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**Re:** **Proposed Electoral Arrangements for Cornwall**

As part of your consultation on the draft recommendations for Cornwall, I wish to object to your proposal for the Hayle and Gwinear–Gwithian parishes on the following grounds.

Your current proposal:

* Separates two parts of the town of Hayle in a way which disconnects large areas of population and attaches them to Gwinear–Gwithian parish, destroying the cohesion of the Hayle community;
* Creates a huge (Gwinear–Gwithian and Hayle East) division and a very small division based on roughly three quarters of the town of Hayle. These unbalanced divisions do not reflect the mix of dense housing and rural across the two parishes;
* Breaks the strong community links of the town with its more outlying areas and does not represent existing community identities;
* Creates two very different town council wards which will result in two classes of town councillor and levels of representation and will make councillor recruitment extremely difficult; and
* Creates divisions which are not representative of the people or the place.

I fully support an alternative proposal which creates two Cornwall Council divisions by dividing the two parishes on an east–west axis creating a northern division based upon the existing Gwithian Ward (GGPC) and Hayle North (HTC) and a southern one by combining the existing Gwinear Ward (GGPC) with Hayle South (HTC).

This alternative proposal:

* Creates two divisions equal in size with similar geography;
* Preserves existing communities; and
* Enables the parish elections to be based broadly on current electoral wards.

There have been submissions based on this principle.

I ask you to think again, reconsider the other proposal and create two more equal and fairer divisions that actually represent the true identity of these parishes.

Yours faithfully