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11 April 2017

Dear Ms Lund,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF RIBBLE VALLEY: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Ribble Valley. Today is the start of a ten-week public consultation on the Commission's draft recommendations on new ward boundaries across Ribble Valley Borough Council.

The consultation closes on 19 June 2017.

View the draft recommendations

You can view the Commission's draft recommendations at https://www.lgbce.org.uk where you can find interactive maps, a report and guidance on how to have your say. The Commission has not finalised its conclusions and now invites representations on the draft recommendations.

Enclosed with this letter is a summary outlining the Commission's draft recommendations and a copy of the letter sent to the Chief Executive of Ribble Valley Borough Council. An interactive map of the Commission's recommendations for Ribble Valley, 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 https://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 borough councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the borough.

- That the pattern of wards should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities.

Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 14th Floor, Millbank Tower, Millbank, London, SW1P 4QP  
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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 19 June 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:
  Review Officer (Ribble Valley)
  Local Government Boundary Commission for England
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  Millbank Tower
  Millbank
  London
  SW1P 4QP

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 (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.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Marshal Scott  
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11 April 2017  

Dear Mr Scott,  

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF RIBBLE VALLEY: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS  

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has opened a public consultation on its draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements for Ribble Valley.  

The consultation opens today (11 April 2017) and closes on 19 June 2017.  

The draft recommendations propose that 40 borough councillors should be elected to Ribble Valley Borough Council in future. The recommendations also propose new electoral ward boundaries across the borough.  

Once the Commission has considered all the responses to the consultation, we aim to publish final recommendations in September 2017. We will then lay a draft order in both Houses of Parliament under the negative resolution procedure. Subject to parliamentary scrutiny, the new electoral arrangements are scheduled to come into effect at the borough elections in 2019.  

All information relating to the draft recommendations is available on our website. The Commission’s report on its draft recommendations can also be found at: http://www.lgbce.org.uk. In addition, hard copies of the report and accompanying map will be dispatched to the council shortly.  

Interactive maps of the proposals are also posted on the Commission’s consultation portal at: https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk. The portal also allows visitors to submit comments and alternative proposals.  

Publicising the consultation  

The Commission will shortly dispatch hard copies of the recommendations to the council for distribution to local information points. In the meantime, I would be grateful if you could bring the consultation to the attention of elected members.  

We have also provided information on the draft recommendations directly to local councils and community organisations as well as notifying local press and media.
I would be grateful if you could also take steps to bring the consultation to the attention of the public and interested parties. Please include details of the consultation:

- On your website;
- Promote the consultation through social media and;
- Use any other channels you would normally employ to engage residents in local consultations (newsletters, press releases, publications etc.)

The Commission would be happy to provide information and/or copy to help you promote the consultation locally.

**Draft recommendations**

The Commission considered all the submissions it received in the previous stages of the review before drawing up the draft recommendations.

We have sought to balance the criteria we must follow when drawing up recommendations, namely:

- To deliver electoral equality where each borough councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the borough.
- 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.

The Commission will consider all representations made on the draft recommendations and has an open mind about amending the scheme if an alternative pattern of wards would better meet the statutory criteria above.

It is also important for respondents to the consultation to indicate where and why they support the draft recommendations.


Our website includes information about previous electoral reviews of borough councils where you can see how the Commission came to its conclusions and how other counties, districts and parishes responded to consultations on draft recommendations.

As ever, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the consultation.
Correspondence and enquiries

Correspondence relating to the review – and consultation responses - should be addressed to:

Review Officer (Ribble Valley)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
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Millbank Tower
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London
SW1P 4QP

Email: reviews@lgbce.org.uk

Responses to the consultation can also be made directly through our specialist consultation portal: https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk.

Further information on electoral reviews can also be found at our main website at: www.lgbce.org.uk.

Your direct contacts for the review:

David Owen, Review Officer, with specific responsibility for the day-to-day running of the review.

Richard Buck, Review Manager, leads the team dealing with this and other electoral reviews.

I am copying this letter to the organisations and individuals listed below.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Jolyon Jackson CBE
Chief Executive
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cc
MPs and MEPS with constituency interests in Ribble Valley
Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire
East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group
Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service
Parish and Town Councils in Ribble Valley
Local Organisations in Ribble Valley
Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements
for Ribble Valley Borough Council

Summary report
Read the full report, view detailed maps and have your say at: consultation.lgbce.org.uk
Find out more at: www.lgbce.org.uk
Follow us on Twitter at: @LGBCE

Who we are
The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body set up by Parliament. We are not part of government or any political party. We are accountable to Parliament through a committee of MPs chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons.

Our main role is to carry out electoral reviews of local authorities throughout England.

Electoral review
An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority. A local authority’s electoral arrangements are:

- The total number of councillors representing the council’s voters (‘council size’).
- The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
- The number of councillors representing each ward or division.

Why Ribble Valley?
We are conducting an electoral review of Ribble Valley to deliver improved levels of electoral equality for local voters.

Ribble Valley has high levels of electoral inequality where some councillors represent many more or many fewer voters than others. This means that the value of your vote varies depending on where you live in the borough.

Our proposals
Ribble Valley Borough Council currently has 40 councillors. We propose that the council should continue to have 40 councillors in future.

Electoral arrangements
Our draft recommendations propose that Ribble Valley’s 40 councillors should represent 12 one-councillor wards and 14 two-councillor wards across the borough.

You have until 19 June 2017 to have your say on the recommendations

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**Summary of our recommendations**

We have considered all the representations received in response to our request for warding proposals.

Our draft recommendations propose that Ribble Valley’s 40 councillors should represent 12 one-councillor wards and 14 two-councillor wards across the borough.

An outline of the proposals is shown in the map to the right of this box. A detailed report on the recommendations and interactive mapping is available on our website at: www.lgbce.org.uk.

The Commission welcomes comments on these draft recommendations whether you support the proposals or if you wish to put forward alternative arrangements. In particular, the Commission welcomes proposals for alternative boundaries or ward names which meet the criteria we must follow as part of electoral reviews and which are described in more detail over the page.

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**Overview of draft recommendations for**

View this map online and draw your own boundaries: consultation.lgbce.org.uk

Follow the review on Twitter: @LGBCE

If you are viewing this page online, click on the map to go straight to our interactive consultation area.

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**Have your say at consultation.lgbce.org.uk**

- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- draw your own boundaries online.
- zoom into the areas that interest you most.
- find more guidance on how to have your say.
- read the full report of our recommendations.
- send us your views directly.
Helping you to have your say:

We are now consulting local people on a new pattern of wards for Ribble Valley. The Commission has an open mind about its final recommendations and will consider every piece of evidence it receives from local groups and people. Every representation will be considered, regardless of whom it is from or whether it relates to the whole borough or just a part of it.

If you agree with our recommendations, please let us know. If you don’t think our recommendations are right for Ribble Valley, we want to hear alternative proposals for a different pattern of wards.

The Commission aims to propose a pattern of wards for Ribble Valley which delivers:

- **Electoral equality:** each councillor represents a similar number of voters.
- **Community identity:** reflects the identity and interests of local communities.
- **Effective and convenient local government:** helping your council discharge its responsibilities effectively.

A good pattern of wards should:

- Provide good electoral equality, with each councillor representing, as closely as possible, the same number of voters.
- Reflect community interests and identities and include evidence of community links.
- Be based on strong, easily identifiable boundaries.
- Help the council deliver effective and convenient local government.

**Electoral equality:**

- Does your proposal mean that councillors would represent roughly the same number of voters as elsewhere in the council area?

**Community identity:**

- **Transport links:** are there good links across your proposed ward? Is there any form of public transport?
- **Community groups:** is there a parish council, residents association or another group that represents the area?
- **Facilities:** does your pattern of wards reflect where local people go for shops, medical services, leisure facilities etc.?
- **Interests:** what issues bind the community together or separate it from other parts of your area?
- **Identifiable boundaries:** are there natural or constructed features which make strong boundaries for your proposals?

**Effective local government:**

- Are any of the proposed wards too large or small to be represented effectively?
- Are the proposed names of the wards appropriate?

**Useful tips:**

- Our website has a special consultation area where you can explore the maps and draw your own proposed boundaries. You can find it at [consultation.lgbc.org.uk](http://consultation.lgbc.org.uk).
- We publish all submissions we receive on our website so you can follow what other people and organisations have told us. Go to: [www.lgbc.org.uk](http://www.lgbc.org.uk)

Have your say by writing to:

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The full report and interactive maps are available to view at [www.lgbc.org.uk](http://www.lgbc.org.uk)

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Longridge Towneley Gardens – Working Party

Application For Additional Financial Support

Longridge Towneley Gardens

Version 0.0: 15/04/2017
Presented by: Longridge Towneley Gardens Working Party
Request for financial support

The Longridge Towneley Gardens working party would like to request financial support from Longridge Town Council to the sum of £8,000

Purpose for which financial support is requested:

The financial support is required to enable the complete transformation to the entrance of the Towneley Gardens and to enable the completion of this stage of the project.

Please find the following case study, costings, objectives and evidence that will support the request for the additional £8,000
SWOT analysis of the project with reference to the additional requirement of funds

Strengths

The working party have successfully sourced funding for this stage of the project to the amount of £17,500
Longridge Town Council - £8,000
Tesco - £8,000
CLOG - £1,000
Duchy of Lancaster - £750

The working party have also successfully sourced sponsorship by suppliers to the amount of Derek Fox’s £500 of bark
Advanced print solutions - £200 reduced (reflected in costing’s)
Sam Booth designs - £100 reduced (reflected in costing’s)

This stage of the project will completely transform both the look and safety of the Towneley gardens
The tree works are completed
The designs are completed
The archway structure is complete and is currently being powder coated
The gardens will be a free, inclusive area available to the whole community
All suppliers are in place and materials are sourced
The archway will be focal show piece which will be a legacy structure that celebrates Longridge Town Council and the community of Longridge and its heritage and history

See below for the additional benefits of the project for both Longridge Town Council and the community of Longridge

Weakness

To complete this stage of the project we have a current shortfall of £7426
As a result of the public consultation and issues with health and safety the project has been developed from the original brief

The original approximate cost of the archway was £4,000. Due to concerns from the group due to current issue with community vandalism the archway had to be completely redesigned to ensure that it was both anti-climb and is coated with anti-vandal paint. Due to developments to the archway the structure had to be ‘beefed up’ which not only incurs more costs but also requires far deeper installations and anchors. Thus the agreed cost of the completed archway is £10,323

The original York stone at the entrance to the Towneley gardens was a feature that the original design incorporated. Upon inspection it was discovered that many of the stones were broken, uneven, were a tripping hazard and a slip hazard. Removal of the stones will incur costs that were unforeseen but will enable the whole entrance to be level with one non slip easy to maintain material
Opportunities

Should we be successful at being awarded funding to the value of £8,000 we will be able to complete this stage of the project by the 9th of June.

The Towneley gardens does have the scope could be future developed in the future, however the additional funding will enable the gardens to be at a stage where if no further work is ever carried out then the gardens have already delivered on the original outcomes and benefits of the project brief.

Threats

If we are unable to complete the project by the 9th June we will be unable to access the completion grant from Tesco worth £2,000. We have currently been awarded £8,000 with £2,000 held back until the project is complete at this stage.

If we are unsuccessful at being awarded the funds the project will be in a position were we will be unable to commission the Landscaping and paving to be carried out. The project area will therefore have the broken, uneven, trip and slip hazards of the original stone.
How the project can benefit to Longridge Town Council

The gardens will provide a legacy project for the Town Council that the people of the community will benefit from for many years, it is a tangible improvement that will give a positive impression of the Town Council and the community.

The gardens will promote sustainable transport, recreation and exercise and will contain a health walk and information about the Longridge heritage trail.

Economic improvements to the Town – Could include an increased number of visitors to the Town. Local members of the community having improved access to the high street and local businesses using sustainable transport.

Contribution towards reducing crime and antisocial behaviour – the community will have a sense of pride and engage with schools, young people services and extended schools – Duke of Edinburgh scheme to encourage environmental volunteer programs for young people.

Role in encouraging cultural, social and community cohesion – the whole community can be involved in the project and the every member of the community could benefit from the project.

The purpose of the re-development of the gardens and how the project benefits the residents of Longridge:

The Longridge Towneley gardens project has a number of key objectives and multiple benefits for the community.

The gardens will provide an inclusive interest in the heart of the community that families, individuals, community groups, schools etc can access and experience a number of benefits.

The gardens can community can forge community ownership and community spirit – such as provide volunteer opportunities for planting projects for all with raised beds providing inclusive access.

Community gardens provide a healthy and inexpensive activity that can be enjoyed by all, it can bring families together, is dementia friendly, can encourage young people to also be involved.

The gardens will provide an area for families, individuals, older people, working people to have an area to sit, relax and enjoy lunch, chat, make new friends or picnic.

Positive impact on physical and mental health – the proposed project has a number of health and wellbeing improvements including – measurable health benefits, providing direct contact.
with nature and a cleaner environment, opportunities for physical activity and social interaction

Benefits for children and young people – The Geocaches treasure hunts can also be developed to encourage families to be more active and spend quality time together

Benefits for older people – the proposed project is on the doorstep of two areas of sheltered accommodation and close to a number of older people’s residents. Older people will have access to a the beautiful gardens, safe and level walking paths, mature trees and the opportunity to socialize and take part in volunteer projects

Significant environmental and biodiversity benefits – The improved plant life will in turn attract new wildlife and bird species

Costing’s for this stage of the re-development

The additional funding support will make up the short fall and enable the project completion

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**FUNDING SOURCES**

| LTC                         | £8,000 |
| Tescos                      | £8,000 |
| CLOG                        | £1,000 |
| Duchy of Lancaster          | £750   |
| **Shortfall**               | **£7,426** |
REPORT TO COUNCIL

22 JUNE 2016

PARKING ENFORCEMENT - ENFORCEMENT SOLUTIONS

Content of an email sent to Cllr Swarbrick:

I am now pleased to attached our revised ‘Total Solution’ presentation a service which is becoming increasingly popular with Council’s because pretty much caters for every aspect of the service process, save for physical patrolling, thus saving the Council time and money across a number of departments.

How the model works?

Essentially we deploy officers to enforce environmental legislation on behalf of the Council using powers under both EPA 1990 and CNEA 2005. In addition and because our officers are highly trained, they also have the competency and technology at their disposal to cross into some aspects of parking and highway enforcement, I’ve attached the full list of penalty notices for your perusal.

Officers patrol designated areas and issue Fixed Penalty Notices to offenders who choose not to respect the environment and in doing so the law, these most relate to litter and dog fouling offences.

The cost of the deployment is then recovered through FPN’s discharged (paid), which generally is sufficient to cover the service costs and create a surplus which we split 50/50 with the Council.

However, as we discussed many Council’s simply don’t have the footfall to support the service we offer. Because we’re constantly receiving enquiries from smaller council’s many of whom are seeing an increase in environmental crime we created a new financial model that ensures members and officers can deploy us and do so in a way that remains far more cost effective than providing a dedicated service in-house.

This bespoke model means we cap the cost of deploying, and where there’s a shortfall in FPN’s recovered the Council fill the gap, if this provides a surplus then as alluded to above this is shared.

We took the view that as long as our core principals and objectives are met, namely to working with our partner Council’s to reduce environmental crime and to roll out a creative program that educates communities so they respect their local environment, then we need to address our business model so it’s available to all and with the new model now deployed, we seem to be meeting the brief whether you are Birmingham or West Somerset (these being the largest and smallest Council jurisdictions in the UK).

I would be very pleased to discuss this further and if you wish, I can arrange for my Regional Director to visit you.

Kind regards  Paul Buttivant  Managing Director  Mob: 07973 114590

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