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Subject: Boundary Review of Bath & North East Somerset Council

Dear Commission

I am writing to you as a Councillor in Lansdown Ward, to which I was elected in 2007.

I have concerns about the removal of a significant portion of the Ward into Kingmead.

The present ward consists of an essentially residential community that has grown up since the Georgian period; the defining feature is the Lansdown Road itself. This contrasts considerably with the commercial and civic centre of the City, as represented by Abbey and Kingsmead Wards.

One only has to look at the amount of commercial properties in Lansdown. At the present time we have no retail outlets in the ward, except a Chinese takeaway and two Public Houses. The only significant non-retail businesses in the Ward are two large private schools. There was a large Ministry of Defence facility at the top of the ward but this now the site of a large housing estate.

My understanding is that among the aims of any redrawing of the boundaries needs to take into account communities. Lansdown is very much a community based on its geographical siting, up the length of Lansdown Road, usually called Lansdown Hill in local conversation, and its essential residential nature, as opposed to the hustle and bustle of Abbey and Kingsdown.

I should tell you that I have no personal interest in preserving Lansdown Ward, as I am not standing at the local elections next year. I do care, however, for Lansdown's future!

Yours faithfully

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