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Dear Jeff,

Thank you for your letter of 20th September and enclosed Information Sheet.

As you know my current electoral division of Priory & St Leonard's is about to be shared between three new county polling districts, Wearside & Topsham, Wonford & St Loye's and St David's & Haven Banks. I am therefore very much aware of how disruptive the new arrangements are and sympathise with your difficulties! It was clearly mad for LGBC to do the county before the city, and for the boundaries to be drawn so differently. There will inevitably be much confusion amongst the electorate with a loss of local identity and a negative impact on turn out. For political parties the problems of communication with residents are horrendous.

Anyway, I think you've done well to cope when it comes to revised arrangements for polling stations. I find nothing in your proposals with which to disagree.

However, forgive me for pointing out what appears to be an error on page 3 of the document where the Community Room at 66 Weavers Court in Shilhay is said to be in Priory & St Leonard's. It's not, it's in St David's & St James. This crops up again on page 13.

Finally, I notice on page 4 that you are willing to provide maps on request referring to 'current' polling districts. Can you supply me with a map of Exeter showing the county electoral divisions in place for the May 2017 elections? I know that a version is available online, but I very much need a hard copy and I know this would be greatly welcomed by many others.

With best wishes,

Andy

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