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Dear John

COMMENTS ON ELECTORAL REVIEW FOR THE RESTORMEL AREA

In my position as the group leader of Mebyon Kernow, I cannot support the proposal as presently suggested by Restormel Borough Council (RBC) for our area. In particular, we object to the subdivision of Treverbyn Parish into five separate divisions. I would be grateful if you could add my comments to whatever is put forward by this Council.

The MK group is happy with the proposals of the Implementation Executive (IE) for the Newquay area (5 seats) and we have no firm views on what is best for Crantock, St Mawgan and Colan. We recognise that the proposals from RBC and the IE both have merit and hope that the wishes of the parishes themselves will take precedence.

We welcome the fact that St Columb will be a single division, though it would not be inappropriate for St Wenn to be linked to the town.

As the Implementation Executive is committed to a series of Community Network Areas, we feel that it is important that divisions which will be clustered to serve local areas have a real community of interest.

One example of this would be the China Clay Area (the five parishes of St Dennis, St Enoder, Roche, St Stephen and Treverbyn) for which a distinct regeneration strategy is presently being prepared. It makes total sense that there should be a distinctive Area Network to serve this block of parishes.

We suggest that it could be subdivided thus - including one two-seat ward.

China Clay Area	19,819 (5.92 seats)	6 seats as below
<u>St Enoder</u>	3,627 (1.08 seats)	1 seat
<u>St Dennis (plus Nanpean, Treviscoe and Whitemoor from St Stephen Parish)</u>		
	3659 (1.08% seats)	1 seat
<u>Roche</u>	2794 (0.84% seats)	1 seat
<u>St Stephen (inc. Foxhole, Lanjeth, High Street, Coombe)</u>		
	3,885 (1.16 seats)	1 seat
<u>Treverbyn</u>	5,824 (1.74 seats)	2 seat ward

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The only alternative we can come up with while maintaining the integrity of the China Clay parishes would be for the Roche and St Dennis areas as follows.

St Dennis (plus Nanpean and Treviscoe)

3,281 (0.98% seats) 1 seat

Roche (plus Whitemoor)

3,172 (0.95% seats) 1 seat

We would however prefer to argue for a small Roche ward to keep the bits of St Stephen in only two wards.

As a group we note that Grampound would be linked to parishes presently situated in Carrick which is the wish of the Parish Council and therefore has our support.

We also support the proposed divisions for St Mewan and St Ewe and St Michael Caerhays, St Goran and Mevagissey as proposed by both RBC and the IE

We support the creation of a Lostwithiel, Lanlivery and Luxulyan division as proposed by RBC in preference to that put forward by the IE.

We have no objections to the IE's proposals for St Austell and the southern part of the Borough (seat nos 78-82 and 83) which are better than those suggested by Restormel.

We also have no objections to the IE's proposals for St Blaise, Tywardreath & Par, and Fowey (seat nos 85, 86 and 87) though we would suggest that St Sampson might also continue to be linked to Fowey.

Thank you.



Group Leader

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