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Dear Sir/Madam

**Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Electoral Review of Crawley Borough Council**

I am writing in support of Scheme 1 regarding the above consultation which opened on 30th January 2018.

While I accept the importance of equalisation with regard to individual wards, one element which must be maintained when amending such boundaries in Crawley is the historic strong neighbourhood principle which is a key element of the Borough.

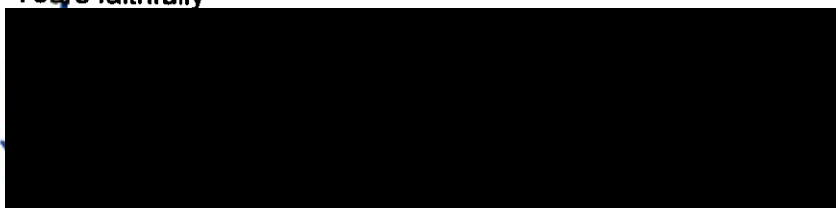
Indeed, the neighbourhoods are far more than the names of electoral boundaries only referenced on election literature; they are included in postal addresses and are a real part of peoples' identity, with local community centres, parades of shops and places of worship.

As a founder member of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on New Towns, and representing such a constituency myself, I have been struck when speaking with cross-party colleagues and hearing about not only the common features which occur throughout a number of New Towns, but also those which serve as a distinction.

The community principle is a long-standing part of Crawley New Town and one which I hope will be preserved through the local electoral map.

My thanks for your consideration of this submission.

Yours faithfully



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