



THE CHELSEA SOCIETY

The Secretary
Boundary Commission for England,
35 Great Smith Street,
London, SW1P 3BQ

1st December 2016

Sir,

KENSINGTON & CHELSEA

The Chelsea Society is a registered charity, which was founded in 1927 to preserve and improve the amenities of Chelsea for the public benefit. Today the Society has more than a thousand members.

We understand that the Boundary Commission are proposing that the whole of the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea should form one parliamentary constituency. We agree with that proposal and we trust that you will implement it.

We understand that there is an alternative proposal, that Brompton-Hans Town and Royal Hospital Wards of the Royal Borough should be separated, and incorporated into a Westminster constituency to the East.

We are opposed to this alternative proposal. These two Wards are an integral part of the community of Chelsea, and each has Councillors on the Council of the Royal Borough. They also each have a representative on the Planning Committee of The Chelsea Society, and we have many members residing in those Wards. The people of Chelsea do not have an affinity with Westminster, and are much more closely related to Kensington as a community. The Chelsea Society has a close working relationship with The Kensington Society.

The Royal Hospital is the home of the Chelsea Pensioners. It is an iconic part of Chelsea, and should not be put into Westminster for parliamentary purposes.

We need a Member of Parliament who is part of the Kensington & Chelsea community and does not have loyalties to people residing in a different London Borough.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. James Thompson
Chairman