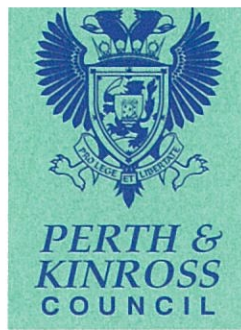


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Dear Colleagues

Boundaries Commission Proposals For Perth & Kinross Council Area

We enclose Councillor Barnacle's letter of 20/10/15 to the Commission and also his article on this subject from September 2015 Kinross CC Newsletter. These background communications major on their proposals to reduce PKC elected members from 41 to 40 by singling out Kinross-shire Ward 8 for division and reducing its Councillors from 4 to 3.

You will note the strong reaction to this proposal from PKC and the people of Kinross-shire. In response to an inquiry from Councillor Barnacle as to any update on the Commission's thinking as a result of the many representations made, their Secretary has confirmed the decision not to hold a local inquiry and that it's final recommendations will be submitted to Scottish Ministers by the end of May 2016, when the public will be made aware of any changes to the current proposal. We are sceptical that the proposals will be changed and believe this will result in a strong reaction in Kinross-shire.

Our purpose in writing to you centres on the not insignificant matter of the Scottish Parliament elections that will take place between now and the end of May 2016. Can you respond positively in support of PKC and the people of Kinross-shire who wish to see their current democratic electoral representation up at Perth maintained and their historic boundaries and identity respected and retained? We are seeking pledges from candidates and their political parties standing for election to the Scottish Parliament in May to oppose any proposal by the Local Government Boundary Commission Scotland to split Kinross-shire apart and to use any influence they may subsequently have in the new Parliament to reject same.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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