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Sir/Madam

Please find attached the submission from the Seven Kings Councillors in regards to the boundary review. I had sent this email yesterday but unfortunately the email bounced back, therefore please accept this email for the consultation.

Kind regards

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Submission by the Seven Kings Councillors

Seven Kings ward is a historic area with its name being dated back to 1285. Aside from its long history the ward includes the Seven Kings station, therefore for most residents the Seven Kings station is the closest station. The relevance of this station will further increase as it will be one of Redbridge's Crossrail stations. Therefore the name of the ward will be further identifiable. Other reasons for keeping the name as it is also includes that the Seven Kings park borders the ward, as does the Seven Kings water way.

The ward will remain largely unchanged, and this is positive as residents will continue to identify themselves with this ward and therefore this would cause less confusion. The ward is nicely compact within one area, which gives residents a sense of community. The Seven Kings community has been collective and built since 1978, so it has relatively unchanged for a long period of time.

The southern boundary is formed along the railway, between Seven Kings and Goodmayes stations. This results in the High Road, which is often referred to as 'Seven Kings High Street' by residents, to be located with the ward and provide local shops for the local community. The railway line also provides a geographical border for the ward. The western border runs along Norfolk Road, which is the second to last vertical road within a block – the final vertical road would be Aldborough Road however this falls within the neighbouring ward which is ideal as the full length of this road is within the same ward. Furthermore, the northern sections of the ward encloses the Goodmayes and King George Hospitals. The eastern border encloses Barley Lane, and then around the roads of Chadwell Heath Academy, which act as a geographical border.

The Seven Kings ward provides a wide range of facilities and amenities for local residents. As previously mentioned the boroughs main hospital is within the Seven Kings ward. The ward also includes six schools, which range from early years, primary to secondary schools. Shops, a pharmacy, 2 primary care surgeries, post office, allotments gardens, community centres, and a retail park are also within the Seven Kings ward.

The ward should remain a three member ward as there are a number of housing developments which are due to take place within the ward over the next few years. From the information provided to the Seven Kings councillors, these developments could cater for almost 1500 residents. Moreover, as funding for Redbridge drastically being reduced we are having an increased number of residents coming to our local surgery, resulting in more casework per councillor. Also the local councillors organise and attend the Summer and Winter Seven Kings Fayre. The Seven Kings Business Partnership is also attended by the local councillors, so they have immense local knowledge of the diverse community within Seven Kings.

Small changes which would be useful for residents and councillors include moving Qaurles Park housing to Chadwell ward, as its access is via Grove Road which is within Chadwell ward. Also moving Goodmayes Avenue into Goodmayes ward, as this is easier for the residents who live on this road to identify with. The other two major changes would be moving Canon Palmer Catholic High School, and Downshall Avenue and Leicester Avenue, as these two roads have road blockades on the side of Seven Kings ward. Finally, these changes would also mean that Seven Kings will remain within the 10% guidelines of the LGBCE on 2021 forecast and bring the electoral balance.