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Boundary Commission for England,
35 Great Smith Street,
London,
SW1P 3BQ.

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of the Residents' Association of West Wimbledon (RAWW) in response to the the responses on the first consultation on new constituency boundary proposals. Our members are all currently residents of the Wimbledon constituency. In the 2016 proposals they would be split between 2 constituencies.

Having studied the comments of residents in the Wimbledon constituency on the 2016 proposals we are pleased to see that firstly there is massive support for keeping the whole Wimbledon community together in one constituency, and secondly that so many residents feel strongly about this that the response rate was one of the highest in the country. The level and content of responses confirms what RAWW said in its letter of last November i.e. Wimbledon Town and Village have always been interdependent and it is total nonsense to split them. People who live in the Village travel the short distance to Wimbledon Town to use the tube and overground. People from the Town go up the hill to the Village for an evening out or to enjoy Wimbledon Common. Wimbledon is famous for tennis but under these proposals the All England Lawn Tennis Club would join the Village and the Common in going into a Putney constituency. The whole of Wimbledon has a strong sense of pride in its shared history and identity, and a strong sense of unity.

The fact that the commons and the A3 form a physical barrier between Putney and Wimbledon Village is mentioned by many as a reason not to combine these communities that do not naturally have connections or common interests.

We note that many people supported our view that that it has never been more important than now to have one MP representing the whole of Wimbledon, with many quoting the example of Crossrail2 which would affect the whole of Wimbledon and needs strong leadership from one MP who is able to understand and represent the interests of all Wimbledon residents.

RAWW asks that Boundary Commission to respect the strongly felt views of local people and seek a solution that won't cut across the strong community and geographic links that unite the whole of Wimbledon.

Yours sincerely,

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cc Stephen Hammond MP