



To Parish/Town Council Chairmen and Clerks

Your ref:

Our ref: BD:hm

Date: 17 October 2011

Dear Chairman/Clerk

Parliamentary Constituencies Review

As you are probably aware, the Boundary Committee for England (BCE) is currently conducting a review of the parliamentary constituencies with an objective to reduce the number of MP's. The BCE's initial proposals have recently been published and in our particular area (Eastern Region) the proposals would mean that Central Bedfordshire would be represented by 6 MP's rather than the existing 4.

In formulating its proposals the BCE has, with the exception of only one area in the South West which will be wholly contained within Central Bedfordshire, effectively shared the remaining parts of the Council's area to our neighbouring constituencies without any apparent regard to the existing communities within our Towns and parishes.

At a meeting of the Council's General Purposes Committee on the 6th October it was resolved to put forward an alternative proposal and therefore our purpose in contacting you is for you to consider our alternative (draft submission enclosed) and seek your Council's views.

The report to the GP committee, together with the BCE's proposals, can be found at <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=617&MId=3725&Ver=4>

An early reply would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully

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