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Subject: Hawthorn Road Submission

Hello,

Please see an additional submission regarding the Hawthorn Road Campaign.

Regards,

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Hawthorn Road – Keeping our community together

Dear Local Government Boundary Commission for England,

We wish to object to the proposed Kingstanding and Oscott Wards and make a minor amendment which we feel reflects the local community.

We have organised a local campaign with support of local residents, councillors, businesses and community groups who will have sent to you their submissions.

The community around Hawthorn Road is a local community focal point with around 50 local shops, take-aways, restaurants, hairdressers, banks and a church. Our local campaign is supported by local community groups and businesses, as it makes sense for the area immediately around Hawthorn Road to be in Kingstanding ward, and not split between two wards.

We call on the Commission to swap the Bandywood area back into Oscott Ward where it has always been, (Council polling districts CVA and CVB) and move the Kingstanding area (Council polling districts CVG and CVH) around Hawthorn Road shopping centre and Kingstanding Road back into Kingstanding Ward where it has community connections. This area around Hawthorn Road to the Kingstanding Royal Mail Depot and Golden Hind has always been part of the Kingstanding Community and shares the same Postcode. It therefore makes more sense for local communities to be reunited in the areas they have historically been part of rather than kept in opposite wards as proposed by the commission.

The Bandywood Estate has never been part of a Kingstanding ward, which has its own community links with the Oscott ward. We feel that the inclusion of the whole of Hawthorn Road, along with the surrounding Kingstanding neighbourhood, allows for a Kingstanding ward with strong community links, electoral equality and aids the governance of our local community.

We hope that you take our submissions, along with the additional supportive letters, into serious consideration.