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Dear Parishioner

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF EAST DEVON: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for East Devon District Council. An eight-week public consultation recently began on the Commission's draft recommendations on new ward boundaries across East Devon District Council. The consultation closes on 3rd April 2017.

View the draft recommendations

You can view the Commission's draft recommendations at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk>, where you can also find interactive maps, a summary of the report, a copy of the letter sent to the Chief Executive of East Devon District Council and guidance on how to have your say. The Commission has not finalised its conclusions and now invites representations on the draft recommendations.

An interactive map of the Commission's recommendations for East Devon District Council, electorate figures and guidance on how to propose new wards is available on the consultation area at: <https://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.

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 district councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the district.
- That the pattern of wards 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. It is important that you take account of the criteria if you are suggesting an alternative pattern of wards. 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 3rd April 2017. 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: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>.
- By email to: 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.

What does this mean for Farringdon?

In short, under the proposed draft recommendations, Farringdon will be removed from the present Clyst Valley Ward, and will be added to an enlarged Broadclyst Ward which will have the stewardship of three District Councillors.

Farringdon Parish Council has already written a very strong letter of objection to this, as we see a potential watering down of our standing within such a large Ward as is proposed for Broadclyst. We have raised objection on all three key points of the criteria set out by the Commission. We feel strongly that this will be a bad deal for Farringdon, for all of the reasons given in our letter. A copy of our letter will be circulated on the Ringmaster, and be posted on the Farringdon Village website <http://www.fra.btik.com/>.

We encourage everyone to write; using the contact details above, and have your say. You have until the 03rd April to do so.

We thank you for your support.

Farringdon Parish Council