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**From:** SMITH, Henry [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 August 2018 16:01  
**To:** reviews  
**Subject:** Local Government Boundary Commission for England electoral review of Crawley Borough Council

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in general support of a revised version of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) electoral review of Crawley Borough Council (CBC), I would however express concerns over two specific proposed changes.

While I welcome the LGBCE's draft recommendations, these would be strengthened by adopting [amendments](#) put forward by the Conservative CBC Group and its Leader, Cllr Duncan Crow, at a full council meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018.

Such proposals would see most of the existing residents in the town centre remain within Northgate ward, as well as keeping the Manor Royal Business District in its existing Northgate ward while keeping the residential area around Tushmore Lane in with the Langley Green ward.

These measures will make the Northgate & West Green ward a much better match with the County Council Electoral Division of the same area.

I am also concerned at an amendment put forward by the CBC Labour Group, to place The Orchard estate in Ifield into the Langley Green ward.

My fear is that the residents of The Orchards are being ignored, The Orchards are not a 'natural' fit with the Langley Green ward. They identify as residents of Ifield, use the facilities and amenities within Ifield and have no natural ties to the Langley Green ward whatsoever other than geographically neighbouring it. Over a number of years constituents living in The Orchards have expressed their preference to be in the Ifield ward, as their estate is within Ifield.

I am also deeply concerned with the proposal to transfer a proportion of the current Broadfield North ward into Gossops Green. Again, residents of Broadfield North consider themselves residents of the Broadfield neighbourhood, using the facilities and amenities within the local area, to transfer these residents would be contrary to the neighbourhood principle.

As such, the amendments put forward by the Borough Council's Conservative Group make the overall scheme better for electoral equality, compared to the scheme with the Labour amendment.

Yours faithfully

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