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Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter which has also been posted to you today from Cllr James Swindlehurst on behalf of Slough Labour Group, in response to the LGBCE's consultation into the new wards proposed for Slough.

Kindest regards,

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5/9/2022

Dear Slough Reviewers,

I am writing as Leader of the Labour Group of Councillors on Slough Borough Council, on behalf of my political group on Slough Council, to respond for the Group to the LGBCE consultation into the new wards proposed for Slough.

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The Labour Group of Councillors supports the proposal for 21 x 2-member wards, to comprise the 42-seat Council. We are content with the ward names proposed for all 21 wards in the LGBCE document- these echo genuine community areas in Slough, reflect historic and well-used names that summarise geographic parts of Slough, or reflect the names key amenities or landmarks associated with areas, and so all are acceptable to my group. My group supports the submission for the wards of 'Slough Central' and 'Upton Lea' tabled by the Borough Council at its meeting on 11th July 2022, as preferable to the proposal for these two wards in the LGBCE consultation document. We believe the boundaries proposed for these two wards in the Borough Council's submission to the current consultation are clearer, more coherent, and better encapsulate each distinct neighbourhood in these two areas than the less coherent boundaries in the LGBCE document. Therefore, we support the proposals on the map attached for these two wards, over the suggested boundaries for these two wards in the LGBCE consultation document.

For the remaining 19 wards, my group feel it can support the proposals as set out in the LGBCE consultation booklet. The ward boundaries follow distinct geographic or logical dividing lines/breaks that are generally easily identifiable on the ground or are based on logical reasoning. They produce well-packaged ward areas that mirror community identities and do produce effective and convenient local government for residents/electors for those 19 wards, and we believe the Council's amendment that revises 'Slough Central' and 'Upton Lea' creates coherent, effective and convenient boundaries for those two wards.

If you have any further queries, do feel free to contact me at the Group Office details which head this letter.

With very best wishes,

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Map of revised SBC proposal for Slough Central and Upton Lea

