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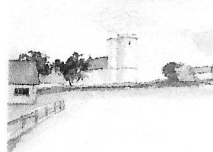
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Dear Mr Pearson

RE: Review of Communities and Electoral Arrangements, Draft Proposals Electoral Register 2014

I am writing on behalf of Portskewett and Sudbrook Community Council with regard to the above.

The Council has met and discussed the proposals at length, please find our comments below.

Firstly there are no objections to the Severn Bridge Industrial Estate being moved into the Caldicot area.

With regard to the Leechpool area, the proposed changes, which remove 4 properties from the ward to become part of Caerwent, result in quite a lot of farm land moving out of the Leechpool ward. This would leave a very staggered boundary whereas currently the land sits naturally as a block contained within just one ward with the A48 as the boundary. The proposals would require two Community Councils to oversee this block of land.

There are currently residential dwellings at St Pierre caravan site, with a potential for up to 55 in total, and these are not shown on the map. If, as we are led to believe, they are classed as permanent residents they will pay rates and be eligible to vote, so they should be included.

Lastly, with regard to the proposed reduction in members in the Sudbrook ward to one the Council does not agree. There have already been an additional 9 new dwellings built within the Sudbrook ward since the last election. There are a further 49 dwellings planned at the Old Shipyard with a further 190 dwellings possible under the LDP on the Mill Site with a potential for this to increase to 340. As Sudbrook exists currently it is too big for one member, these increases in the numbers of residents would mean that there is a need to retain two Councillors in Sudbrook.

Yours Sincerely

**Beverley Young (Mrs)
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Posted by [cllrpafox](#) January 05, 2014 at 18:44

As County Councillor for the Portskewett Electoral Division I would offer the following observations in response to the Community Boundary Review currently under consultation.

I have no real problem with the proposed boundary changes for Leechpool which do remove 4 properties from the ward that then become part of Caerwent. However the proposed changes move quite a lot of farm land out of the Leechpool ward whilst retaining farm land stretching down Crick road to the Crick flyover. So whilst the changes may make some sense from a dwelling perspective they do however mess up a block of land that currently sit naturally as a block contained within just one ward. The proposals would require two Community Councils to oversee this block of land.

The proposed changes to move the boundary of Portskewett in line with the railway line I welcome as they do move the responsibility of a large industrial estate to the Caldicot Town Council which one could argue is more appropriate than the current arrangements, but mainly would help to provide clarity over the village boundary for the future.

I don't quite understand the section 5.2 regarding Treetops and the boundary between Leechpool and Portkewett village ward, as I see it it changes little however I do need to understand it better.

I note there is a proposal to reduce the number of Cllrs for Sudbrook from two to one. With the Portskewett ED proposals recognition has only been given to the probable Crick Rd developments and those at the Ship Yard in Sudbrook, no recognition is given to the 'at least' 190 that could eventually go on the Mill and possibly 300 plus if the site owners win their appeal. The possibility of 190 was agreed by the council in its response to the initial feed back from the LDP planning inspector.

So as County Councillor I think there will be a need to retain two Community Cllrs for Sudbrook unless any future development of the Mill would be assigned to the Portskewett village ward which would not make much sense.

Cllr PA Fox