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I am clerk to English Bicknor Parish Council, a small parish just outside Coleford, in the Forest of Dean. The Parish Chairman attended a meeting at the District Council offices where the proposed electoral changes were outlined, and she passed on this information to councillors at a subsequent meeting of the Parish Council.

After some discussion, councillors have asked me to write to you to express their views. At present English Bicknor is part of the ward which includes Lydbrook and Ruardean. Councillors very much feel that in fact parishioners feel a much closer affinity to Christchurch and Berry Hill. English Bicknor and Christchurch currently share a church benefice, while residents of English Bicknor, where there are no public amenities at all, regularly use the shops and Post Office in Berry Hill. Christchurch and Berry Hill are also physically closer in distance to English Bicknor than Lydbrook, and are much closer than Joys Green.

We hope that these views will be taken into consideration as part of your review.

Wendy Lawrence  
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