

The
Local Government
Boundary Commission
for England

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25 May 2011

Dear Mr Cullinan

Principal Area Boundary Review – Lancaster and Wyre

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is considering its current work programme with regard to principal area boundary reviews (PABRs). These are reviews in which changes to the boundary between principal authorities are considered and recommendations made to the Secretary of State under section 8 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Across the country there are a number of anomalous boundaries that the Commission is seeking to address where there is local support for a change. These range from minor anomalies to significant changes affecting thousands of electors. The LGBCE is currently considering the anomalies that it has a record of.

I enclose a copy of correspondence from a resident of Wyre Borough who requests that the boundary between Wyre and Lancaster is amended and accordingly invite your views on the desirability of a review in this area.

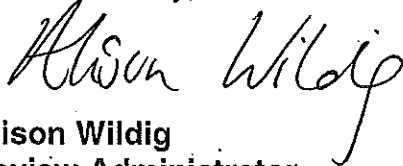
The Minister for Local Government has said 'where any recommended boundary change is agreed by all the principal authorities concerned, the Secretary of State will implement it, providing there is clear evidence that it represents value for money, and public support for it has been robustly demonstrated'.

Accordingly, we will not seek to start such a review without the support of both Wyre Borough Council and Lancaster City Council and I am writing in similar terms to Wyre.

We have published guidance on the conduct of Principal Area Boundary Reviews, which is available on our website www.lgbce.org.uk which you may find helpful.

I look forward to receiving your views on this matter and would be happy to discuss the issues initially on the phone if that would be helpful.

Yours sincerely,



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31 May 2007

Dear [Redacted]

The Boundary Commission forwarded us your e-mail dated 1 May 2007 to Jim Corry at Wyre Borough Council regarding the boundary between Wyre and Lancaster.

The boundary between Wyre and Lancaster can only be amended by a Principal Area Boundary Review (PABR). At the moment the Boundary Committee have no plans to carry out a PABR of Wyre or Lancaster. We will, however, keep your comments on file should a PABR be conducted.

Please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

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Cc Jim Corry, Wyre Borough Council

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Jim Corry CPFA
MANAGING DIRECTOR

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Your Ref:

Please ask for Verena Henderson

Date: 17 May 2007

Email: vhenderson@wyrebc.gov.uk

Dear Sir,

I enclose a copy of an email from one of our residents concerning the recent district elections.

I would be grateful if you could respond directly to her as I have already replied.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

Managing Director

Encl. Copy of email from Ms. [REDACTED] Dolphinholme, Lancashire.

Corry, Jim

From: Barton, Verena
Sent: 01 May 2007 15:35
To: Corry, Jim
Subject: FW: FAO James Corry[Scanned]

*Verena Barton
PA to Managing Director and Leader
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-----Original Message-----

From: Swann, Lynne **On Behalf Of** Centre, Contact
Sent: 01 May 2007 10:26
To: Barton, Verena
Subject: FW: FAO James Corry[Scanned]

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From: [REDACTED]
Posted At: 30 April 2007 10:07
Posted To: MailRoom
Conversation: FAO James Corry[Scanned]
Subject: FAO James Corry[Scanned]

Dear Mr Corry

I am a Wyre Borough Council resident, living in Lower Dolphinholme, one of a very small number of Dolphinholme properties which falls under Nether Wyresdale / Wyresdale / Wyre, as opposed to the majority of our village which falls under Ellel / Lancaster City Council.

I wish to complain about the fact that we are governed by Wyre and not by Lancaster and the lack of attention we receive from your Borough.

I am conscious that there are local elections this Thursday but the only canvassing we have received is from a liberal democrat candidate for Ellel, whose team must have mistakenly but understandably assumed that we were part of Ellel. We have received no communiques from either of the two candidates for Wyresdale Ward.

It is quite clear that we are not considered to be consequential by Wyre Borough Council nor by the people who wish to be our elected representatives. The people of all of Dolphinholme, not just 95% of it, feel part of Lancaster and not part of Poulton. We all wish to walk to our polling station, not just 95% of us. It is not right nor sensical that the small number of us who live on the wrong side of the River Wyre must drive to Scorton, a village with which we have no particular affinity or connection.

Wyre empties our bins and takes away our recycling, which is good and your conservation and planning officers deal with any building issues that arise. But that is the end of it. It is non-sensical that the Wyre / Lancaster boundary line doesn't skirt around our village boundary, rather than rigidly following the line of the River.

The lack of interest from the two electoral candidates simply reinforces this anomaly.


I am passionately interested in politics, at both a local and a national level and I always vote ... but this year I

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am minded to spoil my ballot paper since it is quite clear that the only choice I have is between two people who are not interested in me, my family or our village.

I would be grateful if you would give this note serious consideration, pass its sentiments on to the Boundaries Commission and pass it on Dr Hesketh and Ms Ronson. One of them might have had two votes from my household, not to mention the other householders in Lower Dolphinholme, many of whom I am sure will feel as I do.

Yours sincerely


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