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Dear Madam

Unitary Authority Electoral Review of Cornwall

I refer to correspondence received on the above subject and herewith respond on behalf of Lansallos Parish Council.

Community Identity

The Parish of Lansallos has 1375 electors, the majority of which reside in the village of Polperro and its immediate environs. The Parish is currently part of the Duloe, Lansallos and Pelynt Ward of Caradon District Council and also part of the Lanreath Ward of Cornwall County Council. The Parish is represented by two District Councillor's and one County Councillor. The Parliamentary constituency is South East Cornwall.

The Parish forms part of the South Cornwall Heritage Coast and is situated within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Most of the lower village of Polperro is within a Conservation Area.

The Parish comprises 4776 acres of land and is bounded to the north by Pelynt, to the east by Looe, to the west by Lanteglos and Lanreath and to the south by the sea. The parish name means "Church site of unknown name" and there are references to settlements in Lansallos dating back to the Domesday Book.

The number of people living in the parish was first recorded in the census of 1801 when the population was 847. The figure increased to 884 by 1831 and then dropped to its lowest at 568 at the time of the 1921 census. No census was carried out in 1941 due to the Second World War but by the date of the next in 1951 the population had leapt to 1504. This is partially accounted for by the abolition of the Talland civil parish in 1934 when the area was distributed between the parishes of Looe and Lansallos. The parish population reached its peak in 1991 when 1623 persons were recorded. By 2001 the figure had dropped back to 1584.

A number of settlements within the parish date back to the 11th century and there are Stone and Bronze Age remains on the hillside above Polperro. The fishing village itself dates back to the 13th century and originally belonged to the ancient Raphael Manor, also mentioned in the Domesday Book.

Whilst still maintaining a small commercial fishing fleet, the modern day Polperro is sustained almost exclusively through tourism and it is described by many as 'the jewel in Caradon's crown'.

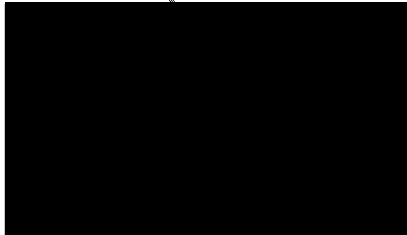
Parish amenities are centred on Polperro and include a post office, newsagent, convenience store, bakery, pharmacy and doctor's surgery. The majority of parishioners will often use facilities provided at neighbouring towns of which Looe is the closest.

It is the view of this Parish Council that any review involving boundaries for the new Unitary Authority for Cornwall should take into account the close affinity existing between Looe and Polperro and a partnership within the same ward would further strengthen ties to the benefit of both.

Number of Councillors

It is the view of this Parish Council that 'less is more' and members recommend a maximum of 120 councillors within the new authority.

Yours faithfully



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