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Dear Roy,

I am delighted that the Independent Commission has a Chairman of such long experience of the political system in UK and such an unrivalled historical perspective.

I do hope and trust that in all its deliberations it will hold fast to the link between an MP or councillor and a defined geographical constituency. I have no doubt at all that this link is essential and will become ever more important as the number of councils, agencies or local Assemblies grows.

The other vital element of the present system which must be preserved under any reform is the independence of local party associations from their HQ's. If the central party is allowed to dictate who local candidates must be we shall have destroyed a real bulwark against central executive tyranny.

Yours,

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