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Dear Sir or Madam,

Potential move to whole council elections for Amber Valley Borough Council

I am seeking your Council's views on the possibility of this Council moving from elections by thirds to whole council elections, commencing in May 2019.

You will recall that I contacted you in similar circumstances in November last year but at that time the proposal was for the whole council elections to commence in May 2016.

The results of last year's consultation exercise were considered by Full Council at its meeting in March 2015. Twenty letters/emails had been received from individuals and organisations and, in summary, nine were in favour of the move to whole Council elections, six were in favour of retaining elections by thirds and five did not express an opinion either for or against the proposal. Full Council resolved that there should be no change to the Borough Council's existing electoral cycle.

The Council resolved not to change at that time because whole Borough Council elections commencing in May 2016 would have resulted in the Borough Council's elections being out of line with those of all the other Derbyshire councils and they would also not be at the midpoint of County Council elections, which will be next held in 2017.

At its meeting on 16 September 2015, Full Council resolved to hold a Special Meeting as soon as is reasonably practicable to once again consider moving from elections by thirds to whole Council elections every four years, but this time taking effect in May 2019. A resolution specifying 2019 as the first year for all Council elections would ensure that Borough Council elections take place on the same day as Parish Council elections, thereby precluding any need to order a change in the ordinary years of such elections. They would also take place two years away from County Council elections.

I should be grateful if you would submit representations to me either by letter or email at the above addresses by no later than **Friday 30 October 2015**.

Yours sincerely

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