain part of the Peterborough diocese but all other churches south of the river are in the Ely diocese.

The above illustrates that Fletton has historically been considered as part of the City of Peterborough and in addition to the minimal impact of the proposals, we do not object to the proposed implementations.

Yours faithfully

Cllr John Holdich
Leader of the Council
Peterborough City Council

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