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The Hon Mrs Justice Patterson DBE  
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Boundary Commission for England  
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Dear Judge Patterson,

I am writing to you to express concern at the initial proposals published by the Boundary Commission in September 2016.

The Commission's proposals state:

*"In Haringey, we propose a Hornsey and Wood Green constituency, which retains nine of its current wards, and includes the Enfield borough ward of Bowes from the existing Enfield, Southgate constituency. These changes have been undertaken to ensure that the constituencies are within 5% of the electoral quota. The proposed Tottenham constituency retains all nine wards from the existing constituency, and adds Stroud Green ward from the existing Hornsey and Wood Green constituency, and results in a constituency that is completely within the borough boundary."*

I am deeply concerned that the ward of Stroud Green would be lost from the Hornsey & Wood Green constituency because there are significant physical barriers that run along the eastern edge of this ward that form a natural boundary, including Finsbury Park and the Great Northern Railway Line. There is also an abiding sense of community in much of Stroud Green with the neighbouring ward of Crouch End. I would therefore urge against this selecting this proposal to ensure that the long-standing sense of community in this area can be preserved.

An obvious solution to this problem would be to add the Enfield ward of Bowes Park to the constituency of Tottenham, of which the eastern area shares a much closer sense of community with the northern Tottenham ward of White Hart Lane beneath the significant boundary of the North Circular Road (A406). Adopting this approach would also mean that both Hornsey and Wood Green constituency and Tottenham Constituency would fall within 5% of the electoral quota.

I very much hope this alternative proposal can be incorporated into the Boundary Commission's revised proposals.

Kind regards,

Catherine West MP  
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