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Dear Sir/Madam, We are district councillors for Rodway ward and live in Mangotsfield. We are surprised by the Commission's draft proposal to combine Mangotsfield with Staple Hill – the first time this has ever been done not only in South Gloucestershire Council's history, but also in the history of its predecessor Kingswood Borough Council. We are very proud in Mangotsfield to be our own community. We have our own schools, parks, shops, post office, pubs – and Staple Hill has its own such services and facilities. When we do need to access larger shops, we will travel to neighbouring Emersons Green, which has much larger stores in its Town Centre, and with whom we have a stronger historical relationship. For instance, Emersons Green and Mangotsfield residents will be marking Remembrance Sunday together at Mangotsfield's War Memorial, whereas Staple Hill residents will have their own service at their own memorial. A lot of weight has been put onto the role of Page Park, even though it is at the top of quite a steep hill thereby limiting accessibility, especially as on-street parking is limited. In fact, Mangotsfield residents will use parks and green spaces nearer to them, such as Rodway Hill Common, Springfield Park etc. There is significant off-street parking along Rodway Hill for example. We would urge the Commission to recognise Mangotsfield as the distinct community it is and allow it to continue to be represented in its own ward, perhaps a single member Mangotsfield Village ward leaving a two member Staple Hill ward so that neighbouring wards are unaffected. Kind regards, Cllr Judy Adams, [REDACTED]
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Gloucestershire Councillors for Rodway Ward

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