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Re: Further limited consultation on the proposed new ward boundaries for the London Borough of Bexley

In relation to the further limited consultation, I write in support of the revised proposals published by the LGBCE.

The proposals have addressed a substantive number of points raised in relation to the original consultation regarding community connections and links in this area.

The changes to the Erith, Slade Green and North End areas support some well-established community links. Although the original proposals for these areas from the LGBCE were also strong and sensible, the revised proposals are, on balance, not weaker and as such they are also welcome. Indeed, although these proposed revised wards do now cross the railway line, the LGBCE have put a credible case forward for doing so. On balance, this is a reasonable approach to take and I would be content to see these revised boundaries be implemented as recommended.

I would add that I feel that there is a case for Erith Ward to be renamed Erith Riverside or Erith Town in recognition of its historic connections to the River Thames or its economic centre. I trust that this can be considered by the LGBCE at this stage.

The changes to North Heath and Barnehurst are also welcome and are a credible and sensible way of balancing community links and interests with the electoral quota requirements.

Yours sincerely,

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