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01 November 2018

Our Ref: CD/Consultation on warding arrangements

Dear Mark

I am writing to you as the initial consultation period on the new warding arrangements in Brent draws to a close.

Since the Commission informed Brent that it is minded to recommend that the London Borough of Brent should have 57 councillors in the future, officers have worked on drawing up proposed warding patterns to accommodate 57 councillors. The Council's Electoral Services and Business Intelligence teams, using our projected electoral register figures and Geographic Information System, developed a series of warding proposals for consideration initially by the Council's cross party Constitutional Working Group and then the Council's General Purposes Committee; again, a cross party committee. You are aware of the documentation produced for the General Purposes meeting as it can be found on our public website.

Engagement with Brent's elected members in this process has been significant. The Council has also publicised the review at all of our local area forums (Brent Connects meetings), in our magazine for residents and on all of our social media platforms.

This process has given all involved an insight into the complexity of drawing up a new warding pattern.

After much deliberation, the General Purposes committee, at its meeting on 31 October, agreed unanimously that the Council would not submit an agreed Council submission.

There remain several areas of disagreement among our elected members which have led to this position. These are outlined in the General Purposes documentation that the Committee agreed I would send you.

This documentation in no way constitutes a formal Council Submission but should, however, provide the Commission with valuable information about some of the key areas of discussion in Brent.

I have summarised these below:

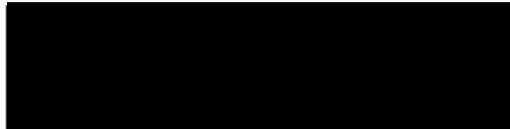
- Two member wards versus three member wards. I would emphasize that there is no support in Brent, politically or organisationally, for one Member ward;
- The issue of the North Circular Road (which divides Brent geographically). Members of the General Purposes committee asked me to stress that whilst both Council proposals endeavoured to utilise the North Circular as a ward boundary, this was not possible in one ward (the proposed Neasden ward). The Boundary in the proposed Stonebridge ward does not strictly follow the North Circular, but does not impact on any residential properties, but includes the Stonebridge Park underground station.

As you will see from the General Purposes documentation attached, the main areas of contention are around the current Dudden Hill and Kensal Green Wards. I have received a number of emails from residents of those wards which I attach also for your information.

As mentioned above, I attach the documentation discussed at each General Purposes meeting and, as requested, I also attach the shapefiles of each proposal considered by that Committee.

On behalf of the Council, I would like to thank you for your support in the process to date, and look forward to working with you in the New Year when the Commission consults on its draft warding recommendations.

Yours sincerely



Carolyn Downs
Chief Executive

Cc Councillor Muhammed Butt, Leader of the Council (Chair of General Purposes Committee),
Councillor Reg Colwill (Leader of the Conservative Group).

Enclosures:

- 1) General Purposes Committee documentation – 17 October 2018
<http://democracy.brent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=153&MId=5010&Ver=4>
- 2) General Purposes Committee documentation – 31 October 2018
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- 3) Comments and representations received from members of the public and Councillors
- 4) Shapefiles for proposals presented to the General Purposes Committee on 31 October 2018
 - a. Proposal 1
 - b. Proposal 2
 - c. Variation 1 (Barnhill / Chalkhill)
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General Purposes Committee
17 October 2018

Report from the Chief Executive

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General Purposes Committee – Supplementary Agenda

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Agenda

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Background Papers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electoral Boundary Review Council size submission for the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (Brent Full Council 9 July 2018) • Electoral Boundary Review ward pattern proposals for the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (Brent General Purposes Committee 17 October 2018) • LGBCE Electoral Reviews: Technical Guidance • LGBCE Electoral Figures
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the General Purposes Committee with an update on the Electoral Boundary Review ward pattern proposals as considered by the General Purposes Committee on 17 October 2018.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 That the General Purposes Committee considers the comments made by Councillors on the draft warding pattern proposals;
- 2.2 That the General Purposes Committee considers and comments on the draft warding pattern proposals, and proposals for ward names;
- 2.3 That the General Purposes Committee decides, or not, to submit draft warding pattern(s) to the LGBCE as an agreed Council position.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Council, at its meeting held on 9 July 2018, unanimously authorised the Chief Executive to make a submission on a future council size of 57 Councillors to the LGBCE.
- 3.2 The LGBCE announced in August 2018 that it was minded to make a recommendation of a future council size of 57 councillors to the LGBCE.
- 3.3 In proposing a reduction in Councillors, the Council and Commission took into account the workload of Councillors, the changing way in which people access information and the governance arrangements of the Council.
- 3.4 The LGBCE is currently consulting on ward patterns for a council size of 57 Councillors. The Council is not legally required to put forward a proposal.
- 3.5 The Chief Executive, in her role as Returning Officer, developed two ward pattern proposals for consideration, and these were considered by the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 17 October 2018. Comments received during this meeting are outlined in section 4.4 and in the draft minutes attached.
- 3.6 Since the General Purposes Committee on 17 October 2018, Executive and Member Services staff have met with Councillors individually to discuss the two proposals and to look at any amendments proposed by Councillors. The comments and suggestions made during these meetings are shown in section 4.4.
- 3.7 In considering proposed amendments to the pattern of electoral wards, Council officers have been mindful that the Commission must balance its three statutory criteria, and have therefore maintained a ward pattern accordingly. It is worth noting that a number of comments received would have jeopardised the electoral parity of the wards, which is one of the LGBCE's primary concerns and which triggered this review. It is important to remain mindful of these criteria when considering or incorporating any changes to the proposals.

The three main elements of the criteria that must be followed are:

- **Delivering Electoral Equality for Local Voters** – Ensuring that each councillor represents roughly the same number of voters so that the value of each vote in the same regardless of where a voter lives within the Borough. Based on the forecast electorate figures for 2024 published by the LGBCE, this would equate to a targeted average electorate of 4,311 per councillor
- **Interests and Identities of Local Communities** - Establishing electoral arrangements which, as far as possible, avoid splitting local ties and where boundaries are easily identifiable. The Council has considered physical barriers marking the boundary between different communities, such as major roads, rivers or railway lines.
- **Effective and Convenient Local Government** – Ensuring that the wards can be represented effectively by their elected representative(s) and that the new electoral arrangements as a whole, including both the council size decision and the warding arrangements, allow the local authority to conduct its business.

4.0 Proposed warding patterns

- 4.1 Two initial warding patterns proposed by the Council were outlined in detail in the report to the General Purposes Committee on 17 October 2018. Proposal 1 and proposal 2 have been amended since the General Purposes meeting on 17 October 2018 following feedback received by Councillors.
- 4.2 Proposal one remains comprised of 19 wards in total with each ward being represented by 3 Councillors.
- 4.3 Proposal two remains comprised of 20 wards in total, with 17 wards being represented by 3 Councillors and 3 wards being represented by 2 Councillors.
- 4.4 The Executive and Member Services staff have met with Councillors so that Members could put forward suggestions and potential amendments to the existing proposals.
- 4.5 The warding patterns as outlined in the General Purposes Committee on 17 October 2018 remain largely intact, but all comments have been incorporated where community identity was a factor and the initial proposals jeopardised the cohesion of the proposed ward or a proposed community, but did not compromise the electoral equality for voters.
- 4.6 In response to Members' feedback, Northwick Triangle has been put back in the proposed Northwick Park Ward (as now). In the previous proposals, it had been included in the proposed Kenton ward. This, in response to feedback, reflects the community identity of that area and does not compromise electoral parity.
- 4.7 In an amendment to the previous proposals, Wembley Stadium is now in the proposed Wembley Park ward, which does not compromise electoral parity.
- 4.8 In addition to proposals 1 and 2 a number of requests for alternative warding patterns were put forward by elected members. These have been modelled and are attached for discussion.

4.9 These additional models include:

- The retention of a ward reflecting the community identity of the Kensal Green/Rise area;
- The creation of a ward reflecting the historical Barnhill area.

4.10 The following comments were received from Councillors up until Thursday 25 October 2018. Any additional comments or proposals received since then will be verbally reported and tabled to the General Purposes Committee on 31 October 2018.

In the table below it is explained whether the comment has been incorporated into the proposals and the reasons for this decision.

Councillor	Comments	Outcome / Response
Ward Councillor, Kenton Ward	Expressed support for the logic of the proposed Kenton Ward, but also advised that the Conservative Party intended to submit separate proposals to the LGBCE which would be based on a three member Ward configuration and would incorporate the creation of a Preston North and Preston South Ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No changes required, supports proposal for the proposed Kenton Ward
Ward Councillors, Sudbury	<p>Barley Close is a small cul-de-sac that was divided between Sudbury and Northwick Park.</p> <p>Stilecroft Gardens should also be moved into Northwick Park.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The entirety of Barley Close has now been moved into Northwick Park. - Due to the geographical location of Stilecroft Gardens, this has also been moved into Northwick Park.
Ward Councillors, Northwick Park	<p>Amendments were suggested to the proposed Northwick Park Ward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Move Stilecroft Gardens into Northwick Park - Keep Woodfield Avenue in Northwick Park – it is part of the Sudbury Court Resident’s Association (based in Northwick Park), whereas the rest of the area is the Sudbury Town 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stilecroft Gardens has been moved into Northwick Park - Woodfield avenue will remain in Northwick Park

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Ward Councillor, Dudden Hill	<p>The proposed Neasden Ward (Ward number 16) fails to fully reflect the existing Neasden community. Suggested that the name of the Ward be changed if the proposal is not changed in the council submission.</p> <p>Retain the existing Dollis Hill Ward but add polling districts CDU1, CDU2 and WH6.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retaining the existing Dollis Hill Ward but add polling districts CDU1, CDU2 and WH6 makes that ward over 20% too large and creates an island effect for the remaining CDU3.
Ward Councillors, Stonebridge	<p>Expressed support for proposal one, as the three member Wards would enable greater diversity of representation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No changes proposed, supports original proposal 1 for Stonebridge Ward – a 3 member ward
Ward Councillor, Dudden Hill Ward	<p>Disagreed with the suggested dissolution and division of the current Dudden Hill Ward.</p> <p>The proposed Neasden Ward (Ward number 16) included in both proposals did not incorporate the centre of the Neasden Community – the Dollis Hill area next to The Crest Academy. He suggested a revision of the boundaries for Ward number 16.</p> <p>It was suggested that community factors such as places of worship influence the final Ward boundaries.</p> <p>Suggested that a new Ward could be created called Gladstone Ward, which would comprise of the area within the following streets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The railway from Walm Lane (A407) to Neasden Lane (B453) - Neasden Lane (B453) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - While looking at the possibility of incorporating these, and other suggestions regarding Neasden, Dollis Hill and Dudden Hill, it was necessary to look at the surrounding areas to fully understand any potential knock-on effect. - Initially the possibility of converting the proposed Mapesbury Ward (Ward number 3) and the Dollis Hill Ward (Ward number 14) into two member Wards was looked into. - Due to the natural geography and physical boundaries, it was not possible to make this add up numerically.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dollis Hill Lane - Park Side - Path connecting Olive Road to Anson Road - Along Anson Road until Melrose Avenue - Melrose Avenue - Riffel Road - Station Parade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Officers then looked into the possibility of doing the same with proposed Dollis Hill Ward (Wards number 14) and the proposed Neasden Ward (Ward number 16) but again geography prevented a two member Ward solution. - It was then decided that it would not be practical to investigate looking at converting the proposed Mapesbury, Kingsbury, Dollis Hill and Neasden Wards (Ward numbers 3, 10, 14 and 16) into six two member Wards. - The suggestion of using three polling districts from the existing Dudden Hill Ward (CDU3, 4 and 5) to create a new two member Ward does not take into account one of the major natural boundaries (train line) that have been paramount in the production of both proposals. - It also involves taking in around a net 2000 electors into Neasden which would take it to over 20% above the average. The new two member Ward would be more than 10% under the average. - It is therefore not possible to

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		<p>incorporate this into the existing proposals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Gladstone ward has been modelled which does not meet the required LGBCE criteria. The proposed area for a Gladstone ward is too large for a one member ward (5000) and too small for a two member ward.
Ward Councillor, Barnhill Ward	<p>Advised that the Barnhill community had been overlooked and disregarded, and that the current proposals were that parts of the existing Barnhill Ward should be incorporated in the proposed Neasden Ward (Ward number 16)</p> <p>Stated that the Neasden Ward did not comply with the LGBCE criteria, as there is no natural boundary, cohesive community identity, or landmark included. In addition, the obstacle of the North Circular Road which separated one section of the Ward from another appeared to have been ignored.</p> <p>Stated that the proposals should not disrupt the established community identity of the Chalkhill area who would identify with the proposed ward.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Officers looked at the possibility of moving the area between the Paddocks and Forty Lane from the proposed Ward 16 to the proposed Ward 17. This caused the number of electors in the two proposed Wards to vary greatly from the average. - The electorate per councillor for proposed Ward 17 would be 4,888 and Ward 16 would be 3,362. The targeted average number of electors per councillor is 4,311. - Incorporating the area up to Lavender Avenue into proposed Ward 16 would cause Ward 10 to have an electorate per councillor of 3,656 and 4,272 for Ward 16. - Officers have also looked at

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		<p>extending proposed Ward 17 to the River Brent. This would cause Ward 17 to have an electorate of 5,070 per councillor, and Ward 16 to have an electorate of 3,180 per councillor. To address this, officers tried to increase the electorate in Ward 16 larger by incorporating Elthorne Road, but that cause the electorate per councillor in Ward 10 to be 3,656.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is therefore not possible to incorporate these suggestions in the existing proposals due to the effect on electoral parity. - While looking at whether it was possible to implement the suggestions it was noticed that Rook Close and a small proportion of Chalkhill Road should have been in the proposed Neasden Ward, so this has been altered in proposals 1+2. - A model of a proposed 1 member ward covering the 'Barnhill' area is attached for discussion; a 2 member ward has therefore been developed in the former welsh harp / Neasden and the Chalkhill estate

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		is now in Wembley Park now.
Ward Councillors, Kensal Green	Stated that the proposals should include a Ward that recognises the Kensal community.	<p>A model Kensal Green ward has been drawn up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three two member wards have been drawn up for consideration to reflect a Kensal ward. This impacts the proposed Brondesbury Park and Queens Park wards. - This model has not been discussed with current Queens Park or Brondesbury Park ward Councillors.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications from this report however it is estimated that if either proposal is agreed savings will be identified in the management and running of elections.

6.0 Legal Implications

- 6.1 Recommendations are made within the provisions of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 which the LGBCE must adhere to.

7.0 Equality Implications

- 7.1 Recommendations have taken into consideration the diverse make-up of the borough and the need for councillors to reflect this diversity as they carry out their representational role
- 7.2 For the above reasons, the introduction of one-member wards is not recommended in Brent to ensure that the diverse nature of representation in the borough is not impacted.

8.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

- 8.1 All Councillors were encouraged to provide feedback on the initial proposals ahead of the General Purposes meeting on 31 October 2018, and the comments and suggestions received by the Electoral Services Team have been outlined in the report.
- 8.2 The LGBCE initial consultation on warding patterns is open until 5 November 2018. Once the consultation closes, the LGBCE will consider all submissions and will then put forward a draft recommendation for the warding pattern for Brent. There will then be a further consultation period on the LGBCE's draft recommendations.
- 8.3 External stakeholders, including youth groups, residents' associations, cultural groups, faith communities, neighbourhood forums and other community groups have also been informed of the consultation and how to participate.
- 8.4 The Head of Executive and Member Services has presented the two original proposals at each Brent Connects meetings. No concerns were expressed about either proposal however members of the public were encouraged to consult the LGBCE portal and contribute to the consultation.
- 8.5 Furthermore, since the publication of the General Purposes Committee papers in advance of the meeting held on 17 October, a number of emails have been received from members of the public. The content of these emails relate principally to Dudden Hill and express a desire for a Dudden Hill Ward to remain. No other emails have been received.

9.0 Human Resources/Property Implications (if appropriate)

9.1 There are no direct human resources or property implications that relate to this stage in the Electoral Review Process.

Report sign off:

CAROLYN DOWNS
Chief Executive

General Purposes Committee, Wednesday 31 October 2018 5.00 pm

Appendix to 4.10.

Comments from:	Detail of comment	Action / response
Member of the public – published online	<p>I have to say that these proposals from Brent's Chief Executive, Carolyn Downs, seem very sensible.</p> <p>I had thought of applying my mind to this problem, and making some comments / suggestions of my own to the Local Government Boundary Review consultation exercise, but my only comment now will be to support these proposals.</p> <p>The General Purposes Committee is the right body of our elected councillors to consider these proposals; but the make-up of the committee as it has been at Brent Council in recent years is totally wrong.</p> <p>The majority of its members, including its Chair, should be councillors who are NOT members of the Cabinet. In that way, there is a proper separation of powers, which provides "checks and balances" which are so important to the proper operation of local democracy.</p> <p>Following my usual policy of letting councillors and Council Officers know what a local citizen, outside of the Civic Centre "bubble", thinks on important issues, I have emailed the text of my comment above to Brent's Chief Executive, for her information.</p> <p>I concluded the email by saying:</p> <p>'I commend you, and the Council's GIS and Electoral Services teams, for the proposals you have put forward.</p>	

	<p>However, on my second point, I can understand that there are practical difficulties over improving the make-up of General Purposes Committee, given the current balance (or imbalance!) of power on Brent Council.'</p>	
<p>Member of the public – forwarded via a Councillor</p>	<p>.....Turning to the draft warding pattern proposals .. I was not able to work out yesterday what the name of my proposed new ward would be ;</p> <p>But from what you say it will be ' Neasden '. Ironically NEASDEN means more to me than does Dudden Hill. Indeed ' Neasden Lane ' is part of my full formal address .. and the station is a hundred yards from my back garden.</p> <p>I have never been quite sure what and where Dudden Hill is as an area .. apart from the Ward !!! it has a road (Lane) but not a station ???</p> <p>If you google ' Dudden Hill Wikipedia ' ... you get ' Dollis Hill Wikipedia ' !!! how telling is that.</p> <p>Dudding hill or Dudden Hill field was first recorded in 1363 and the name may be linked to the northern word 'dod', which can mean 'a distinct shoulder or boss of a hill'.</p> <p>Dudding Hill railway station was a station in Neasden, London NW2 on the Dudding Hill Line. the station building survived into the 1980s, when the land was used for housing (Cornmow Drive was built on the site). The line now carries freight along the end of my garden ;</p> <p>So I do have a connection with Dudding Hill ☺.</p> <p>Is this debate all about names and words ??? and one's loyalty to an area.</p>	<p>For the members of GP to note.</p>
<p>Member of the public</p>	<p><u>To Carolyn Downs and Thomas Cattermole</u></p>	<p>For the members of GP to note.</p>

	<p>Dear Carolyn and Thomas</p> <p>We are concerned that the present proposals for boundary changes seem to mean the end for Kensal Green as an electoral ward. We have lived here for over forty years and we very much feel part of this tight knit area. We know that our local councillors have discussed a proposal with Senior Officers which retains the majority of the existing Kensal Green ward (though there is loss of a few southern streets to Harlesden ward), but at the expense of a loss of councillor each from Kensal, Brondesbury Park and Queen's Park wards. This as you probably know is now included in the papers for the Council meeting on Wednesday. We attach a map with the Kensal variation on.</p> <p>So the key points we ask you to consider are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kensal Green is a distinct community and should be respected in the same way as other communities such as Harlesden, Willesden Green and Wembley Park ("For there is good news yet to hear and fine things to be seen, Before we go to Paradise by way of Kensal Green"). 2. Integrating Kensal Green into two new Brondesbury Park and Queen's Park megawards is far too unwieldy, as the new wards are too big and too varied in nature 3. If the number of councillors need to be decreased, it is better to remove one councillor each from Kensal Green, Brondesbury Park and Queen's Park, rather than arbitrarily destroying Kensal Green ward whilst expanding Brondesbury Park and Queen's Park wards. 	
Member of the public	<p>Dear Mr Cattermole and Ms Downs</p> <p>As a Labour party member and someone living in the Kensal Green ward I think that the new boundaries that propose to include the roads from college road to Victor Road in the Queens Park/Kensal rise ward make sense as these streets belong more locally to Kensal Rise.</p>	For the members of GP to note.

	<p>I have always found College Road to be a very arbitrary border dividing a community. It was most evident during the Kensal Rise library campaign where most people affected lived between Chamberlayne Road and All Souls avenue and yet were part of 2 different wards and constituencies.</p> <p>I do understand our excellent councillors being against it as well as some of the ward members but boundaries should try to represent the best for all ward members</p>	
<p>Cllr Parvez Ahmed</p> <p>Three Councillors, Dollis Hill Ward</p>	<p>Dear Carolyn,</p> <p>In regards to the Council Ward Boundary changes consultation, just wanted to let you know that we three Dollis Hill Councillors are supportive and in agreement with Proposal 1.</p>	<p>For the members of GP to note.</p>
<p>Councillor Chan</p>	<p>Dear Tom</p> <p>Thanks for meeting with Cllr Hector and me earlier this week. This is just a reminder of the key headlines from our conversation. I have attached a map for your convenience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the current council proposals are to cut up and subsume Kensal Green ward into mainly new, bigger Brondesbury Park (11) and Queen’s Park (8) wards • we feel that this not only seriously damages the unique community identity of Kensal Green, but that its integration into these two new, bigger Brondesbury Park and Queen’s Park wards seem somewhat arbitrary and unwieldy • we therefore propose having a Kensal Green ward which extends northwards to All Souls Avenue, westwards to Chamberlayne Road and southwards to Harvist Road 	<p>For the members of GP to note.</p> <p><i>(see Kensal variation – comments received prior to publication of Kensal variation)</i></p>

	<p>• as our proposal cuts into the current proposals for the new, bigger Brondesbury Park and Queen’s Park wards, it may necessitate the need to reduce the number councillors in these three wards to two councillors each</p> <p>Just so you know, I have highlighted the potential new Kensal Green ward in purple. As the population balance is imperative, I have highlighted different sections of the potential new Kensal Green where it can be subsumed into Brondesbury Park and/or Queen’s Park in orange.</p> <p>Thanks once again for agreeing to meet with us. I hope these proposals prove to not only be more elegant and lead to better representation, but perhaps more importantly, a more coherent and cohesive Kensal Green identity.</p> <p>Apologies – I meant to say ‘eastwards to Chamberlayne Road’.</p> <p>Moreover, I should add that Queen’s Park is not noted in the current council’s proposal as having any sort of special community identity. Not to degrade them, but it seems somewhat arbitrary that Queen’s Park is afforded protection under the current proposals whereas Kensal Green is not.</p>	
Member of the public	<p>Dear Ms Downs,</p> <p>If there is still time, I would like to the review of ward boundaries within Brent. I worry that the main suggestions made are too extensive. They will muddle people and many of those who have established links with councillors, eg through casework, will lose them. I am particularly concerned by the proposed abolition of the ward where I have lived for many years - Kensal Green.</p> <p>1. Local government has a low profile and local democracy is weak. Election turn-outs are already low. Even now, only a minority of residents know which ward they are in and who their local councillors are. This is particularly true of a transitory place like Brent. It makes it especially foolish to sever the links of those who can connect to their ward.</p>	For the members of GP to note <i>(see Kensal variation).</i>

2. In an innerish/outerish/commuter place like Brent most of us travel out of the borough to work or relax (few go to the centre of Brent to see a film, eat or have an operation). So our link to (walk to) the nearest station matters. For most of us in my ward, that is Kensal Green or Willesden Junction. W Junction is admittedly just beyond the present ward boundary, but nobody commutes via Brondesbury - which is where many of us will end-up if the main review proposals are accepted.

3. Only a minority of Brent residents drive. That's esp true of those of us in the southern/ eastern parts of the boro. That and the above means that what local links we have tend to be very local: to the nearest playgroup, schools, library, GP, corner shop and supermarket. The proposed megawards don't reflect that. Few people in Brondesbury Park will have visited, let alone have any communal feelings for, Kensal Green.

4. Because few drive, it will be difficult for people to get to councillors' surgeries or to join in local activities, eg to get to party meetings. While public transport here isn't too bad, it tends to run in and out of the centre, not east-west as many of the new wards (inc Brondesbury) are arrayed.

5. The extent and shape of the new wards will also make it hard for councillors to get around them. The strong links we have in K Green between our councillors and the locality will be lost.

6. The review tries to follow natural boundaries. Yet the new Brondesbury includes a slab of Willesden Green, from which we are divided by King Edwards park and an array of schools. While most of the roads (and busses) run north-south, limiting our links with Brondesbury.

7. An alternative proposal has been prepared which preserves not just Kensal Green, but the other eastern wards, substantially in their old boundaries. It thereby maintains links and connections not just Kensal Green but in the surrounding areas. It hits both the target for the reduction in councillors and that for the ratio of councillors to those they represent by moving Kensal Green

	and nearby wards from three to two members. I attach below a drawing showing this solution, which I support.	
Member of the public	<p>I have been looking at the various options for the changes to ward boundaries in Brent. I fully understand the need to reduce the number of councillors and to make each ward more equitable with regard to electoral numbers. But I also feel that any changes needs to take into account the distinct area of each ward.</p> <p>I think to a large extent you have done that except that I am dismayed as a long standing Brent and Kensal Green resident (43 years in Brent and 25 years in Kensal Green) two versions have chosen to wipe out the entity of Kensal Green ward.</p> <p>Kensal Green very much sees itself as a community. You can see that in the way it came together to first try to save Kensal Rise library and then to make sure it survived as a benefit for the local community.</p> <p>The proposals to redraw the boundaries so that some of Kensal Green becomes part of Queens Park and the rest part of Brondesbury Park makes no sense, from a community aspect. Having these two wards (Queens Park and Brondesbury Park) are clearly unwieldy and unmanageable for local councillors.</p> <p>There really is no logic to these proposals.</p> <p>The need to reduce the number of councillors should not simply be a numbers game but must take into account the needs of each local community.</p> <p>It therefore seems to me that accepting the Kensal Green variation which I attach and reducing each of the three affected wards to two councillors each would both resolve the problem of keeping each ward more or less in tact with its own distinct character and reduce the number of councillors by the same amount, i.e. three.</p> <p>I hope you will take these points into account before finalising the changes in Brent.</p>	For the members of GP to note. <i>(see Kensal variation).</i>
Member of the public	Dear MS Downs	For the members of GP to note.

I note that the Council is struggling to prepare an acceptable package for submission to the Boundary Commission.

The Commission has set a number of parameters including reasonable match with average number of voters per Councillors but also sensible ward boundaries matching natural and recognisable areas that local residents can relate to.

Until some 20 years ago Brent had mostly 2 member wards (with only around 3 member wards). At that time Brent was reformed into around 20 x 3 member wards in the unrealised expectations that the then Labour Government would force elections for London Boroughs to be reformed so that Councillors retire in 3rds.

As a result of these changes wards names such as Cricklewood, Brentwater, Kingsbury and others were lost. Local people lost their links with their natural local communities with very much larger wards being created which destroyed those links.

The current requirement to re-ward Brent again is an opportunity for radical change which revives some of those natural communities that local people can relate to. Two member wards should be revived to achieve this. This also has advantage of creating smaller more manageable wards (yet still large enough with around 8,000 electors) that Councillors can get to know much more easier.

In the case of the area I am familiar the previous changes scrapped Barham Ward which had been created as a memorial tribute to Titus Barham 1st Charter Mayor of Wembley and a major local benefactor. The current proposals recommend moving areas such as Maybank, Rosebank, Fernbank and Greenbank Avenues and other areas close to Sudbury Town into Northwick Park Ward. These areas have absolutely no connection with Northwick Park.

Pursuing my suggestion for 2 member wards will give an opportunity to recreate Barham Ward around Barham Park while creating both Sudbury Ward

	<p>and Northwick Park Ward of sensible size and to include areas which local people genuinely recognise as either Sudbury or Northwick Park (or even Sudbury Court as Northwick Park used to be called before).</p> <p>Similar benefits will arise by recreating 2 member wards in other parts of the borough thus recreating wards with represent natural communities.</p> <p>I note that an item is coming back to the Council's GP Committee responding to Councillors concern. The risk is that taking this approach simply responds to 'political considerations. The Council is still fortunate to have in its ranks staff who have been with the authority for 30 years or more. They can assist in contributing to this exercise by reminding those offers doing the number crunching of the natural community areas that existed and still existed in Brent. Their knowledge should be used to help in creating wards which meet this aspect of the Boundary Commission criteria.</p> <p>I trust that this suggestion will be considered and pursued.</p>	
<p>Councillor Tony Ethapemi, Councillor Erica Gbajumo and Councillor Kieron Gill.</p>	<p>Dear Carolyn and Thomas</p> <p>We are writing to you re the boundary changes.</p> <p>The reason we fully support the councils proposal 1 where all the wards have three members, are eloquently put by one of the people living in the area, this is quite long but I do feel worth reading, it's very compelling</p> <p><i>It strikes me that there is a very strong reason to argue for a change in our ward boundaries, namely to increase Democracy. At present Brondesbury ward has a way above average percentage of housing in the top two or three council tax bands. Because it is not representative of the rest of the borough, or the country as a whole, this means that prospective council candidates usually only have to make an appeal to one particular type of voter with only a narrow range of concerns.</i></p>	<p>For the members of GP to note.</p>

	<p><i>This sort of problem is most pronounced in heavily gerrymandered districts of the USA and has tended to produce candidates who can ignore the broad spectrum of opinion found in a more balanced demographic by just appealing to the interests and prejudices of a very narrow base of similar voters. Thus candidates with one-dimensional views can flourish when they are no longer dependent on a broad range of voters who reflect different incomes, range of housing, ethnic diversity etc. At Brondesbury Park we have long had a heavy imbalance towards wealthy and white residents, meaning a diminution in importance of everybody else outside of this group.</i></p> <p><i>We have had years of Councillors who were primarily concerned with reducing the amount of council tax that the most expensive houses had to pay; this chronic issue now has a potential solution-the Ward boundaries review is a golden chance to rebalance the ward's demographics giving a more representative pool of voters that more accurately reflects the boroughs average, thus ensuring that everyone's interests are of equal concern and importance.</i></p> <p><i>It cannot be right that any ward in the borough is to be left as an unbalanced anomaly for this both marginalises its minorities and distorts the democratic appeal of its candidates. Furthermore it greatly reduces its voters' importance to the rest of the borough and in the Council chamber itself. We are asking for equality instead as a democratic right.</i></p>	
<p>Cllr Janice Long</p>	<p>Carolyn</p> <p>I am seeking clarification on the electoral numbers for the Dollis Hill area. The report to GP Sub on 31st October states Retaining the existing Dollis Hill Ward but add polling districts CDU1, CDU2 and WH6 makes thatward over 20% too large and creates an island effect for the remaining CDU3.</p> <p>I used figures from the Brent Council website. The figures for 2024 are</p>	<p>Response provided to Cllr Long:</p> <p>Dear Cllr Long</p> <p>Under the proposal to amalgamate the existing Dollis Hill Ward with CDU1, CDU2, and CWH6 the figures are 4313 electors per Cllr which is 0.0004% above the average.</p>

CDO1 3590
CDO2 1237
CDO3 3015
CDO4 1562
Sub Total 9404
CDU1 1434
CDU2 1244
Sub Total 12082
CWH6 858
Grand Total 12940

The required figure for each councillor will be 4311.
That means for a 3 member ward the electorate should be 12933.
That is a difference of 7 voters, not a difference of 20%.

How has the Council calculated its figures for the proposed ward. Can I have the breakdown by polling district please.

I know the Council will not accept the proposed ward as there are knock on effects to other wards and there is no time for other boundary changes to be calculated. But I would like to be told how the Council has calculated its figures for the proposed ward.

As pointed out in the report this would create an island effect for CDU3. If we were to include CDU3 with the above it would change the figures to 4610 per Cllr which is 6.94% above the average.

However this suggestion does not account for CDU4, if it were also to be included in this ward it rises to 5652 electors per Cllr which is 31.11% above the average.

If we were to incorporate CDU4 into the proposal for Mapesbury it would increase the electorate per Cllr to 5083 which is 17.91% above the average.

I attach some maps which may help.

I think the confusion may be between what used to be called Dollis Hill, which was indeed made up of CDO1, CDO2, CDO3 and CDO4 and what it is in the proposal 1. The new ward we've created in the proposal we're informally calling 'Dollis Hill' (called '14' on the map below) is made up of all those CDO polling districts, plus CDU2, CDU4, plus a bit of CMA1 and CDU6, which means it already has more electors from these polling districts.

So to add CDU1 or CDU6 (and/or CDU) takes it over the limit.

<p>Cllr Ahmad Shahzad OBE Labour Councillor for Mapesbury Ward</p>	<p>Dear Tom Further to my email yesterday and tel discussions with you, Now I have changed my mind and intend to agree with Boundary Commission's and Council's proposal where Park Ave North is not part of Mapesbury Ward.</p>	<p>For the members of GP to note.</p>
<p>Dudden Hill, residents and voters</p>	<p>I write to you as a resident and voter in Dudden Hill with a request for the Council to revise their draft plans to the Local Government Boundary Commission which includes the demise of Dudden Hill Ward via merger into other wards.</p> <p>This proposal fails to meet the stated objectives of the Commission and the Council which are <i>"to ensure that the pattern of wards reflect the interests and identities of local communities as well as promoting effective local government."</i> Amalgamating Dudden Hill with the other side of Gladstone Park destroys the existing strong and effective community links within the area. The proposal would damage effective government and certainly not enhance it.</p> <p>The existing community cohesion and effective local government would be strengthened and enhanced via the retention of Dudden Hill ward, with two elected Councillors, to include:</p> <p>CDU2</p> <p><i>Including</i></p> <p>Dollis Hill Lane, Dudden Hill Lane. Park View Road, Clifford Way, Sonia Gardens, Lennox Gardens, Normanby Road, Mulgrave Road.</p> <p><i>Excluding</i> Tanfield Avenue.</p> <p>CDU3</p>	<p>For the members of GP to note – <i>a number of emails making the same points were received.</i></p>

	<p><i>Including</i></p> <p>Southview Avenue, Northview Crescent and the Broadfields Way estate.</p> <p>CDU4</p> <p><i>Including</i></p> <p>Burnley Road, Aberdeen Road, Cornmow Drive, Kendal Road, Hamilton Road, Dewsbury Road, Ellesmere Road, Fleetwood Road and Geary Road.</p> <p>CDU5</p> <p><i>Including</i></p> <p>Brenthurst Road, Chantry Crescent, Chapel Close, Church Road, Cobbold Road, Denzil Road, Dudden Hill Lane and Frankly Road.</p> <p>CDU6</p> <p><i>ONLY the following</i></p> <p>Gay Close, Jeymer Avenue, Kenneth Crescent, Marley Walk and Park Avenue North.</p>	
<p>Member of the public</p>	<p>Proposed change to the new ward boundaries</p> <p>We write as residents of Melrose Avenue which is in polling district CDU6 of Dudden Hill Ward. The Council's proposals put our area into the revised Mapesbury Ward while neighbouring parts of Dudden Hill (CDU4) are put into the revised Dollis Hill Ward.</p>	<p>For the members of GP to note.</p>

	<p>Our proposal is that CDU4 is also transferred to the revised Mapesbury Ward and that polling district CMA is transferred to the revised Dollis Hill Ward. Our reasons for this proposal are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The current proposals create a ward (Dollis Hill) that is divided by Gladstone Park. 2. Polling districts CDU4 and CDU6 represent a coherent community and should not be split into different wards. CDU4 has more in common with Mapesbury than with Dollis Hill. 3. Statistically, this proposal reduces slightly the disparity in voter numbers between the proposed Mapesbury and Dollis Hill Wards. 4. This proposal has no impact on the Council's proposals for any of the other surrounding wards. <p>Thank you for your consideration</p>	
<p>Feedback received at Brent Connects meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concern about lack of publicity of consultation (Kenton / Harlesden) - Questions relating to the reduction in number of Councillors when electorate is rising (Willesden) - Why is this review not linked to Parliamentary Constituency review? (Kilburn) - Questions about projected figures and planning permissions (Kilburn) - Questions about the Governance arrangements – move away from Committee system (Kilburn) - What is difference between a two member ward and three member ward? Are there advantages / disadvantages to a two member ward? (Kilburn) 	<p>For the members of GP to note.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Concern about ability for a lay person to submit an acceptable submission (Kenton)- Questions about EU nationals on the register and voting rights post-Brexit (Kilburn)	
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