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Dear Community Governance Review Board

I am writing this letter to express my support for the retention of Prescot Town Council’s existing number of councillors and support the creation of three wards within the town as proposed by the Town Council.

Having read the findings / recommendations of the board with regard to the number of councillors on each council I can see no good reason for a reduction in the elected representatives. I would assume each Town within the borough has its own sense of identity, I know as a resident of Prescot that this is certainly the case for our Town. Your findings say that at total of 13 people across the borough believe there to be too many councillors on Town and Parish councils the same number believe there to be too few or just right, therefore there is no conclusive evidence for a reduction in councillors. Even if there were a majority in favour of a reduction, to base this on the response from 27 people is hardly representative of the voting population. Can you please provide me with the logic used to make this recommendation?

The advent of 750 additional homes will clearly see a considerable increase in the number of residents within the Town why after over 35 years do you think the Town will be better served by less Councillors when its population is rising?

All of the new housing development that is Prescot Park will be located in the proposed new north ward. This will create a considerable discrepancy in populations between the north and south wards. The introduction of a third ward as outlined by the Town Council would help to even up the elector to councillor ratio, furthermore as the new development is largely self-contained this would help to increase the new residents sense of belonging, soothing that is vital for building strong communities. Suitable infrastructure for voting purposes is either already in place or would need to be included as part of the development anyway, so would not prove a barrier to the requirements of democracy.

I would appreciate a response to my questions at your earliest convenience.

Yours Sincerely