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The Electoral Review of Cornwall
The Boundary Committee
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Dear Sir,

Germoe Parish Council has actively followed the discussions concerning the creation of the new unitary authority for Cornwall and the ramifications arising from this. From the start one of the fundamental concerns was the potential lack of representation and approachability that might occur if the number of elected councillors was reduced. At present, those who live in the more rural areas of Cornwall have the ability to contact their local elected representative, who will usually understand the unique problems of the area they represent. With a reduced number of elected representatives, and each one representing a far wider physical area and greater number of electors, we feel this essential local accountability and representation will be eroded. The Council realises that it is highly likely that there will be fewer elected councillors under the new system and strongly urges that both when setting the number of councillors and the areas they will represent, the very important local needs of the rural areas of the County are not prejudiced by a more urban electorate.

Germoe Parish Councillors would therefore recommend that the Boundary Committee should look towards the appointment of a greater number of elected members than that which pertains at present.

Yours faithfully,



C.F.P.Chapman
(Clerk to the Council)