

Appendix A

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Dear Mr Bridge

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Thank you for North Northamptonshire Council's submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England regarding the future size of North Northamptonshire Council. As you know, this submission was considered at the Commission's Board meeting on Tuesday 23rd August.

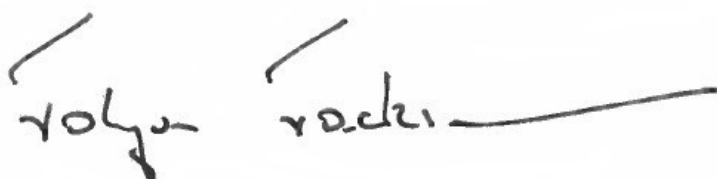
Unfortunately, the Commission did not consider that it had sufficient evidence to make a robust decision on Council Size. Specifically, the Commission was concerned about the proposal for the number of councillors to be based on projected population increases over the next decade. The Commission has never adopted a policy that there is a direct link between population changes and the number of councillors required to effectively manage the business of the Council.

Going forward, the Commission would like to invite the Council, and political groups, to submit additional evidence regarding the future size of the Council. We note that reference was made to alternative proposals from the Labour, and Alliance groupings on the Council, and we would welcome these groups providing additional evidence to support their proposals.

The Lead Commissioner for this Review, Susan Johnson OBE, is happy to meet with political Group Leaders to discuss the type of evidence that the Commission finds helpful when making decisions on Council Size. Officers from the Commission will be in touch shortly to suggest possible dates.

In terms of timescale, we would like to invite you to submit revised proposals by Friday 21st October 2022.

Yours sincerely

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