

St. Columb Major Town Council

Town Clerk

Mike Uren

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Town Mayor

Cllr Paul Wills

Letter to all Councillors , St Wenn Parish Council and Withiel Parish Council

Dear Fellow Councillor

I write to you following a meeting held on Tuesday the 28th of November at the Shire Hall Bodmin of the Cornwall Council Electoral Review Panel chaired by Cllr Malcolm Brown and Cllr Dick Cole, where proposed changes to the electoral division boundaries were discussed for the Bodmin, Wadebridge, Newquay and St Columb Major areas. As you may be aware the number of Cornwall Councillors will be reduced from 123 to 87 at the next elections in 2021.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) will deliver its findings and recommendations to parliament in October 2018 and it's vital we all have a say on the size and shape of the new divisions. At the meeting in Bodmin it was suggested that the new division for St Columb Major (which currently comprises the parishes of St Columb Major and St Wenn) could be altered to include St Mawgan Parish and part of Newquay Parish, which would be Watergate Bay and Whipsiderry. This is due to the fact that the number of electors for each division should be in the region of 4,647 – 5,679. However it was further suggested that it might be better to extend the electoral division southwards and include Withiel Parish and drop the areas in Newquay, as Withiel and St Wenn are very similar in size and share resources such as the school at St Wenn. The number of electors for Withiel is roughly the same as for two areas of Newquay. I write to ask you for your opinion on this second proposal and that of your parish council. Cllr Dick Cole suggested to me at the meeting that this could work in terms of numbers of electorate and that if Withiel Parish Council and St Wenn Parish Council agreed they should write with their views ASAP to Cornwall Council and the LGBCE. Please find enclosed the handout given to all those who attended the meeting to give you the addresses you need to email or write with your suggestions. It might be that you think that the idea is a no go and that's fine, but unless we act now to give our views a solution to the boundaries question will be imposed upon us.

Yours sincerely



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