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Dear Parish Council

As you may be aware, the Boundary Commission has been conducting a review of constituency boundaries across the country ahead of the next general election.

The aim of this review is to ensure that all constituencies represent a similar size population, roughly 70,000 individuals. Like all constituencies, Salisbury also faces changes. Current proposals have been the subject of several consultations with MPs and local authorities and the second iteration for changes to Salisbury's constituency boundaries has now been published.

I must admit to being disappointed with the proposals in their current form. Whilst the boundaries have been changed to make sure constituencies are of equal size across Wiltshire, it appears that the commission have not taken account of the geographic identity or the affinity which I and my current constituents share for Salisbury.

I regret that under current proposals, areas including the Woodford Valley (where I have lived previously), the Till Valley, and Shrewton which we would all typically associate with Salisbury would no longer be represented under the Salisbury constituency. Instead, areas which are much further from our cathedral city, including Tisbury and the Nadder Valley have now been included in Salisbury.

I want to ensure that the views of my constituents are heard and understood throughout this process and that the Boundary Commission recognises regional identity and affinity and are not solely focused on rebalancing the population of constituencies across the country.

You can access the reformed proposals on page 36 of the pdf link below:

https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/review2023/b65f7782-658b-4c4a-9cba-59c16c807f77/a3-mapbooks/E02794963_BCE_A3%20Mapbook_SOUTH%20WEST%20Region_v2.pdf

To submit your views, please visit www.bcereviews.org.uk.

I would be very grateful if your parish council could submit its views on the proposals to the Boundary Commission as well as sending me your perspective, so I can collate and make my own representation on behalf of all affected parishes.

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