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Dear Sirs

I am writing in response to the consultation on the Revised Proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries.

I recognise the need to standardise constituencies across England and support the aim to reduce the overall number of constituencies.

However, I do have concerns about the proposed changes to my constituency, Newbury.

The original proposals saw Aldermaston ward moved to the Wokingham constituency. In the revised proposals this has been reversed on the basis that the residents of Aldermaston associated more with Newbury. At the same time, the revised proposals now see the Bucklebury ward, with villages much nearer to Newbury and with close associations to Newbury, moved out of the Newbury constituency. This would seem to be entirely inconsistent.

I also recognise the concerns of the residents of Basildon ward at the proposal to move this ward into the Reading West constituency.

Yours sincerely

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