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Boundary Commission for England
35 Great Smith Street
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Dear Sirs

**Re: Boundary Commission for England – Review
Yorkshire and the Humber**

As requested in your recent boundary change notification papers, Hedon Town Council has considered the impacts of the proposals in detail. We wish to comment as far as the matter relates to the Ward of South West Holderness (SWH) being taken into the Hull East Constituency, and how that would impact on the market town of Hedon.

Firstly, this is not the first, nor presumably the last time that such a proposal has been considered by the Boundaries Commission. As in our previous responses, this Council and many of our residents have fears over how this change would adversely impact on our Town and the entire area of this Ward.

This Council unanimously supported the opinion of the local residents in a major East Riding referendum held in 2014. The final vote was that 75% of the qualifying residents participated, being around 50,000 people, at both sides of the city. Of those, 96.5% said 'No' when asked the question 'Do you want to live in an expanded city of Hull'.

The residents of SWH had spoken in no uncertain terms. That was their opinion at the time and nothing has changed to alter their decision. They, and this Council, fully concur. We do not want, in any way, to be considered as part of the City of Hull, whether that be in a political or a geographic way.

We in SWH appreciate the benefits of living in this beautiful rural Ward and wish it to stay that way. Many, who were originally Hull residents, chose to come to Hedon to enjoy a country environment. Once here they did not move back.

For many years this region as a whole has been contained within the rural Constituency of Beverley and Holderness and our residents wish it to remain a country area incorporating our historic town.

The number of residents of our Ward of South West Holderness is very thinly spread yet we occupy an area considerably larger than the existing East Hull constituency. Since 2011, when we objected to a similar previous proposal, the Ward of SWH has changed considerably, but not for the better.

The expansion plans of the City of Hull have benefitted by virtue of two major planning approvals in the last few years. An area of 453 Acres, which admittedly had been 'Allocated for Industry' in the 2016 Local Plan, was approved for development. It is to be an extension of the City's dockland estate. Please note, however, that this extension is entirely in SWH. It brings industry right up to Hedon's boundaries, and the farmland that used to keep us separate from the city, will be gone forever.

Additionally, just across the main road into Hull, another area of 200 Acres was approved as an 'Energy Park' to include a Gas Fired Power Plant and other industrial uses. This site however was NOT allocated in the Local Plan. Importantly it constitutes the only remaining buffer zone between the two communities of Hull and Hedon, and provided protection from the city's industry. The rural benefits of living in SWH are already under threat by these proposed developments.

Having considered the various issues involved, Hedon Town Council wishes to register that it is completely opposed to the area of SWH being taken into and becoming part of the Hull East Constituency.

We understand you are looking to have alternative rearrangements to consider. A much more acceptable arrangement is made by transferring sections of the Hull North Constituency and Bilton into Hull East. They are already contiguous with the existing constituency and have an urban feel. They have far more in common with Hull East than our Ward would ever have.

Please will you acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm that the contents will be noted.

Yours faithfully

Judith Macklin
Hedon Town Clerk