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28 May 2019

Dear Mr Parr,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HALTON: FURTHER LIMITED CONSULTATION

Following our consultation on the draft recommendations for Halton, I am writing to inform you of the Commission's decision to hold a period of further limited consultation prior to publication of its final recommendations. This will involve our proposals for wards in four areas, namely Halton Castle, Halton Lea, Norton North and Preston Brook & Norton South. The Commission believes it has received sufficient evidence in relation to the rest of the borough.

We received 55 submissions for the Halton Village and Windmill Hill areas. The submissions were from councillors, Friends of Halton Village and local residents. Most argued that our draft recommendations would divide Halton Village and split the community between two wards. Additionally, some considered the combination of Windmill Hill and Halton Village in one ward as inappropriate.

We consider that the evidence of community identity which we have received in response to our consultation provides us with sufficient reason to make an alternative proposition for Halton Village. However, if we are to do so, but also maintain acceptable levels of variance, we must also make changes to our proposals for Windmill Hill, Norton, Murdishaw, Brookvale, Palace Fields and Halton Lea.

A summary of the wards we propose is shown in the table overleaf:

Although the Commission supports these revised wards, the proposed pattern is markedly different from that published as part of our original draft recommendations. Accordingly, the Commission has decided there should be a period of further limited consultation to seek the views of residents and locally interested parties regarding whether we should adopt the alternative warding pattern.

Ward Name	No. of Councillors	Electorate 2018	Variance 2018	Electorate 2023	Variance 2023
Halton Castle	3	4,923	-8%	5,156	-7%
Halton Lea	3	5,104	-5%	5,825	5%
Norton North	3	5,819	8%	5,906	6%
Preston Brook & Norton South	3	5,134	-4%	5,080	-9%

Maps of our revised recommendations can be seen on the Commission's website at

<http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/north-west/cheshire/halton>

This period of further limited consultation commences today, **28 May 2019**, and closes on **24 June 2019**. During this period, the Commission welcomes comments and supporting evidence on its revised recommendations for Halton Castle, Halton Lea, Norton North and Preston Brook & Norton South

The Commission's final recommendations for the whole borough will now be published on **3 September 2019**.

The Commission would like to hear whether people support its proposed changes and the reasons for their views. We therefore encourage those who have a view on these revised proposals to write to us, whether they agree with them or not.

All representations received during the consultation period will be taken into account and the Commission will then consider the evidence received prior to the publication of its final recommendations.

Representations should be made in writing to reviews@lgbce.org.uk or:

Review Officer (Halton)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
1st Floor, Windsor House
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Following the conclusion of this further consultation, the Commission will consider any further evidence received and prepare its final recommendations for Halton.

If you have any queries, please contact David Owen, the Review Officer responsible for the review: david.owen@lgbce.org.uk or 0330 500 1277.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jolyon Jackson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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