

South Gloucestershire

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Dear Sir/ Madam, We are writing as the two long serving Cllrs for Bradley Stoke Central and Stoke Lodge Ward on South Gloucestershire Council. We believe that Stoke Lodge and The Common Parish should remain in one South Gloucestershire Council ward, an approach the Commission has taken towards the majority of other parishes in the Authority. Stoke Lodge and The Common 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 identity. The parish was created when South Gloucestershire Council wrote to all the residents in the area asking for their views on setting up a new parish council. The feedback that came back strongly supported the creation of Stoke Lodge and The Common Parish. A total of 894 consultation leaflets were issued to Stoke Lodge households and an 80% response rate came back. More than 80% of those wanted a new parish council created, indicating that the overwhelming majority of residents supported the proposal. In other areas, such as Emersons Green, the Commission have used the parish boundary as a strong boundary for the ward, and we would request that the Commission consider doing likewise for Stoke Lodge and the Common. There is strong local opinion that the new parish council is working well and making a big difference to strengthening the community and its identity. The current proposals undermine the strong community identity we have all strived to foster as they divide the parish and strangely puts Stoke Lodge Primary School into the Little Stoke ward. We would also ask that the name of Bradley Stoke North be changed to Bradley Stoke North and Stoke Lodge. This makes the point that the ward is made up of part of Bradley Stoke and all of the Parish of Stoke Lodge and The Common. We would further support a 3-member Stoke Gifford Ward, instead of a 1-member Little Stoke Ward and a 2-member Stoke Gifford ward as Little Stoke is an important and integrated part of the Stoke Gifford Parish, indeed the Parish offices for Stoke Gifford are sited in Little Stoke. Thank you for your consideration. Yours Faithfully, Cllr Sarah Pomfret and Cllr Brian Hopkinson

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