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Mr G Ennis
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Dear Gary

I'm writing on behalf of the Members of Coity Higher Community Council in respect of the Local Boundary Review and in particular its impact on our council. We've been advised that the community boundaries are a matter for BCBC, not the local government boundary review panel.

The council expressed its concerns during the consultation period and directly to the Minister, following the final report. Although we had several concerns regarding the BCBC boundaries, our primary concern was, and still is, regarding the community boundaries and the disparity between each one.

At present Coity, Litchard and Pendre have 2, 5 & 4 Councillors respectively, despite Coity now being the most populous ward. We are concerned that this was not addressed within the boundary review. We are further concerned that any delay to implementation due to COVID-19 may result in the status quo being maintained into the 2022 Local Government elections. This would be unfair and leave the residents of the Coity ward under-represented.

It is the council's view that regardless of what happens at BCBC level, where the proposal is to create a single Coity Higher ward, the 3 community wards should be maintained, but re-balanced to reflect the population as it is projected to be in May 2022.

The council is also of the view that due to the considerable development that's taken place in Coity Higher, that this is a unique case within BCBC that requires particular attention.

I look forward to receiving your response on this matter so that I can report back to our Members at our next meeting on 10th December 2020.

Yours sincerely



Ann C. ~~Harris~~
Clerk to the Council/
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