The Chief Executive

Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales
Hastings House

Fitzalan Court

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Dear Ms Williams,

**Review of Electoral Arrangements for the County Borough of Wrexham
Burton & Rossett Ward**

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* Burton has always had close community links with Rossett and this proposal would
strongly effect that feeling of community.
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 a cohesive community:

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* The proposal is contrary to Lesley Griffiths, our local AM's statements 'This
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2019 "Government cannot create communities, but we can foster environments where
these links are broadened and deepened. We want a Wales of connected
communities"
* A Councilor living in Llay, with its attendant issues could not possibly serve the Burton
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* The Commission's own report shows that on the 2023 figures the Burton Llay Ward
will have an +34% on its target ratio, simply moving the problem from Rossett to Llay
where the socio-economic factors lead to greater demand on Councilor support.

The proposal appears to be based purely on calculation of numbers with no consideration for
the impact on members of the community. In times when there's an ever-increasing need for
communities to work together this proposal would only serve to dismantle our community. For
these reasons I strongly oppose this proposal and request reconsideration to ensure the
community of Burton and Rossett are not fragmented.

Yours sincerely

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In the light of the above can you please answer the following:- 1, do you support the
recommendations and 2: what action are you taking to represent the overwhelming
opposition from the residents of both Burton and Rossett.

Yours sincerely