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Dear Sirs,

We strongly object to the Crawley proposals, put forward by the LGBCE, for the boundary review of West Sussex County Council and wish to voice our support for the revised submission put forward by West Sussex County Council.

As local Councillors and residents of Three Bridges we are concerned that our ward is split into different divisions at County level – one of which is Pembroke Park. Such divisions make it confusing for the residents of Pembroke Park, who have little idea as to who is their County Councillor; also it makes it difficult for us as Borough Councillors, as we have to engage with more than one County Councillor, who could have different views and opinions.

The Borough Ward exactly matches our neighbourhood. We are deeply unhappy that an opportunity is being missed to have all of Three Bridges contained within one County Council division, as we used to have prior to 2009.

The Pembroke Park estate is part of the Three Bridges neighbourhood and Borough ward. Residents of Pembroke Park have no affinity to Southgate and certainly not with part of West Green, as per the LGBCE proposal. Pembroke Park residents naturally feel part of Three Bridges. They come to us, as the Three Bridges Borough Councillors, with County Council issues. Such residents are confused as to who represents them at County Council level and cannot understand why they should be 'lumped' into a totally different area which bears no relation to Three Bridges whatsoever. This confusion will continue with the LGBCE proposal.

As Three Bridges Councillors, we receive local correspondence about issues relating to Three Bridges Station, as do the Councillors for Pound Hill South. It would make perfect sense and surely create more effective local government, to have these areas around the station covered by just one County Councillor, rather than two, as is the situation at present and which is proposed to continue by the LGBCE.

Take parking for example; any failure to agree on parking issues by these two County Councillors, representing the areas either side of the station, can lead to either or both of Three Bridges or Pound Hill South suffering increased parking problems.

These two areas have much in common and it is logical to have the station at the centre of a new division, as per the WSCC proposal.

We were surprised to read in your report that crossing the railway line was a reason not to accept the WSCC proposal. Whilst it could be seen geographically that the railway line could propose a barrier, it is not so in physical terms. More people (especially pedestrians and cyclists) cross the railway line in the area around Three Bridges Station, than anywhere else in Crawley. It is no barrier whatsoever and the WSCC proposed division of all of Three Bridges and the LKA polling district of Pound Hill South would be much more logical for both areas than the LGBCE proposal.

Yours sincerely, Brenda and Bob Burgess.
Crawley Borough Councillors for Three Bridges.

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