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Dear John,

PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES BY CORSHAM COUNCIL

Each household affected by the proposed changes received a flyer stating that there would be a Public meeting on 15 July 14 in Selwyn Hall Box to discuss the changes. We were told that one third of the Box Parish Residences would be affected and we believe that our lives would not be changed for the better and that there would be some disruption and loss of facilities that have been used by the Rudloe parishioners for many years.

Various items were discussed and some of those mentioned were facilities that we would lose which are listed below:

- (a). A good and well kept recreational area which include various sporting venue's.
- (b). The right to be buried in the Parish of Box which we would lose and would incur extra charges should we still wish to be buried there.
- (c). The loss of the Street Cleaner employed by Box Parish to cleans paths, walkway and cut grass when necessary in the local area.
- (d). No eligibility for allotments which are in demand.

The possible reasons for the boundary change were discussed and we could find no logical reason why the proposal was instigated other than for financial gain which we believe would happen when all new housing developments has been completed with the Box Parish area. Extra revenue would be in the form of council tax collected from all the new homes built within the area and from the existing houses.

We were informed that all the information the Box Council received was a letter containing the Map of the proposed changes. We would like to know who proposed the change and has it ever been discussed by Corsham Council.

We both believe that parishes should be viable and possess a precept that enables them too actively and effectively promote the well-being of all its residents and contribute to the

real provision of services in their areas in an economic and efficient manner, of which we are happy to say occurs in our Box community.

We would also point out that the wishes of the residents is paramount and electors in our Box Parish identify clearly with the community by adding strength to the Parish structure. Within Box, parishioners understand and recognise community interests and a sense of identity and the feeling of local community which we feel would be lost within the wider community of Corsham which is also a primary consideration in the review.

We bought our house many years ago after living within the community as members of the armed services and enjoy the life here with a sense of belonging and have made many friends with the Box parish we also enjoy the social and sporting events provided by the Box Parish Council and community and would not like to see it change.

Terry and I sincerely hope that you will see how passionate we are about our parish and support us by leaving the boundary as it is today so we can all live happily and content.

Yours sincerely
Terry & Wendy