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The Cornwall Unitary Authority Review
Boundary Committee for England
Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street
LONDON SW1P 2HW-

25th March 2008

Dear Sir,

UNITARY AUTHORITY ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CORNWALL

I am writing to you in my dual capacity as a Kerrier District Councillor since 1999, and a County Councillor since 2001, elected to represent the five Parishes in the Electoral Division of Constantine, namely Budock Water, Constantine, Gweek, Mabe and Mawnan Smith, with an electoral roll of approximately 5000 eligible voters.

Whilst I consider I can cover the day to day demands of a dual-hatted Councillor, I have been fortunate to work closely with my remaining two District Councillors in helping resolve community issues in my Electoral Division.

Each of the five Parishes is keen to retain their rural identity and would not look to being absorbed with either the nearest towns of Falmouth or Helston; the Parishes are mutually supportive and share common concerns and are proud of their community identities. Whilst sparsely populated over a relatively large geographic area, the common denominators of small farms, quarrying, light industry and tourism, provide a common bond. (I enclose a County Council map of the Constantine Electoral Division to illustrate).

I am currently on call seven days a week, at all hours – it is a vocation, and I derive satisfaction of being able to assist members of the five communities, whether that is at a local level or at the County/District level. I have set aside a room in my house as an office, furnished and equipped to help me carry out my role. With the demise of the local District Authority and the consequent loss of three Councillors, coupled with the inevitable increase in workload, I am concerned that as a single Councillor for the Unitary Authority, I will find it difficult to apportion my time between the community needs and the new Council requirements.

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I see my principal duty directed to the community needs and to those who elected me; I consider the Unitary Authority needs may have to take second place – unlike at present, where I feel I have achieved a fair balance.

I honestly believe that the Constantine Electoral Division should remain in its current form, and that our Unitary Councillor could cover its needs – just!

Yours faithfully,

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Neil Hatton