Local residents submissions to the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea electoral review.

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Dear Boundary Commissioners,

This is just to confirm that I strongly support the new ward boundaries.

Yours faithfully

Joanna McDermott
Dear Councillors etc,

I am the Residents' Association block leader for 101-109 Onslow Square.

I have taken soundings from my residents' group on this subject and I find that they very strongly oppose any change to the current satisfactory Brompton Ward arrangement.

Please listen to your constituents.

With best wishes

James Mullen
Dear Sirs

The residents of Brompton Ward receive any excellent service from their representatives who have a good understanding of the needs of a complex area.

Not only are there the residents to consider, but also the massive influx of visitors on a daily basis.

Please do not fold or merge the Ward as this would lead to a diminution of service for all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

Donald Norman
"Dear Sir/Madam

I write to register my strong disagreement with the abolition of Brompton Ward which reflects the historic boundaries of our long standing community.

The museums and streets north of Cromwell Gardens have nothing in common with Queensgate and Kensington High Street. They will be seriously disadvantaged by being split from the rest of Knightsbridge and South Kensington, of which they are integral part.

The proposed new Wards do not reflect local interests and identities. This would also be detrimental to promoting effective and convenient local government.

I sincerely hope that you will re-consider this proposal.

Kind Regards

FP"
Dear Sir

RE Boundary changes

I am writing to object to the proposed abolition of the Brompton Ward. The new proposal will not deliver electoral equality for voters and will not reflect local interests and identities or promote effective and convenient Govt.

I sincerely hope that you leave things as they are as the Brompton Ward has served the community well for over 100 years.

Yours Sincerely

Frank Partridge
28th May 2013

Review Officer Kensington and Chelsea
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Layden House
76 – 86 Turnmill Street
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EC1 5LG

Dear Sir

BOUNDARY CHANGES: PROPOSED LOSS OF BROMPTON WARD

I am writing to register my strong objection to the proposal to remove Brompton Ward completely from RBKC and to split the Ward between Hans Town, Queen’s Gate and Courtfield Wards. The challenges faced along the RBKC end of Knightsbridge, Brompton Road and the area around South Kensington station are similar and they require a coordinated approach which can be provided by Ward Councillors whose focus is Brompton. The loss of Brompton Ward would destroy this vital link.

The Brompton Association’s role is to further the protection of this historic part of London. The concept of South Kensington as being at the heart of the local community from Brompton Square to Onslow Square was epitomized by the massive objection made in 2004 by local residents to the major redevelopment being proposed above the tube station. Local people want small shops protected. They do not want retail areas such as those in Sloane Street or Kensington High Street.

I do not think that the proposed new works will reflect local interests or promote effective local government.

Yours sincerely

Joan Reinhardt
Lawrence, Arion

From: Waller, Matthew
Sent: 24 May 2013 12:08
To: Lawrence, Arion
Subject: FW: Boundary Changes: Proposed Loss of Brompton Ward

From: Sandra Roberts 
Sent: 24 May 2013 09:58
To: Reviews@
Subject: Boundary Changes: Proposed Loss of Brompton Ward

For the attention of The Review Officer (RBKC)

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am a resident of South Kensington and I do not agree with the abolition of Brompton Ward. This ward reflects the historic boundaries of a long standing community and I do not feel that the proposed new Wards reflect our local interests in any way.

The museums are part of South Kensington. I live opposite the tube station which was built primarily to bring people to the museums and to service the residential area. Now we have an improved pedestrian area around our tube station which is aimed at enhancing the experience of visitors. It just doesn't make sense to split the Ward in the way that is suggested in your proposal. This area needs to retain cohesion as part of the same Ward with the same Councillors.

The North west section, so called "The museums and streets north of Cromwell Gardens" of the Brompton Ward has absolutely nothing in common with Queensgate / Kensington High Street and will be seriously disadvantaged by being separated from the rest of Knightsbridge and South Kensington.

I do not believe that the proposed new Wards "will deliver electoral equality for voters" definitely does not "reflect local interests and identities" and I can't see how this proposal to split the Ward in this way will 'promote effective and convenient local government "

I have also read the letter submitted on 14th May 2013 by Sophie Andrea, The Brompton Association Chairman.
I strongly support and agree with all the points raised in that letter. Therefore I too urge you to review fundamentally the proposed loss of the Brompton parish as represented by the Brompton Ward and to review the proposed transfer of the Museums and the Brompton Oratory and and the residential area along the north side od Brompton Road/ Cromwell Gardens.

Yours sincerely,
Sandra Roberts
From: Louise Roele – van Hellenberg Hubar
Sent: 28 May 2013 12:44
To: Reviews@
Subject: Proposed Brompton Ward demise

Dear Sirs,

I write to strongly object to the proposal to get rid of the Brompton Ward. It seems to me that this is change just for the sake of change but not for the betterment of the existing residents. It may be that monies need to be saved but the route proposed is not welcome and will reduce my representation within K & C.

The division into north and southern areas of the Cromwell road does not make sense as the Museum area north is serviced by the underground are related eateries in the south. A combined policy tackling the issue of vast numbers of people traipsing through this area is needed, otherwise piecemeal solutions will be found. The problem and number of people involved are such that it should be represented in one ward.

Yours sincerely

Louise Roele – van Hellenberg Hubar
The Review Officer [RBKC]
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Layden House, 76-86 Turnmill Street,
London EC1M 5LG.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to voice my objection to the proposal to abolish the Brompton Ward which is at present the united hub of South Kensington Station and the Museums of South Kensington. To bisect it along the Brompton and Cromwell Roads does not make any sense at all.

The proposed new Wards will not deliver electoral equality for voters, and would not promote effective local government. [different Wards for each side of the main thoroughfare]. I have lived in the Brompton Ward for over 30 years, and have served on the Thurloe Owners and Leaseholders Assn and know of the strong community culture that spans the Brompton Ward, cemented by local Associations that work together to preserve the culture and history of this residential area that surround the greatest museums in the world. Kindly think again as the proposal
divides an existing effective and caring community.

Yours sincerely

Graham W. Searle.
FCA  FNZIM
Dear Sirs

I am responding to RBKC’s proposals for the south of the borough and am very much in favour of keeping a three councillor ward and creating a new ward named Chelsea Riverside. I am not in favour of having a two councillor ward for World’s End which would include the western reaches of the old Cremorne Ward.

I hope very much that this is what will be agreed.

Yours faithfully
Josephine Sherrard

Josephine Sherrard
Dear Sir,

I object strongly to the abolition of Brompton Ward which reflects the historic boundaries of a long standing community.

We have little in common with Queensgate and Kensington High Street and will be seriously disadvantaged by being split from the rest of Knightsbridge and South Kensington.

I do not consider that the proposed new Wards will deliver electoral equality for voters, reflect local interests or promote effective and convenient local government.

Kensington and Chelsea has a good reputation, and I much hope that it will not spoil it by wasting time and money changing the things that are working well rather than fixing the things that need improving.

Yours sincerely

Sir Peter Jenks Bt.
As a local resident of 30 years standing, I write to object to the proposed ward boundary changes. I do not agree with the abolition of Brompton Ward. This Ward reflects the historic boundaries of a long standing community which has very strong links with South Kensington (our nearest bus links directly to South Kensington station) and Knightsbridge. As a result, these proposals do NOT “reflect local interests and identities”. -

Our area (the area the Boundary Commission consultation calls ‘the museums and streets north of Cromwell Gardens’) has nothing in common with Queensgate/Kensington High Street and the Councillors for Queensgate Ward will naturally be more interested in the main and western end of their Ward which is dominated by Kensington High Street. Voters in our area will be seriously disadvantaged by being split from the rest of Knightsbridge and South Kensington and represented by Councillors whose main interests lie elsewhere. As a result, these proposals do NOT “deliver electoral equality for voters”.

Splitting up the existing Brompton ward will divide our current united and effective group of Councillors and Residents' Associations who defend residents' interests. Worse than that, we will be allocated the existing Councillors for the new area - who know nothing about the issues we face and have no real interest in our area as the bulk of their Ward is based around Ken High Street. We will also face the bizarre situation that decisions about the South of Exhibition Rd that affect us (eg concerts and events) will be made in a different Ward. All the residents in the current Brompton Ward are facing common issues – pressure for longer licensing hours, more tables and chairs licenses, litter, alcohol-fuelled disruption, late night noise, loss of local amenity shops and pressure for development and commercialisation. The same issues facing our area face Knightsbridge and South Kensington - for example, splitting the north part of Exhibition Rd from the south (when events frequently take place on both parts at the same time) makes no sense, meaning these proposals will NOT "promote effective and convenient local government” Ignoring this will result in a forced marriage with no benefit to either.
It is proposed the two iconic South Kensington museums (NHM & V&A) are to be separated from South Kensington to become part of Queensgate. South Kensington is the natural centre for the museums and residents living in the area. Concerns need to be seen holistically, and it would make more sense to draw the proposed boundaries north to south than west to east. Brompton Ward is ideally situated to focus on the numerous issues pertaining to the Museums, Exhibition Road, and South Ken tube station.

These reasons alone should be more than suffice to realise the importance of leaving Brompton Ward as it is. The Brompton Association is highly effective and respected. It is doubtful that Hans Ward whose area extends beyond Knightsbridge could do the same with such a diverse population.

Please acknowledge the receipt of my email.
Dear Sirs,

I write to register my strong objection to the proposal by the Boundary Commission for England to remove Brompton Ward completely from the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and to split the ward between Hans Town Ward, Queen’s Gate Ward and Courtfield Ward.

My principle objections are:

1. I do not agree with the abolition of Brompton Ward which reflects the historic boundaries of a long standing community.

2. The north west section (what the Boundary Commission calls ‘the museums and streets north of Cromwell Gardens’ of Brompton Ward has nothing in common with Queensgate/Kensington High Street and will be seriously disadvantaged by being split from the rest of Knightsbridge and South Kensington.

3. I do not consider the proposed new Wards will “deliver electoral equality for voters”, “reflect local interests and identities” or “promote effective and convenient local government” – these are the three key criteria against which the Commission judge proposed Ward boundaries.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Spicer
sarka tourres

Member of the public

22/05/2013 20:53

"As a Thurloe Square resident for the past 33 years, I am very concerned by the proposed abolition of Brompton Ward. For all these years I really felt part of a community within historic boundaries, very well represented by our Ward councillors and the Brompton Association which has worked tirelessly to protect the interests of local people and in the defense of the unique character of our conservation area. We need our Brompton Ward!

Yours sincerely

Sarka Tourres"
21.5.13

Review officer (Kensington & Chelsea)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Layden House
76 – 86 Turnmill Street
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Dear Sir,

Re: Proposal to Abolish Brompton Ward.

I write to express my concern and disagreement over the proposal to abolish the Brompton Ward.
We, adjacent to the RBKC stretch of Brompton Road, have very specific issues such as pressure for longer licencing hours, tables and chairs licences, litter, late night noise, loss of local amenity shops and proposed developments. At present, our three local councillors do an excellent job in supporting and representing our interests.
It does not make sense to divide the road up between different wards resulting in these issues being dealt with by different councillors from different wards.
Such a proposal does not reflect local interests and identities and would also result in the loss of a long standing community based on historic parish boundaries.
I would ask you to reconsider the proposal and keep the Brompton Ward.

Yours faithfully,

J Wallace.
Review Officer (Kensington & Chelsea),
Local Government Boundary Commission for England,
Layden House,
76-78 Turnmill Street,
London EC1 5LG

6th June 2013

Dear Sir,

I am deeply unhappy at the Boundary Commission's proposals for Kensington & Chelsea to abolish the Brompton Ward and incorporate it as part of a new ward called Hans Town, dividing ward boundaries north and south of the Cromwell Road.

In drawing the boundaries of the proposed new ward in this way, the Commission has cut in two what has been an integrated social area, and an area whose concerns should be dealt with as a whole.

The museums and streets north of the Cromwell Road should be part of a ward which includes both them and the areas and streets south of the Cromwell Road, including South Kensington Underground Station.

I believe that the proposed division of ward boundaries will neither reflect local community interests and identities nor promote effective and convenient local government - it will positively hinder the latter.

The proposal to abolish the Brompton Ward and reduce the overall number of councillors from 54 to 50, will deprive me and my fellow residents of three valued councillors who have worked exceptionally hard and been very responsive to the needs of the local community - they have done an excellent job.

I therefore request you to revise your proposals so that the Boundary Commission does not make an artificial divide north and south of the Cromwell Road.

Yours faithfully,

The Hon. Mrs Weinstock
(Resident for 24 years)
Karen Westmacott

Member of the public

21/03/2013 18:48

IT SEEMS AN AWFUL LOT OF UPHEAVAL TO GET RID OF 3/4 COUNCILLORS. I THINK THE QUEEN'S GATE WARD & COURTFIELD WARDS WOULD BECOME TOO LARGE, THE MUSEUMS CUT IN HALF OR PUSHED ELSEWHERE, I WOULD JUST LEAVE THINGS AS THEY ARE.
A further thought from me; your boundary review is based on the number of residents/voters but the Brompton Ward has to deal with a great many visitors, more, probably, than other wards which should be taken into account. We need to have local people, on the ground, accessible at all times which is what our present representatives are. If we're broken up & swept into other wards who won't have the direct experience of mass invasions, we residents will not benefit. We need to remain together as we are, clustered around our tube station, museums & Knightsbridge shopping area, addressing & dealing with the very particular problems they throw up.
Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object strongly to the abolition of Brompton Ward. My objection are explained in greater depth in the Brompton Association submission. However the points that I believe are most important are:

- The Brompton Ward reflects the historic boundaries of a long standing community; this successful and valued community will be lost.

- The north west section (what the Boundary Commission calls ‘the museums and streets north of Cromwell Gardens’ of Brompton Ward) has nothing in common with Queensgate/Kensington High Street and will be seriously disadvantaged by being split from the rest of Knightsbridge and South Kensington

- I do not consider the proposed new Wards will “deliver electoral equality for voters”, “reflect local interests and identities” or “promote effective and convenient local government” – these are the 3 key criteria against which the Commission must judge proposed Ward boundaries.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Williams

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Dear Sir,

I object very strongly to the proposal that Brompton Ward should be abolished.

It has its own historic identity, and its own specific concerns which would certainly be well served by any amalgamation.

Please reconsider what to my mind is a very bad proposal for the area.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

(Dr C.M.H. Withers)
23rd May, 2013

Review Officer (Kensington & Chelsea)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Layden House
76-86 Turnmill Street
LONDON EC1 5LG

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object very strongly to the proposal of the Boundary Commission to remove Brompton Ward from the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and to amalgamate it with Hans Town Ward, Queen’s Gate Ward and Courtfield Ward.

This is a divisive issue. We have a very strong sense of community in our local area and this would be ruined. Our particular Councillors do a very good job at representing the specific needs within the local and historic boundaries that make up Brompton Ward, which has a long standing community spirit.

I do not consider that the proposed new Wards will reflect our local interests and identities and we are very much against this idea of merging going ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Wise
To whom it may concern:

1. We do not agree with the abolition of Brompton Ward which reflects the historic boundaries of a long standing community.

2. We believe that the proposed new Wards will neither 'reflect local interests and identities' nor 'promote effective and convenient local government'.

Roxana and Michael Wring
3rd June, 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Boundary changes: proposed loss of Brompton Ward

I write to register my very strong objection to the proposal by the Boundary Commission for England to remove Brompton Ward completely from the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and to split the Ward between an extended Hans Town Ward, Queen’s Gate Ward and Courtfield Ward.

In my opinion this proposal is completely unacceptable to local people for both practical and historical reasons. It would effectively break up a strong sense of community that has always existed within the historic parish of Brompton which dates from the time the parish was first developed during the early nineteenth century onwards.

The proposition also threatens the cohesive network of Ward Councillors. It would mean having to deal with different Councillors regarding different parts of the road, whereas the current structure of a single Ward works efficiently and fairly.

I feel strongly that the area needs to retain cohesion as part of one ward. Within a single Ward amenity groups can work closely with Ward Councillors and with the Council to ensure a common approach is taken and that residents’ interests are protected.

I hope my thoughts and those of people in the surrounding area will be taken into consideration before such an important decision is made.

Yours sincerely

Stephen M. Zinser