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Please find below my submission for the Dorset Area proposals by the LGBCE.

SUBMISSION TO BOUNDARY COMMISSION ON PROPOSALS FOR BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE

I write as Member of Parliament for Mid Dorset and North Poole in respect of the new Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Authority. I support the view of Mid Dorset and North Poole Conservatives and their submission to the Boundary Commission. I have added to and amplified some points where relevant to show where I have received the strongest representations.

I restrict my comments to those areas that cover my constituency. The wards within my constituency affected are Canford Heath East, Canford Heath West, Broadstone and Merley & Bearwood.

I support making minor changes, such as the Joint Committees proposals, rather than the larger and more significant changes as proposed by the Boundary Commission.

CANFORD HEATH

I agree that Johnson and Kenyon roads are an integral part of Oakdale and should not be moved. I have received no representations about Canford Heath, and the proposal as drafted by the Boundary Commission makes sense and keeps the community of Canford Heath together.

BROADSTONE

This is where I have received the largest numbers and strongest representations. In particular in relation to the Pinesprings area, Edwina Drive and Twin Oaks. I firmly believe that the Pinesprings area, Edwina Drive and Twin Oaks should remain within Broadstone. I have received representations from all three areas that they are an integral part of Broadstone and that they look to Broadstone for the majority of their amenities. They have not been part of Creekmoor, and the strong community and amenity ties are very much with Broadstone and not Creekmoor.

The suggestion that they are part of the local road network with Creekmoor is not accurate or complete, and in my view the community ties aspect is so strong that regardless the Pinesprings area, Edwina Drive and Twin Oaks should remain within Broadstone.

On the Boundary Commission proposals, Creekmoor would be at the top end of the variance and/or above the 10% limit. Therefore, retaining these areas in Broadstone will ensure that Creekmoor is not at the top end of the 10% threshold. Further, even if this pushes Broadstone towards the top of the 10% threshold, this is no different from the Boundary Commission's current proposal, which has Creekmoor at the top end.

There are compelling reasons to keep Twin Oaks, Edwina Drive and the Pinesprings area within Broadstone and I urge the Boundary Commission to listen to the views of the local residents and retain all three within Broadstone.

MERLEY & BEARWOOD / BEARWOOD & KINSON SOUTH

I have received representations that Merley and Bearwood should be retained. The A341 provides a quick link between Merley and Bearwood and both have been together as a ward for a number of years.

If the current Merley ward is added to Broadstone the logical and sensible conclusion is to include Bearwood with Kinson South as proposed by the Boundary Commission. This does respect the unity of Bearwood.

In conclusion, I support the MD&NP Conservatives' submission and I too would prefer the Joint Committees proposals, with more minor changes being made. But if the Boundary Commission proposal is adopted I sincerely hope that you will take my concerns and comments, and those of my constituents, into account.

Kind regards,

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