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Dear Mr Watling

Re: PROPOSAL BY CORSHAM COUNCIL FOR A BOUNDARY CHANGE UNDER THE
COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

I am writing, as a resident of Box Parish, to object to the above proposal by Corsham to incorporate Rudloe under the above Review.

I have lived in Box Parish for over 30 years. One of the reasons we bought our house in the area was because we wished to live in a village community and that holds true for me today. I have no association with Corsham. My identity is linked to Box Parish in everyday life. My Church, doctors surgery, chemist, butcher and other local businesses are all situated in Box.

Corsham Council state anomalies with the boundaries affecting Rudloe and Westwells need to be corrected to enable neighbours to be live in the same parish and to build a stronger and more engaged Rudloe Community. I fervently believe Box Parish already has this strong and engaged community and there is no problem identifying its boundaries. There are a wealth of Clubs and Societies available to bring people, both young and old, together in the Parish. My friends and neighbours live in Box parish..

Corsham Council say they have a desire to provide the best service possible to all communities. Box already does this efficiently and effectively.

By pursuing their ambitions all Corsham Council will be doing, as far as I am concerned, is increasing their revenues to the detriment of Box Parish. Corsham already have a higher parish rate than Box Parish, but Box would have to increase their parish rate if they lose one third of their housing. Why on earth would anybody think this enforced situation would be better for Rudloe and Box residents?

If Rudloe parishioners are absorbed into Corsham we would have to pay more to be buried in Box Parish. We would have no eligibility for allotments and I believe our footpaths would suffer.

From the information provided by Corsham Council I cannot see that there is any benefit for the residents of Rudloe or Box were these proposals to be adopted.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Elizabeth Arkell