

15 March 2017

Boundary Commission for England
35 Great Smith Street
London
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Dear Sirs

RE: Publication of responses to the Boundary Commission's draft proposals for the London Borough of Bexley

I am writing following the recent publication of responses to the 2018 Parliamentary Boundary Review.

I am pleased there have been so many responses from Bexley residents, and I note that in our area it is clear there is a very strong feeling that the Commission should avoid splitting local towns over different Parliamentary constituencies. Most respondents are concerned about historical, geographical, and local ties being severed by the original proposals, particularly in Bexleyheath, Welling, and Thamesmead towns. This is an issue I too highlighted in my first submission.

Having thoroughly analysed the submissions that impact upon Bexley constituencies, and looked in detail at the alternative proposals, I believe the Conservative Party's main submission is the one that best addresses the real concerns of communities in the Borough.

There is, of course, the second proposal submitted by the Conservative Party which does not involve crossing a ward boundary, but maintains community and geographical ties. This is the only other feasible alternative submitted so far.

I would also like to reiterate my strong support for the inclusion of Bexleyheath in the name of the new constituency as this is the main town in the Borough.

Yours faithfully

Rt Hon David Evennett MP
Bexleyheath and Crayford