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Dear Sir,

Cornwall Electoral Review

I have contacted you 3 times so far over the Electoral Review. It is a relief that we have got so far after a very poor start. I have the following observations to make: The submission from the One Cornwall Implementation Executive is a compromise of many interests and represents a majority view of the best position, albeit with many caveats, in the present circumstances. I was therefore happy to endorse it.

The 130 councillor figure looks a lot but I firmly believe that the Council needs this number to keep in touch at local level. I was somewhat surprised by the original version which was split into groups of divisions. Not good locally but certainly more elegant. I do accept that if the numbers simply refuse to add up then in order to maintain the whole, the odd anomaly must be accepted.

I have not had any input into the Conservative submission but I would commend it particularly as a viable alternative at this stage giving a useful variation as it begins in the East unlike the IE submission which begins in the west.

The district submissions have been impressive. I would particularly commend Penwith. If it is true that they have done a whole County version then I shall enjoy reading it.

In my own district of Carrick I would endorse concerns about Penryn having too few electors, the split in St Agnes Parish and the various versions of my current division Feock and Kea. Cllr Chamberlain's version of incorporating St Clement Parish with Kea and Chacewater is by far the best alternative. This is one piece of originality that addresses some of the fundamentals of the new Council such as community networks. Kea and St Clement represent the upper reaches of the Fal and Truro Rivers which have enormous potential. All 3 represent an outer ring of parishes directly related to but also needing mutual protection from the City of Truro. St Clement could do worse than be part of this division.

Yours sincerely
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