

Community of St Arvans

St Arvans Community Council

Alan Bolton – Chair of St Arvans Community Council

May I thank you for the opportunity to make a representation to the forthcoming review of Communities and Electoral Arrangements 2012.

It is noted from the Terms of Reference that St Arvans falls into the "Mixed " category of Community Councils where the ideal Councillor/Elector ratio is c 250. Clearly with 625 Electors and 8 Councillors, the village is over -subscribed with Councillors and would mathematically be better suited to forming a Ward of a larger Community to meet the above criterion and the second criterion of a minimum of 7 Councillors per Community.

However, St Arvans is a very self-contained and succinct Community and does not naturally link geographically with any other local Community to be considered a Ward. Its Councillors are all St Arvan's residents who know the village and its residents and their needs well, and work conscientiously for the betterment of services and environmental issues within the Community.

The Community Council therefore recommends that the existing arrangements are maintained because;

- There are no costs involved.
- The numbers afford a good distribution of Councillors across the several sub-groups that manage the various responsibilities of the Council.
- All Councillors are in daily contact with other St Arvans residents and literally form part of the "Community".