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The Commissioner
Boundary Commission for Scotland
3 Drumseuch Gardens
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Dear Sirs

Proposal to Include Largo Area in the Constituency of Mid Fife and Glenrothes

I refer to the forthcoming inquiry in respect of the Holyrood Constituency Boundary which will include Largo area in the constituency of Mid Fife and Glenrothes.

While I accept that at present the Largo area is included in Ward 22, which is included in the current proposal for the constituency boundary of Mid Fife and Glenrothes it does however have to be considered whether it was appropriate to have included the Largo area within that local council ward.

The Largo area is essentially a rural community area that has strong historic and emotional links with North and East Fife. The social economic structure of the area is more akin to that of North and East Fife than it is to the urban structure of Levenmouth which sits to its west.

Largo area is in the North East Fife constituency for Westminster, to be in another constituency for the Scottish Parliament is inconsistent and potentially divisive.

It is important to the people of the Largo area that they have an elected representative at Holyrood who understands the needs of all his constituents and can represent them; this can be more readily done if there are similar cultural and socio economic structures throughout the constituency. Inclusion of the Largo area within the Mid Fife Glenrothes constituency would be tying the Largo area to an area to which it has little or no historic and socio economic links

I recognise that this would split Ward 22 as it currently stands however it is my opinion that the boundary commission must look at the needs of the people to ensure the strongest representation on their behalf and therefore must look beyond the erroneously created boundary that placed the Largo area in Ward 22. The Commission should take this opportunity and place the Largo area within the North East Fife Holyrood constituency which in turn would hopefully allow for the realignment of the Ward 22 boundary such that a consistency through all tiers of government would exist.

Yours faithfully