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**To:** reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed boundary changes for Birmingham

I am the MP for Birmingham Hall Green constituency and I do not believe that the boundaries should be changed. I have received a large amount of correspondence from constituents, who are unanimously very concerned about the proposed changes and want the boundaries to stay as they are. My constituents have expressed very strongly to me the sense of community that they feel in Moseley, and told me that they are concerned about the impact of these plans on local life and local people. There is also widespread opposition among the Birmingham Members of Parliament.

The problems with which Birmingham City Council is grappling are related to a number of issues including 'good governance' and the huge cuts in Government funding for the city. They have nothing whatsoever to do with the fact that all the wards in Birmingham were three member wards and that a third of all Councillors were elected each year.

The proposals as they stand will see historic and natural communities being wiped off the map or carved up, and quite understandably local residents are very angry indeed – and they have every right to be angry. The whole reason for these changes have got nothing to do with improving 'governance' in Birmingham but have everything to do with the current Government seeking to maximise its political benefits.

I oppose the carving up and emasculation of established local communities and will continue to do so. A number of my constituents have written to Greg Clark to express their opposition and concern about these proposals, but his response has been that this matter is entirely up to the Boundary Commission. I do hope that you will consider the views and wishes of local residents when making a decision, and will not do anything which will damage local communities. As it stands, my constituents are not happy that their views are not being listened to and that no one is taking their concerns seriously.

Kind regards,

Roger

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