

South Gloucestershire

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To: Consultation @ South Gloucestershire Council Dear Sir/Madam Please find below comments from Stoke Lodge and The Common on the proposed ward boundary changes as detailed in your consultation document. These comments were approved at a full Council meeting on 12 October 2017. 1. Strongly urges that all the Stoke Lodge and The Common Parish is in one SGC ward (currently the proposals split it between Bradley Stoke North and a new ward called Little Stoke). Stoke Lodge and The Common Parish is a small parish that was only created a few years ago and should be kept all together in the same SGC ward to help preserve its identify. When the parish was created South Gloucestershire Council wrote to all residents asking for their views on setting up a new parish council. The feedback strongly supported the creation of the new parish council. A total of 894 consultation leaflets were issued to Stoke Lodge households and 720 were returned and verified – an 80% response rate. And of the verified responses, more than 80% indicated a wish to have a new parish council created. We would chal-lenge the Commissioners to find a community that expressed such a strong and near unanimous view that they should be represented by their own parish council. It is therefore deeply disappointing that Commissioners have not recognised our strong identity. Formerly it was part of Patchway Town Council, which is now only on the other side of the A38. Also, by putting all of the parish in one ward, it would mean that the Stoke Lodge Primary school would then be in the same ward as the rest of parish, currently the proposals are for it to in the Little Stoke ward. In other areas eg Emersons Green, the LGBC have used the parish boundary as a strong boundary for the ward. 2. A name change from Bradley Stoke North to Bradley Stoke North and Stoke Lodge. This highlights the fact the ward is made up of part of Bradley Stoke Town and all of the Parish of Stoke Lodge and The Common 3. Supports a 3 member Stoke Gifford Ward, instead of a 1 member Little Stoke Ward and a 2 member Stoke Gifford ward. Little Stoke is an integral part of Stoke Gifford and should therefore not be split away from the rest of Stoke Gifford. For example Stoke Gifford Parish Council holds its meetings in its HQ Office, which is in Little Stoke. Yours faithfully Melanie Reilly Parish Clerk

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