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Dear Sir

**Re: Parliamentary Boundary Review 2018**

Pickmere Parish Council has the following comments in relation to the proposed changes to Tatton Parliamentary Constituency boundaries.

The Parish Council objects to the proposed incorporation of High Legh ward within a constituency which includes a substantial part of the Greater Manchester conurbation. The Council believes that this is completely inappropriate and will not serve the needs of the Parish Council's residents. The Altrincham part of such a constituency inevitably faces towards the rest of the conurbation in terms of transport links, economy, education, health, etc. An MP representing the constituency proposed in your Review will in many circumstances be conflicted as between his/her support for the issues arising in the urban area as compared with the needs and feelings of a rural area such as Pickmere. Almost inevitably, the Parish Council believes, the MP will favour the needs of the much more highly populated urban area he/she represents, to the detriment of the needs of the rural areas also within the proposed constituency. In short, this part of Cheshire does not identify with any part of the Greater Manchester conurbation.

For these reasons the Parish Council supports the alternative arrangement put forward by George Osborne MP, whereby High Legh ward would form part of a new constituency based on Knutsford and Macclesfield. This would reflect the ward's historical identity. It is also understood that this would provide an appropriate constituency population.

The Parish Council would be grateful if you would take these representations into account.

Yours faithfully

**Jack Steel**  
**Clerk to Pickmere Parish Council**