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**Before:**

**Mr John Feavours, The Lead Assistant Commissioner**

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Time noted: 9.00 am

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Good morning everybody. Welcome back to the hearing at Hull, Day Two of the hearing, it is 9.00 am in the morning. The first speaker this morning on my list is Mr John Bovill, I hope I have pronounced that right, due at 9.10 am. It is 9.00 am but there is nobody else present so we will start now.

My name is John Feavours, I am an Assistant Commissioner for the Boundary Commission for England and it is my responsibility to Chair all the hearings in relation to the Yorkshire and the Humber Region. I was in Leeds a couple of weeks ago, Sheffield, Northallerton and here today. It is also my responsibility, along with my colleague, Assistant Commissioner Collette Rawnsley, to consider all of the representations made about the Yorkshire and the Humber region, whether they be oral representations made at a hearing or all of the written material that comes in through the Boundary Commission's website. At the end of all that it is our job to consider all those representations and decide whether we should put a case to the Boundary Commission itself for any of the initial proposals to be changed, and, if so, to what.

Because we are collecting all that information all the proceedings at the hearings are recorded. You may have seen when you came in, there is a video camera clicking on behind you. In just a moment I will ask you to come forward, give your name and your address and then tell us what you want me to hear.

When you are ready please come forward to the microphone. Name and address and then off you go.

MR BOVILL: Good morning. My name is John Bovill. My address is 37 Eastgate in Hessle, which is in the East Riding of Yorkshire.

I have a few issues just to mention today. I realise that some of this may be beyond your remit, but I want to express my opinions anyway. At the moment I live in Hessle, which is in the East Riding of Yorkshire. The parliamentary constituency I am in at the moment is Hull West and Hessle, which is a relatively recent one; before it used to be just Hull West and Hessle was in a separate constituency.

Looking at the proposals, it looks like part of Hull West will be transferred into Hull North and, as a consequence of the wider changes, quite a large area of the East Riding will be brought into the constituency and, its proposed rename is Hull West and Haltemprice. This is quite ironic in a way; Hull City Council over the years has made attempts to extend Hull's boundary to include some of these areas and this has been fiercely resisted by the East Riding of Yorkshire. They have had this campaign called, "Hands Off Haltemprice", which basically they want villages and like, Analby, Cottingham, et cetera, to remain part of the East Riding. Recently the East Riding had

a mini referendum on this issue and it was very strongly in favour of those areas remaining part of the East Riding, which is fair enough.

Looking at these proposed constituencies, the changes, it seems to me quite ironic that you are actually putting the urban area of Hull in with an area of Haltemprice, which has made it perfectly clear they do not want to be part of Hull. I appreciate this is just for a parliamentary constituency but I think there is an issue there, if you like. Whether that will be seen as favourable with people in Haltemprice I do not know, I have got my reservations about this.

Looking at the wider area, I looked at the Hull constituencies - I used to live in Hull - and it appears that some of Hull North has been transferred into Hull East and some of Hull West is going to Hull North et cetera, and so on. There is a lot of suggestions in the press that it is going to favour one party or another, and I think every time we go through this process we have this same situation of it favouring one party more than another. I appreciate the Boundary Commission is not political and you are trying to do the best you can with the system that you have available.

The way I look at it is that, this argument of affecting political party one way or the other will continue as long as we are using this current electoral system, which has single member constituencies. Looking at the wider picture, my own personal views are that we should be looking at larger constituencies with more than one MP and have MPs elected on a proportional basis, and this will then help to get away from this argument that it is going to favour one party more than another. I appreciate that this is outside your remit, but my overall views are that I think this electoral system that we are using is for the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and we are now in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I think that we need to basically develop our system so it is more reflective of the actual people. I appreciate that you are stuck with the system that you have got and you are having to make the best of it that you can, and whatever you do people will not be happy. My argument is basically the fact that you are trying to make a system work which is past its use by date.

One final issue I would like to mention is that, from what I have read in the press, the data that you are using is based upon electoral rolls from last year. From what I understand is that, because of the EU referendum an awful lot more people have now joined the electoral system, so the figures that you are having to use now are actually based upon data that is already out of date. Again, that could be used by political parties as a way of undermining the validity of whatever results you come out with in the end.

That is my view. Whatever you do I think you are going to upset somebody, somebody is not going to be happy, and I think the way round it, beyond your remit, is to have a system which actually lessens those kind of impacts by having larger constituencies with more than one MP.

Thank you very much.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Mr Bovill, thank you very much. Do we need any clarification on any of that? (No response)

Let me just say this then, Mr Bovill, before you depart. Thank you very much for taking the time to come along and speaking to us this morning. You have made some very clear points, we have got those all noted down. You are quite right that the Boundary Commission has to carry out its functions within the parameters set by Parliament and the registration concerned, and you have identified that some of the issues you would like to see changed are not actually within our remit to do anything about. So you understand that?

MR BOVILL: Yes.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: The point that you make, which is of interest to me because I have not heard it before in the way you put it, is the issue about the East Riding vis-a-vis the City of Hull.

MR BOVILL: Yes.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: I think that is an important point, so we have got that to have a think about.

The only thing I would finish by saying is, you have clearly had an eye to what the rules are anyway - I have said this to everybody - I commend to you the guide to the 2018 review, it is on the website and there is a copy here for you to have a look at, if you have not already. It is called the 2018 Review because that is when we have to report to Parliament by, September 2018, and if you count back from there that is why we need to be here today to work that forward. You have also identified some of the idiosyncrasies in that in terms of the electoral roll that we are required to use and what have you, so you are on the ball in terms of that.

I am commending this to people because the consultation period is open until 5 December so, notwithstanding you have come along this morning and put your views on record, you still have until 5 December if you want to add anything else through the website into the Boundary Commission that Collette Rawnsley and I will have a think about when that comes in. I am reflecting on your comments, you talked about a mini referendum, I think was the phrase you used, within the East Ridging area, which is the Cottinghams down to Hessle - I am learning, I have got my head round what you are talking about.

MR BOVILL: Yes.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: If that is available and you want to put that in through the website, that is a useful thing for us to understand what is going on locally.

MR BOVILL: It will, yes.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: I would invite you to do that if you want to.

MR BOVILL: I will do, yes. Having said that, this referendum was done by the East Riding Council and the way it was worded, I think they worded it in a certain way so they would get a certain result.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: We will give such weight to it as we can, but all I am saying is if that information is available we would like to hear it.

MR BOVILL: Okay.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Thank you very much indeed for coming along this morning.

MR BOVILL: Thank you very much.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: The time is now 12 minutes past 9. We are working to a list of timeslots where people are booked in later on this morning and the next booking is at 10.00 am. I shall adjourn until just before 10.00 am and then we will come back together and hear the next speaker.

Time noted: 9.12 am

After a short break

Time noted: 10.00 am

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Good morning everybody. Welcome back to Day Two of the hearing in Hull on the Boundary Commission for England's consideration of its initial proposals.

We started this morning just after 9.00 am and after the first speaker we adjourned and I said I would come back again at 10.00 am. Everybody who I have said that to is now back in the room and, the next speakers are also here so we will start off again.

My name is John Feavours, I am an Assistant Commissioner with the Boundary Commission for England and it is my responsibility to Chair the hearing today and

yesterday and, in fact, for the whole of the Yorkshire and Humber region. I was in Leeds a couple of weeks ago, I was in Sheffield and Northallerton last week and then Hull this week.

It is also my responsibility, alongside my fellow Assistant Commissioner, Collette Rawnsley, to consider all of the representations made about the Yorkshire and the Humber region, irrespective of whether they are oral representations made at a hearing or written representations that come in through the Boundary Commission's website. At the end of all of those representations, and after they have been published online and people have had chance to have a comment on anything you have already said, it is my job, together with Collette Rawnsley, to then go to the Boundary Commission itself and make suggestions as to whether there should be any changes to the initial proposals or any amendments to them, and if so, what those amendments should be.

Because all the evidence is being collated, everything that is said at these hearings is also captured on video, so you might have seen the camera when you came in. That is so that we can transcribe everything that is said and that will go on the website, probably next spring, so that anybody else can see what you have said and can tell us what they think about what you have said as well.

This is the way it works in here; in a moment I will call you forward, you come and sit in the chair here by the microphone. You start with your name and your address and then you tell me what it is that you want me to hear.

I have got a batting order, if you like. The next person on my list is Mr Terence Keal. Mr Keal, would you like to come forward please. In your own time, Sir, name, address and then tell me what you would like me to hear.

MR KEAL: Good morning. My name is Terence Keal, Ward Councillor for Sutton, my address is 26 Mount Vernon, Fleet Estate, Hull HU11 4ET.

I believe that the boundary in the Sutton ward is too far stretched at the moment, incorporating Sutton Park, so therefore it should be more tighter. This can be achieved by taking in Midmere Avenue from Bransholme East, along with Biggin Avenue to the East, Noddle Hill, new housing estate, still incorporating Howdale Road, Kestrel Avenue but also then incorporating Spring Cottage Estate and also part of the south side of Tweendykes up to Sutton Road boundary, along with Abbots Road, Wenwyn Park Avenue and incorporating so much of Ings Road Estate. That would then give us roughly the same numbers that we have now, in fact it would be slightly more. Within

the Sutton ward, with it being elongated as it is now, there is no sense of community and localism, they feel that they are too far spread apart, so this would actually bring more localism within the ward.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Mr Keal, this is primarily a commentary on the existing ward boundaries?

MR KEAL: Yes. On the existing ward boundaries it is too long at the moment, it goes far too towards the west. You have a small area of Sutton Park, which only incorporates part of Sutton Park at the moment, which to be fair could do to be within Kingswood or Kings Park.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: I just need you to help me here. Our role here today is about the parliamentary constituencies.

MR KEAL: Yes.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: The Boundary Commission for England has tried to use the existing ward boundaries, so Sutton, as one of the building blocks to make the parliamentary constituencies. I just need to make sure I understand. If the ward boundaries were changed as you were suggesting, do you want me to think about how that might change the parliamentary constituencies?

MR KEAL: I think it would pretty much stop us as it would be part of East Hull.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Okay. That is very clear. Certainly, looking at the map I can understand what you mean by it is very elongated. Thank you very much. Is there anything that anybody would like to clarify from Mr Keal? (No response) Mr Keal, thank you very much indeed.

The next on my list is Mrs Linda Tock. Mrs Tock, would you come forward, please? Name and address and then off you go.

MRS TOCK: Good morning. My name is Linda Tock. I live at 16 King's Bench Street, Anlaby Road, Hull, HU3 2TU. I am speaking today as a ward councillor for Holderness ward, which is east of the city. Having considered the proposals, I would suggest the proposal is quite sensible and the communities work together quite well and appear to be natural communities.

I would also like to speak as a resident west of the city. As someone who accesses the facilities and the shopping in Haltemprice, in Anlaby and in Cottingham, I would support and say that they appear to be the most appropriate, the proposals.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Thank you very much. Do we need any clarification from Mrs Tock? (No response) Thank you very much indeed.

Ladies and gentlemen, the next speaker I had scheduled was at 10.20. Unfortunately, she has rung in this morning to say she is not well. The next scheduled speaker would be at 11 o'clock, unless there is anybody else present who would like to come and say anything to me this morning? I am only looking at you, Sir, because everybody else has had a go. Okay, thanks very much. I will now adjourn until the next speaker is scheduled at 11 o'clock, so I will come back at five to eleven. Thanks very much.

After a short break

Time noted: 11.10 am

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Good morning everybody, welcome back to the resumed hearing on Day Two of the hearing at Hull. We adjourned a few moments ago because there were no speakers due to speak. We have now got back on to a list where I have got some people who I think want to speak to us this morning.

For the benefit of those people who have just joined the hearing this morning; my name is John Feavour. I am an Assistant Commissioner for the Boundary Commission for England. It is my responsibility to Chair the hearings for the Yorkshire and the Humber region. I was in Leeds a couple of weeks ago, Sheffield, Northallerton last week and then Hull yesterday and today. It is also my responsibility, along with my colleague, Assistant Commissioner Collette Rawnsley, to consider all of the representations that are made by people in respect of Yorkshire and the Humber region, whether or not they are made in person at the hearings or whether they come through the website to the Boundary Commission in writing. Once we get to the end of this consultation period, which is 5 December, all of the representations will be collated and then put online, so we think that will probably be next springtime by the time that all gets done, many thousands of representations have already come in. There will then be a four week period when anybody will be able to comment on what anybody else has said. In order for that to happen we need to know who you are and where you are from when you come and speak to us. The way this works is in a moment I will call the speakers down to the chair, start with name and address and then off you go with whatever it is you want to say.

I never know whether the people on my list are people who have come to watch or come to speak but, the next person on my list is Mrs Becky Radway, are you looking to speak today?

MRS RADWAY: No, I am just observing.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: That is fine. I will not call you to speak but if you change your mind that is where the chair is, we can have you down here in no time at all. Then I have got Dr David Luckraft. Sir, would you like to come forward please. As I said a moment ago, name and address and then tell us what you want us to hear.

DR LUCKRAFT: I am David Luckraft from 28 Aire Close, Brough, East Yorkshire, just outside Hull. I am really here to speak about the proposals for the five existing constituencies in and around Hull, that is the three Hull constituencies, Beverley, Holderness and Haltemprice and Howden.

What I think the current proposals are doing is taking the two Hull constituencies and Beverley and Holderness, which are about the right size, and leaving them more or less unchanged. Then because the other two, which is West Hull and Hessle and Haltemprice and Howden, are both too small, taking a large part of the Haltemprice and Howden constituency and adding that to West Hull and Hessle.

The result of that up to that point is that you have got four constituencies, which are about the right size and I think make good constituencies, which are consistent, which are sensible and which will work. The problem is you have then got half, or thereabouts, of the old Haltemprice and Howden constituency all on its own with nowhere to go. To solve that problem it has been lumped in with the town of Goole and a large part of North Lincolnshire to make a very large constituency, which in my view does not work. It does not work because there are four bits to it which do not really relate. There are the two wards immediately west of the Hull constituency, if I can call them that, which are very much part of the Hull travel to work area and look very much towards Hull. There are the two wards, Howden and Howdenshire, to the west of that, which are mainly agricultural areas, which if they fit with anything probably fit with the Vale of York and probably in the Selby constituency, if that still exists. You then have the town of Goole, which has some connections with the City of Hull because it is also a port on the River Humber, but really has very little connection to either of the first two areas. Then you have this large area of North Lincolnshire, which has a very tenuous connection with Goole and no connection at all with anywhere else. In fact, if anything, that probably connects mainly to Gainsborough and Lincoln.

I think what you have got is a constituency which does not really have a centre, has four little bits which do not fit together and, in my view, will not work.

How do you solve the problem, I do not know. I think it would be good if you could put the two immediately west of Hull wards ---

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: That is Dale and South Hunsley?

DR LUCKRAFT: Yes. Into one of either Beverley or West Hull, probably one into each, which might make them too big so you would have to rejig everything else, and then I think what was left, though too small, might work.

Good luck if you try and solve it.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Thank you very much, Dr Luckraft. Just before you go, does anybody want to ask any clarifications from what has been said? Say your name and then ask your point of clarification.

MRS RADWAY: It is Rebecca Radway and I live in Haltemprice and Howden. Was that not the old Boothferry? What they are proposing for Haltemprice and Howden, was not Howden going to be in the old Boothferry, where it was before in the 80s?

DR LUCKRAFT: It must be fairly similar.

MRS RADWAY: Yes, because it is the same constituency, I think, so it has worked before. As someone who lives there, it is quite strange because the rest of the constituency, I am quite new, even though I was brought up in Beverley, I have not lived in East Yorkshire for a long time and I recently moved back, I have kind of lived all over, I spent most of the time in India, so I have not been around here. I remember in the 1980s it was definitely linked with Goole and, as someone who lives there it is very strange because the rest of the parliamentary constituency is out towards Cottingham and that seems very far away from the rest of the association. Do you know what I mean? It is like we are in a totally different part of East Yorkshire and sometimes it is almost like ---

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Mrs Radway, you may of course be quite right, but consideration of those matters is a matter for me, not for Dr Luckraft.

MRS RADWAY: I am sorry.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: The way this hearing has to work is that if it is a matter of clarification on what has been said, you are absolutely entitled to ask him. Anything else you have to ask me. What you are saying is probably perfectly proper to put on the record, so if you want to come up here and have a go at doing that, that is fine.

MRS RADWAY: No.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: That is fine. Thank you very much. Any other points of clarification? (No response) Dr Luckraft, thank you very much indeed.

DR LUCKRAFT: Thank you.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: The next scheduled speaker is not until 12.00 pm. Whenever I get to a gap between speakers I do always say to everybody that is here, if there is anybody that wants to come and tell us anything that they want to, they can. I cannot persuade you, can I? You do not want to come and have a go?

MRS RADWAY: No.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: That is fine. What I also do is just remind people and commend to them the guide to the 2018 Review. We have actually got a limited number of copies of these available in the room and if you want to take one of these away you are absolutely welcome to do so. The reason I commend it is this: the rules are in here about what we have got to do. Can I put it this way; there is only one “must”, the “must” in here is about a thing called the electoral quota. Parliament has decided that all constituencies in the UK, in England as far as this Commission is concerned, will be roughly the same size, just below 75,000 of registered electors, so that bit is fixed. If you want to comment on it, by all means do so, but please do not ask Collette and I do to something about the 75,000 because we cannot, that is done. The rest of it is not. The initial proposals talk about where the Boundary Commission has come up with some plans, which produces constituencies of that size without splitting any of the wards as they were in May 2015. That is the starting point if you like, so you take a ward, use it as building blocks, put them together and come up with constituencies in the way in which they are described.

I am no more wedded to the initial proposals than I am to the proposals from anybody else. If somebody comes forward and brings up an idea that meets the electoral quota and comes up with a different set of constituency sizes, then that is fine. The point and the value of me emphasising this, I think, to you as local people is this: whilst I can do the maths, you will know better than I what works in the Humber region. You know your constituencies, you know the community ties. Whilst I heard very clearly what Dr David Luckraft said about him not liking what is currently badged as the Goole constituency for the future, and we have heard commentary as to whether that is the right name or the wrong name, he also said it is a matter for us to come up with an alternative. Well, we might be able to do that, but if you can come up with an alternative as local people the chances are it will be a better alternative than I will because, despite my best efforts, I am not from the area. You will know better than I and that is why I commend this document to you.

With that, the next speaker is due on at 12.00 pm so we will come back at 11.55 am. Thank you very much.

After a short break

Time noted: 12.07 pm

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Good morning again, everybody. This is resuming Day Two of the Boundary Commission for England's oral hearings in Hull. My name is John Feavour. I am an Assistant Commissioner with the Boundary Commission for England and it is my responsibility to Chair the hearings for the Yorkshire and the Humber regions. I was in Leeds a couple of weeks ago, Sheffield and Northallerton last week and Hull yesterday and today. It is also my responsibility, along with my colleague Assistant Commissioner, Collette Rawnsley, to consider all of the representations that are made to us about the initial proposals for the Yorkshire and the Humber region. That is the oral representations made to us at the hearings, as well as the written representations that come in through the Boundary Commission's own website.

After 5 December, when this consultation period closes, the Commission will put together all of the representations, including a verbatim transcript of what happens here and put that on the website, in order that anybody else can comment on anything that you have said, if that makes sense. In order to be able to do that we are recording things today, you may have seen the camera when you came in, we are all on camera today. The process is, when I ask you to come forward to the chair up here and sit in front of the microphone, name, address and then tell me what it is that you want me to hear.

I adjourned a little earlier on until 12.00 pm, I had got a speaker scheduled to come at 12.00 pm, but it is now coming up on 8 minutes past 12 and that speaker is not yet here, they may come of course, in due course, so we are going to the next speaker on my list, who is Mrs Cheryl Payne. Would you like to come up, please? Thank you very much. As I said before, if you can give us your name and address and then off you go.

MRS PAYNE: Thank you Chair. My name is Cheryl Payne. I live at 62 Bristol Road, Hull. I am a local councillor for Derringham ward, which is where I live. I was born and brought up in Hull. I have lived in Hull and the west of the City all my life and worked in the area.

Having looked at the report to do with the Boundary Commission and looking at the boundaries; the east and what I class as the north, which is the central part of the City, I find that reasonable. The west of the City, yes, we have got Pickering, Derringham and Boothferry, which are very close communities, but those communities extend outward towards Hessele, Analby, Willerby, Cottingham. We have bus routes going to those with

the schools, people go both ways. There is no demarcation that you stop there and you have to get a passport to the next bit, so to speak. People from Cottingham come into Hull, vice versa, it is very useful. Those villages, they use medical centres within both areas. It is a very cohesive area, so I can fully understand the reasoning behind the Boundary Commission looking at that as a whole area. As I say, it is already Hull West and Hessle but then you have got this gap which, as I say, is a cohesive area.

As I say, I have worked in both areas now and I live in my community and there is not a boundary. We have roads that are half and half, and with Hull especially we have got land that you could say is in the Cottingham bit or the East Riding bit but actually it belongs to Hull. In our ward we have got Cradley Road, Springhead Avenue, half of Cradley is in the East Riding side, so therefore under Cottingham, and Springhead Avenue goes off and you think you are coming back into Hull but actually you are not, so the Tranby Ward is like the Analby. There are all those links. The bus routes, as I say, link up the whole area and it does make sense. I do find it a very good, sensible way forward.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Mrs Payne, thank you very much. Does anybody want to clarify anything that Mrs Payne has said? (No response) Thank you very much indeed.

Next on my list is Mr Ryan Langley. Mr Langley, would you like to come up, please? Then as before, name, address and then off you go.

MR LANGLEY: Ryan Langley, 936 Hessle Road, Hull. I am a local resident in West Hull as well as a councillor in Derringham ward. When I come out of my house on a morning I look to the right and I have got Hessle to the right of me, I have got Hull to the left. There is virtually no difference between the houses or the people. Both of the areas in West Hull and East Riding villages marry up well in terms of local bus routes, as well as services that are provided, such as Haltemprice Leisure Centre, which for many in West Hull, especially residents in my ward, is the nearest local leisure centre with a swimming pool and a lot of people use it. The elderly residents in parts of my ward often frequent to Cottingham, Analby and Willerby to do their local shopping; the bus routes are more convenient and frequent for them to do so.

Also in my ward we have a local facility, which is Springhead Golf Course, which is built on a piece of land, which is shared between Hull and the East Riding. What you will find is that many golfers, without really thinking, they actually tee off between Hull and the East Riding whilst playing.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: This golf course is at the boundary between Derringham and Willerby and Kirk Ella?

MR LANGLEY: Yes. It is probably the largest green mass.

I have seen the proposals and I can understand and think they are reasonable. With so much of the west and the East Riding linking up well between all the communities, I do feel that if you were to put a stranger anywhere within West Hull and clear demarcation lines and signs and boundaries and asked them, "Are you in Hull or the East Riding?", they would not be able to tell you the difference, they are so closely connected.

Also within my ward there is a medical centre, Springhead Medical Health Centre, and 60 per cent of its patient list comes from Hull and 40 per cent from the East Riding, extending as far as North Ferriby, Swanland, Skidby and Cottingham. They are currently looking for larger premises to extend to.

As far as I am aware, with the proposals I am happy with them, and that is as much as I have got to say really.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Thank you Mr Langley. Any clarification of anything that has been said there? (No response) Mr Langley, thank you very much indeed.

Ladies and gentlemen, there is still no sign of the 10.00 am booking and the next one is scheduled for 12.30 pm, so I will stand down for 10 minutes and then we will start just before 12.30 pm.

After a short break

Time noted: 12.40 pm

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Welcome back to Day Two of the hearing at Hull, in relation to the Boundary Commission for England's initial proposals for new parliamentary constituencies. Mr West, I am talking directly to you because they have all heard this before, but I make no apology at all for repeating myself. My name is John Feavours. I am an Assistant Commissioner with the Boundary Commission for England and it is my responsibility to hear the hearings in Hull and also in the other hearings for the Yorkshire and the Humber region. Then, alongside my colleague Assistant Commissioner Collette Rawnsley, it is our responsibility to consider all of the oral representations made at the hearings, as well as the written representations that come through the website, in relation to the Boundary Commission's initial proposals for Yorkshire and the Humber region.

Then after the close of the consultation period, which goes to 5 December, it is our responsibility to look at the representations that have been made and to see whether we need to go to the Commission with proposals that change the initial proposals and, if so, to what extent. In between that, after the closing date, all of the representations, written and oral, will be put on the website in order that anybody else can have a look to see

what you have said and what other people have said and let us know what they think about that as well. To help us do that we are being recorded today. In a moment I will ask you to come over here in front of the microphone, start with your name and address and then tell us what it is that you want us to hear. I had adjourned for a few minutes because we had got a gap in speakers. Although we had got somebody scheduled for 12.30 pm they have not turned up, so if you are ready would you like to come up now, please. As I say, name and address and then off you go.

MR WEST: Good afternoon. My name is Angus West. My address is 8 Middledyke Lane, Cottingham. I am also Chairman of the Haltemprice and Howden Conservative Association, so I have got various points to put across today.

Firstly, talking about the proposal for Hull West and Haltemprice. I would like to put on the record today I am in favour of the counter-proposal being made, which is suggesting that a couple of wards change.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Mr West, this is the counter-proposal by the Conservatives for the region?

MR WEST: That is correct, yes, I am sorry.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: No, not at all. I just want to be clear about what you are supporting.

MR WEST: The counter-proposal basically was bringing the whole Bricknell ward into Kingston-Upon-Hull, Western Haltemprice and the Newington ward and exchanging them for Pickering and St Andrews. Basically, Bricknell and Newington coming out of Central and into Haltemprice and Hull West and then the reversal with Pickering and St Andrews, them coming out of Haltemprice and West Hull and into Hull Central.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Yes, that is clear. Thank you.

MR WEST: I will just give a little bit of background for that. Living in Cottingham, there are close links between Cottingham and certainly Bricknell, they are adjacent to each other, there are a lot of people that commute between those areas. I know people very well in Cottingham and in the Bricknell area, so there is an affinity between those areas. I agree with the justification in terms of the strong local ties bringing the Newington and Boothferry wards back together and the whole Dockside area, which brings Pickering and St Andrews back into that if they go back into Hull Central, so I agree with that counter-proposal.

Another point I would just like to make is on the name. You have got, in effect, I think five East Riding wards. The heart of what is being called West Hull and Haltemprice is

really Haltemprice, you have got five East Riding, effectively Haltemprice wards, and four from Hull.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Haltemprice comprises what?

MR WEST: Is predominant.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: I have got it on my map here but you tell me.

MR WEST: You have got Cottingham North, Cottingham South, Hessle was part of the old Haltemprice, you have got Tranby, Willerby and Kirk Ella.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Okay. Thank you.

MR WEST: I think there is a strong feeling amongst residents that that area is known as Haltemprice and the constituency ought to be called Haltemprice and West Hull, rather than the other way round. The predominant part of it is what was the historic area of Haltemprice.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: So your rationale is the greater proportion of population is Haltemprice, therefore that is the larger part of the constituency and therefore that comes first?

MR WEST: Yes. The identity of the constituency is more Haltemprice than West Hull. You have got an appendage of West Hull, and obviously Hessle, coming in to really five Haltemprice wards. Keeping those wards together, I think there is a strong identity and affiliation between those wards, between the Cottingham wards, between Willerby, Analby and Kirk Ella as well. I agree with the proposals on the Boundary Commission's proposals from that point of view. As I said, there is a strong feeling amongst the residents that the Haltemprice name should be kept and be the predominant name of the new constituency.

Hopefully I have made myself clear on the counter-proposal. If there are any other questions please ask me on that because I realised I was jumping around a little bit on that one.

Another point that has been put strongly to me in terms of the new Goole constituency, which is created by the breakup of the existing Haltemprice and Howden constituency, is that I support the Goole proposal, but I think again there is a strong feeling amongst residents that, in effect, it is going back to the hold historic Boothferry ward and the strong links between parts of the new constituency that are being created, so I am in favour of that. Also, it used to be called Boothferry and I think a lot of people feel, certainly within the Conservative Association and the part of that that is potentially going

off into the new - in inverted commas - Goole Constituency, that Boothferry might be a better name for that constituency.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Can you help me, just to clarify for me; when you say the name on the initial proposal is Goole, so that is the constituency I am talking about and you say it used to be called Boothferry, clarify for me then, if you would be able to, what does Boothferry mean from your perspective?

MR WEST: That is a very good question. I think what was ---

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: It is only a point of clarification, Mr West, because you have suggested to me that Boothferry, and we can do the research elsewhere anyway, but I just wanted to know whether you had a sense of what it was.

MR WEST: Yes, I mean the Boothferry ward did used to incorporate what you would call the Dale ward now, the Howdenshire and --- I cannot find the names on my list here.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: I think that is helpful anyway. The reason I am asking for clarification is you are not the first person who has supported the components of the initial proposals for the new Goole constituency but then gone on to say the name is wrong, so that is something we need to get right. That is why I am interested.

MR WEST: Those wards definitely and I think the preponderance of the new constituency does encapsulate what was the old Boothferry. I think residents feel that that would be a more appropriate name and I think Goole only forms quite a small part of the new constituency, whereas parts of the former Boothferry parliamentary constituency are far greater than the population in the Goole ward. That is the point I think I am trying to make. Again, a bit like Haltemprice having five out of the nine wards and, therefore, my suggestion is that it should be called Haltemprice first with West Hull as an appendage. Perhaps it should have Boothferry in the name of the new, what is being proposed, Goole Constituency.

I think that is probably all I have to say. I think there was one other point, just going back to the counter-proposal, which I was supporting. I have got a business in Hull and I know quite a few people who live what we call Dockside, who see that as being a clearly identifiable area of Hull. The counter-proposal that the regional Conservatives are making is that that is all kept together in Hull Central, rather than it being broken up into parts of the Dockside being in Haltemprice and West Hull and part of it being in Hull Central. That is the sort of reason behind that counter-proposal being made and that Bricknell and Newington come in instead.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Thank you, Mr West. Any points of clarification on what Mr West has said? (No response) Mr West, thank you very much indeed.

I am just going to check on any other speakers. I would normally break for lunch from 1 pm to 2 pm but I am just anxious at 10 to 1 whether any of the speakers that were scheduled at 12.30 pm turn up. We will break for lunch from 1 pm to 2 pm, but if anybody turns up in the next ten minutes I will start up again but I am not going to come back at 1 pm to tell you it is lunchtime. It will be lunchtime in 10 minutes.

After the luncheon adjournment

Time noted: 2.00 pm

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Good afternoon. Welcome back to the afternoon session of Day Two of the hearing in Hull for the Boundary Commission for England's initial proposals on new Parliamentary Constituencies for the Yorkshire and the Humber Region. I said I would adjourn for lunch until 2 pm, we are here at 2 pm. We have another speaker in the room. Sir, just so that you are aware, I am John Feavour, I am the Assistant Commissioner for the Boundary Commission. It is my responsibility to Chair the hearings for the region and also, together with my colleague Assistant Commissioner, Collette Rawnsley, to consider all of the representations, be they oral or written and come up with any changes in due course. We are being recorded here today in order that verbatim comments can be put online and people can comment on those as well in due course. What I am asking people to do is to come to the desk, name and address and then tell us what you want me to hear.

MR KRAWIEC: My name is George Krawiec. I am Chair of Seafood Grimsby and Humber. I am also a retired local authority chief executive and a solicitor. I was chief executive at North East Lincolnshire, which includes Grimsby.

I have come to talk about the proposal in relation to the splitting of Grimsby, which is causing great local concern. It causes concern because it is a fear that it diminishes the identity of Grimsby. I also recognise, because I have dealt with these issues before, that you are constrained in some of your recommendations because of the numbers game and, more ludicrously, the regional game in terms of not being able to go across the boundaries into the East Midlands, which I think is a nonsense. There is a recognition already that the Greater Lincolnshire devolution model is on the table, therefore the arguments against going south into the satellite villages of East Lindsey and perhaps going west into West Lindsey, are beyond their sell-by date in terms of issues.

The identity of Grimsby is very important. Particularly if you cannot do anything in relation to the numbers, because it is a numbers game, and I recognise those restraints,

please try and keep the title Great Grimsby in any constituency titles. Grimsby, North East Lincolnshire - I think I am right in saying - now is the fifteenth most deprived borough in the country and, therefore, the need to have an identity which it can promote to sustain growth is important. I realise that is not directly relevant in relation to electoral issues but, nevertheless, in terms of maintaining the identity and enabling a voice to be heard, it is an important issue. If one believes in representative parliamentary democracy, then the issue of local identity is very important indeed.

Equally, if one looks outside the conurbation of Grimsby/Cleethorpes, particularly - I live down there - certainly in the villages to the south of there, certainly down to Louth, it looks to Grimsby in identity terms. Therefore, it is an important point to ensure that the ability of an MP to look after the interests of their constituents is fully acknowledged. I am sure it will be in the terms of the issues. That is basically the issue I am talking about.

In my position as non-executive chair of Seafood Grimsby and Humber, it is very important that we have this message to sell of us being the Seafood Processing Centre. We have got actually excellent relationships with our two MPs as it currently stands, but we do not want to diminish or weaken that link in terms of what we are trying to do. Therefore, it is very important that the identity is kept together. It is unfortunate that some of the naming has come into two but actually - I am bring slightly controversial here - as long as you keep the name Great Grimsby, I think that helps the identity in the terms of the case.

I make the final plea about the nonsense about the regional boundaries. I understand the numbers game, but the nonsense of regional boundaries in terms and things. They do not seem to worry about local authority boundaries anymore, rightly. Part of the proposals in relation to mixing part of North Lincs with North East Lincs with Barton and wherever, which actually has not a great deal of identity with Grimsby because it is on the edge of the Humber, looks more to Scunthorpe than to Hull, that identity again needs to be addressed and thought about.

I think I have said what I wanted to say. I hope that makes sense.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: It does make sense. Well, it makes sense to me, but I just need to check does anybody want any clarification of what has been said there? (No response)

There is a clarification from me. I do not think I misheard you but I want to make sure I have got it right. You explicitly recognised some of the restraints that I have to operate under, particularly in relation to the numbers, but you also, if I heard you right, explicitly invited us to consider having a constituency which crosses over into the East Midlands area.

MR KRAWIEC: Correct.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Within the guidance the only “must” is the number. The guidance also asks for very compelling reasons if we are going to interfere with existing ward boundaries and there is a sort of implicit piece in there as well that says that the regional boundaries, it is an even higher bar to cross, but that is what you are asking me to do?

MR KRAWIEC: Indeed. If I may respond a little bit?

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Please do.

MR KRAWIEC: I would not expect you to cross ward boundaries. When I was a local authority chief executive I recognised that restraint. The regional boundaries argument, I think, has been weakened considerably by the acceptance of a Greater Lincolnshire devolution bid by the Secretary of State for Communities. That argument, I think, is weakened in the terms of things. Local connectivity and feeling of belonging is, in my view, a stronger argument than artificial - if I may say so - regions. There is an issue in my area where I now live and on the South Bank of the Humber and I find it sad because I am a Yorkshireman myself, that actually there is a certain antipathy towards Yorkshire and the Humber from the old days. The South Bank of the Humber feels resentful for being identified within the areas of Yorkshire. As I say - tongue in cheek - as a Yorkshireman I cannot understand that, but I do understand that feeling, it is a very strong feeling, and, therefore, being lumped in with that area I think has aggravated the situation. I recognise the constraints you have got and I am not being silly about it in the terms, but I do feel quite strongly that the identity of Grimsby and Great Grimsby needs to be kept. I think the numbers game can be overcome if you go over the borders in the terms of those things.

I would argue even more because before 1974 the whole of Lincolnshire, North Lincoln, was actually part of the three parts of Lincolnshire, therefore it is a false argument, I think protecting - I should not say this but I am going to anyway - certain civil servants' power bases within the regions, but you cannot accept that and you would not dream of it.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Frankly, it is not one of the criteria I am asked to consider, so it does not matter whether I accept it or whether I do not.

MR KRAWIEC: It is slightly tongue in cheek.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: I do understand some of the background that you have spoken about. For what it is worth, my mother is from Harrogate, so I have a Yorkshire connection, I happen to live in the East Midlands, so I understand the Lincolnshire argument that you are making. You are making a point which I have not

heard before, which is why I want to be really clear about what it is that you have said. The only other thing I will just remind you of ---

MR KRAWIEC: If you could go across that, consume that point, it makes it easier to keep the whole of Grimsby as one unit.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: You know this. The Boundary Commission's initial proposals starting point was to say the country can be divided up in such a way using the existing regional boundaries to then give effect to the required electoral quota. In a sense that was the starting point, then using the wards as building blocks, which you are aware of. I am not saying it is not doable, but you and I both know that the bar is a high bar. I want to be very, very clear about it.

The only other thing I am going to say is that you will be aware that this consultation period extends to 5 December.

MR KRAWIEC: Yes, indeed.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: We have heard this from you, but if there are any other contributions that need to be made or people wish to feed in alternatives, because again in the guidance, and I commend it to you, we have got copies if you need to take one away.

MR KRAWIEC: I have read it online.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: It talks about local ties and that, it seems to me, is a key element of what we are asked to do because you will recognise that the constituency boundary changes for this review are, in fact, more substantial than has been the case for a long time because of the fundamental way we have been asked to approach the task.

MR KRAWIEC: And the reduction in the number of constituencies.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Quite. Therefore, I think it is important that we do understand all of the arguments and then we try to come to an accommodation, which, as you full well recognise, some we will be able to, and some we will not. Mr Krawiec, thank you very much indeed.

MR KRAWIEC: Just one final point; the Great Grimsby is important.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: I have written that down twice.

MR KRAWIEC: I am grateful. Thank you very much for hearing me, I am very grateful.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: You are very welcome. The time is now 2.10 pm, the next speaker is due at 3.00 pm so I will return just before 3.00 pm. Thank you.

After a short break

Time noted: 3.00 pm

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Good afternoon everybody. Welcome back to the Boundary Commission for England's review at Hull. We adjourned just after the last speaker at about 2.10 pm and we said we would come back at 3.00 pm. It is 3.00 pm and our next speaker is here.

They have heard this before, but I make no apology for repeating it because you need to hear it as well. Good afternoon. My name is John Feavyour. I am an Assistant Commissioner with the Boundary Commission. It is my responsibility to Chair the hearings. We were in Leeds a couple of weeks ago, Sheffield, Northallerton last week and then Hull yesterday and today. It is also my responsibility, along with my colleague Assistant Commissioner Collette Rawnsley, to consider all of the submissions made either orally at these hearings or written through the Boundary Commission's website in relation to the Yorkshire and the Humber region. Then once we have considered them we can decide whether or not to go to the Commission itself and recommend any changes and, if so, what those changes need to be to the initial proposals.

To help us do that, everything that is said here is being recorded and will be transcribed. You may have noticed the video camera when you came in, we are all on record in here, which means that in due course all of that material will go on to the Boundary Commission's website and thereafter, for a shorter period, probably next spring, there will be the opportunity for anybody else to comment on what you or anybody else has said. That is why we do it that way.

If I can ask you to come up to the front, say your name and your address and then tell us what it is that you would like us to hear, please.

MR WALTHAM: I am Rob Waltham, my address is 36 Bigby High Road, Brigg, North Lincolnshire, DN20 9HD.

First of all I would like to thank you for the opportunity to speak on this issue. I am the Chairman, to go on record as the Chairman of the Brigg and Goole Association as it stands, the Conservative Association and the Scunthorpe Conservative Association, I am the Deputy Chairman Political. I am also the Deputy Leader of North Lincolnshire Council. I just go on record with that because some of the things I may say are informed as a result of what I am going to say from that post.

First of all, at the outset I would like to say I am fully supportive of the Boundary Commission's proposals in relation to Goole, the Goole seat, Scunthorpe and the Grimsby North and Barton seat. However, as always, there are some caveats to that and hopefully I will be able to illuminate on those a little bit further as I progress through.

If I can start just by talking about the Goole seat. Obviously, I would also say that I am fully supportive of the Conservative Party proposals and amendments that have been put in as part of the process.

In terms of the Goole seat, Goole I know it well obviously because I was the agent to Andrew Percy, who is the current MP for Goole. The proposal in terms of its name does not do enough, frankly, to address that constituency or the broader constituency's background and locality. The bit that I really want to specifically focus on is that of the Isle of Axholme. As I have said, I am the Deputy Leader of North Lincolnshire Council. Just in terms of a council perspective, the Isle of Axholme we designated it quite heavily. If you look back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Vermuyden drained the Isle of Axholme, there is a long history there.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: I will take your word for that.

MR WALTHAM: Thank you very much. The communities do feel quite special and quite distinct. You will have heard at some point in submissions about this term around Boothferry. Boothferry isolated the Isle of Axholme quite heavily, and that is why we have reconnected. Immediately when you go over Keadby Bridge, which is where the Scunthorpe area ends and the Isle of Axholme starts, you are greeted with a North Lincolnshire Council sign that proudly states the Isle of Axholme starts at that point and does the same as you go from the East Riding into the North Lincolnshire bit. I think from our perspective it is really important that we are able to keep to the history of the Isle of Axholme, that we are able to do what we do as a council and be very clear about the services that are prescribed specifically to the Isle of Axholme, from youth services through to the two schools, which proudly denote the south, and the North Axholme heritage in terms of their names. Also really, just to again refocus, it has got a long and proud history so, in our view, actually including the Isle of Axholme in part of that seat, title is incredibly important. We would obviously be supporting the Conservative proposal to make it Goole, Howdenshire and the Isle of Axholme, because that community is special, it is specific, and that long history makes a big difference and public services in that locality are reflected in that way.

In terms of Grimsby North and Barton, I go on record as being a ward councillor for the Brigg and Wolds Ward and obviously, as I say, the deputy leader of the council. Brigg has been in the parliamentary constituency title since 1885, so a long history of Brigg being recorded in that way. Brigg in itself has long historic links that go back to Glanford Brigg, which is part of the history if you look at the previous naming of the seats, permutations before as Glanford Brigg and Scunthorpe and Glanford and also

there have been seats around Brigg and Cleethorpes. As I say, there is a long history of having Brigg and its origins in the title.

I would make a plea, again along with the Conservative's proposals, to recognise Brigg in the town. It is again the administrative centre for offices in the North Lincolnshire Council areas, specifically for the estates function and, most importantly, the Children and Adult Services Function are based in Brigg and it is a big part of our county's public infrastructure. As I say, there are obviously the historic ties that lead us back to its name. My pitch specifically there would be to rename that proposal, whilst I am happy with the actual boundaries, for Brigg and Grimsby North.

I would also like to speak on the proposal for the Scunthorpe constituency. Frankly, the Scunthorpe constituency is only a part of what we have in terms of a community around the Scunthorpe area. The Conservative Party have made very clear proposals about Scunthorpe and the Trent Valley. I make two specific points about that. In 2013 the area around Scunthorpe was quite badly flooded and the make-up of those villages that were most affected were the Bouringham, Gunness, through to Burton-Upon-Stather and up to East Butterwick. They are the surrounding villages around the Scunthorpe parliamentary constituency as proposed. Because each of those communities were badly affected they felt that they needed to be part of, or be recognised as part of, the Trent Valley infrastructure. Currently, some of them already sit in the existing Scunthorpe seat but they would certainly all be as part of the new Scunthorpe proposed seat. They are part of the Trent Valley from a public infrastructure perspective, from a flood infrastructure perspective, so it seems right that we recognise, particularly public bodies such as the Environment Agency have recognised the Trent Valley because it is important in terms of the river obviously, the impact the flooding had and obviously the work that has gone on since then to try and assist to support those communities going forward, but also to recognise what needs to happen in terms of keeping their locality formerly recognised upon the public sector map.

The second point I want to make is specifically about the Lincolnshire Lakes. The Lincolnshire Lakes is a 6,000 new home development, which is to be built in between the villages of Bouringham and Gunness but on the edge of Scunthorpe. It is not an urban extension of Scunthorpe, it will be five lakes and six new villages, which will all ---

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Lakes?

MR WALTHAM: Lakes, yes. They are tributaries basically, I crudely call them, but it is water management. There are five new lakes and six new villages which are to be built again on the edge of Scunthorpe, which will be very much a part of the new Scunthorpe constituency. They are specifically called Lincolnshire Lakes and they have locally been named Trent Vale, which is part of the Trent Valley, so it is going to be an important part of that seat, going forward. That has full permission now. We expect in the next 12 months for there to be the starting of a new football ground as part of the

process, but also a number of new houses being built, the first phase is between 250 and 350, come 2020 they will be very much a part of this new parliamentary seat. The view would be to leave it just as Scunthorpe, would not recognise those important surrounding areas. I have obviously mentioned previously the issues around flooding, the history around the Trent Valley and its formal recognition. The Lincolnshire Lakes, as I say, is a billion plus infrastructure project to build 6,000 and it is right that we recognise that role in the banks of the Trent and in that local area.

Just in summing up, clearly the key element of my submission here is very much about keeping communities together and ensuring that their names are quite rightly recognised as part of those new parliamentary structures. There are similar strong messages to say around Haltemprice about the history of Haltemprice in a similar vein that we absolutely believe should be kept together as the Isle of Axholme and that Trent Valley set up.

Thank you once again for the opportunity. That is all I need to say.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Thank you very much. Any clarification from anybody? (No response) Mr Waltham, thank you very much indeed.

We have one more speaker on our list this afternoon. I happen to know that she was intending to be here for about 3.30 pm. Originally it was going to be later than that but it may be 3.30 pm, so we will come back in about 15 minutes and see how we are getting on.

After a short break

Time noted: 3.52 pm

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Welcome back to the resumed hearing on Day Two in Hull. My name is John Feavoyour. I am an Assistant Commissioner for the Boundary Commission for England and it is my responsibility to Chair the hearing today and yesterday and, in fact, I was also in Leeds a couple of weeks ago, Sheffield, Northallerton and then Hull. Together with my colleague Assistant Commissioner Collette Rawnsley, it is our responsibility to consider all of the representations made orally at these meetings or written submissions that go to the Boundary Commission's website.

The consultation is open until 5 December, so up until that point everything that comes in will then go on the website for anybody else to have a think about and make counter-proposals if they want to, probably next spring. In order to do that we are recording proceedings today and everything will be transcribed word for word in order that it can go on the website in due course. That is why, when people come to give evidence

today, I am asking them to come to the front, sit in front of the microphone, start by saying their name, their address and then go into what it is they want to say.

Tracey Henry, would you come up now, please?

I should just say that we adjourned a few minutes ago and we have resumed here now, just short of 3.50 pm.

Tracey when you are ready off you go, name, address and then what you want to say.

MRS HENRY: My name is Tracey Henry. I live on Sefton Street, on the Hessle Road, in Hull.

I would like to agree with the proposals for the City and one of the Western Hull and Haltemprice, the block. I would also like to agree that the block of Derringham, Boothferry and Pickering should be kept together. I live in the St Andrews ward and the proposals that it forms part of the new seats makes sense due to its own history. There are a lot of ties between Haltemprice villages and the West Hull, for instance the Pickering House in Coltman Street. Mr Pickering built the house on Coltman Street, which was one of the very first in the street when he owned his fleet and helped build up the area and the facilities of today. A couple of years ago a local person started to renovate the house and it now has a blue plaque in place, for Mr Pickering will never be forgotten and remembered for his impact on Hessle Road and some of the other areas.

The Pickering Park was donated to the working people and families of the river. It was where the Maritime Museum's first home in the City was before it was moved into the current location in the town centre. The regeneration of Hessle Road, which I have to say I was a part of as a child in the 1970s and 1980s, changed people's relationship with these areas. However, for some this did not happen for the fishing families who have benefitted from the parks and the Haltemprice sports facilities and shopping and Hessle Road and Hessle and the ties with the river.

I was just coming through arriving at the station this morning - I am just going to add this bit in - and the Trans Pennine trail bikes are there and it actually reminded me that from where I live I can get under the old Subway Street straight on to the Trans Pennine and it goes straight round. All that part of the river links, the history all links together. Being a fishing family, the fact that St Andrews is staying St Andrews is of great benefit because he is the patron saint of fisherman and that is what he is named after.

Thank you very much.

THE LEAD ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER: Mrs Henry, thank you very much. Do we need any clarification of anything Mrs Henry has said? (No response) Thank you ever so much for coming along today to share that with us, we appreciate it.

That brings us to the end of all of our scheduled speakers today. The time is just coming up on 4.00 pm. Originally we were scheduled to be open until 5.00 pm. We have had one person come on spec today and he spoke earlier on in the afternoon. My experience over the last three hearings is that when we have not had people come on spec during the day, we have also had nobody come along at the end of the day.

On that basis, on the grounds that we have done all of our scheduled speakers and I have also spoken to the observers from the political parties present, and they do not anticipate anybody else coming this afternoon, with the time just coming up on 4.00 pm we will conclude the hearings here in Hull and in fact, the hearings for Yorkshire and the Humber. Thank you very much.

Hearing adjourned

Time noted: 4.00 pm

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