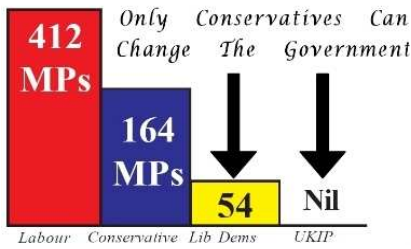


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Letter to the Editor:

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Dear Sir

I was surprised to see our MP's response to the Boundary Committee.

Brian Greenslade, Leader of Devon County Council and a North Devon Councillor, was extremely enthusiastic about a county-wide unitary council. Our MP was remarkably quiet about the whole affair.

The people of North Devon have spoken loudly about this whole issue. We do not want to be part of a greater Devon council, either with or without Exeter and Exmouth. A poll showed that the vast majority of residents do not want to be ruled from County Hall and if they are able to choose, they want a North Devon unitary encompassing the proposal made by North Devon Council.

It is disappointing that our MP is selling us down the river by recommending that the Boundary Committee "sticks to its guns" and creates a new super-council for the whole area covered by Devon County Council.

The people of North Devon feel those pushing for the county-wide option are not listening to their needs and desires and on 4 June, I am confident that voters will remember that the enthusiasts for this option in North Devon, namely Councillors Rodney Cann, Brian Greenslade, Chris Hayward and Joe Tucker, will receive the appropriate message in the ballot box. North Devonians want to be ruled by themselves or else save all those multi millions and leave things as they are for now. The Conservative Group on the District Council is unanimous in this view for us and Conservative Councillors will stand-up for North Devon and will not encourage remote democracy ruled by Exeter and with a majority which lives in the south of the county. Rest assured, though, that we shall work as best as we can with whatever administration is foisted upon us!

Yours faithfully

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