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Dear Sirs,

Electoral Review of Forest of Dean: Draft Recommendations

I am writing on behalf of English Bicknor Parish Council to confirm their views regarding the draft recommendations on new ward boundaries in the Forest of Dean.

The recommendation is that English Bicknor becomes part of the Berry Hill ward. Two alternative options have been put forward, but English Bicknor Parish strongly favour the recommended proposal. Berry Hill is within 2 miles of all residents of English Bicknor Parish and, although a small community, has a post office, small shops and public houses, all of which are used on a regular basis by residents of English Bicknor, where there are none of these facilities. The local church in English Bicknor is part of a shared benefice with Christchurch, which is also part of the Berry Hill ward. Berry Hill is also on the bus route which goes through English Bicknor daily.

The alternative proposals are areas which are further away and do not have facilities used on a regular basis by our parishioners.

I trust that you will take our response into consideration when a final decision is made concerning the new ward boundaries in the Forest of Dean.

Yours sincerely,

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Wendy Lawrence
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