Submission in respect of Windsor and Maidenhead

My name is David Knowles-Leak, and I am writing to you on behalf of the Maidenhead Constituency Labour Party. We are in favour of the 41-member solution for RWMB: the supporting analysis that has prompted this choice in respect of councillor per voter equality is covered in the submission made by [redacted].

It is also our view that polling districts are not improved by being changed unless there is a substantial and justifiable cause: they have a local attachment, or the legacy of a local attachment and consistent meddling does nothing to improve voter apathy.

In addition to maintaining (where possible) ward boundaries, retaining or reverting to the historical identities of wards re-enforces voter identity with the ward within which they vote.

Until 2003 the current Riverside ward was called St Mary’s. Riverside is a generic description that seems to proliferate in the naming of wards and, in Maidenhead’s case the bulk of the wards voters do not live on the Riverside.
We would like the existing Riverside ward to be named St Mary’s North (without) ward, and the St Mary’s ward to be named St Mary’s South (within) ward.

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