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Dear «Salute»

Proposed Ward Boundary Change Between Duxford and Whittlesford

On 28th May 2009 the Council received a request from Whittlesford Parish Council to move the parish boundary between Whittlesford and Duxford from its position along the centre of Royston Road and Station Road to the centre of the A505 bypass road. A Community Governance Review involving public consultation was carried out which resulted in the making of the South Cambridgeshire District Council (Re-Organisation of Community Governance) Order 2010 that came into effect on 1st September 2010. A copy is enclosed for your information. The effect of the Order is that residents who formerly resided in Duxford Parish now reside in Whittlesford parish.

On 12th April 2011 the Council's Electoral Arrangements Committee agreed a request by the local district council members for Whittlesford & Duxford to carry out a further Community Governance Review to seek the views of electors and other interested parties about a proposal to make a formal application to the Local Government Boundary Commission to alter the district ward boundary to bring it into line with the new parish boundary. The Committee agreed that the proposal had merit as it would eliminate possible confusion amongst electors when voting in the future. Without a change, those electors who are now in the Whittlesford Parish by virtue of the 2010 Order will remain in the Duxford Ward for District Council elections.

A proposal to alter a district ward boundary as opposed to a parish boundary must be considered by the Local Government Boundary Commission. The role of South Cambridgeshire District Council is to carry out the Review including public consultation, to consider responses and to make the application to the Commission if that is the recommendation. The process is set out in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Consequently, I have been asked to write to all householders likely to be affected by the proposal seeking your views, and anyone else who may have an interest in the review, as part of a six week consultation process. I would be grateful to receive any comments by **Friday 1st July 2010**.

The main reason for the 2009/10 parish boundary review was that the Parish Council considered that the village residents who lived on the south side of Royston Road and Station Road and those on Moorfield Road on the north side of the A505 were isolated from Duxford Parish by the A505 and felt part of Whittlesford village in reality. The parish council was also concerned about the future provision of primary school education following planning permission being granted for new housing development in the area and the potential dangers involved with children having to cross the A505 to go to school in Duxford. The 2010 Order addressed those issues by altering the parish boundary but it did not and could not alter the district ward boundary. Only the Boundary Commission can do this provided there has been full public consultation on the proposal. The Council and the Commission must be satisfied that the identities and interests of the local community are reflected and that effective and convenient local government will be secured. They will also wish to consider the practical consequences, for example for polling district reviews, of having electors possibly voting in parish council elections with one community but with a different community for district elections should the status quo be preserved.

If you do have any representations to make please would you let me have them in writing by 5pm Friday 1st July 2011 to the above address or via email to david.lord@scambs.gov.uk

Yours faithfully



David Lord
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To the Occupiers of:-

Nos.1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,12,14,16,18,20,24,26 Knights Orchard, Whittlesford, CB22 4AG

Nos.83,85,88,89,90,91 Moorfield Road, Whittlesford, CB22 4PP

Nos.1,2,3,4,5,6 Owls Close, Whittlesford, CB22 4PL

Nos.1,3,5,7,9,11,15,17,19,21,23,25 Royston Road, Whittlesford, CB22 4NW

Nos.2,2A,4,6,10,12,14,16,20,24,26,28,30,32,34,36,38 Station Road, Whittlesford, CB22 4NL

Oast House Flat, 42 Station Road, Whittlesford, CB22 4NL

Red Lion Hotel, Station Road, Whittlesford, CB22 4NL

Nos.1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,14,16,18,20 The Moraine, Whittlesford, CB22 4AH

Mike Parker, Clerk to Duxford Parish Council, 2 Mill Lane, Duxford, CB22 4PT

Ian Skellern, Clerk to Whittlesford Parish Council, Ash House, 1 Owls Close, Whittlesford, CB22 4PL

Councillor Mick Martin, Wingsfold, 17a Hunts Road, Duxford, CB22 4RE

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