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The Review Officer (Reigate and Banstead),
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to my letter dated 4th April and repeat one point.

1. Reduction in the number of Cllrs from 51 to 45 – this has no logic, as the number of residents in the Borough is increasing, but regrettably this has been approved. Yet it has given rise to some anomalies, as well as the prospect of the new boundaries becoming incorrectly representative and calling for another re-drawing within a few years , sooner than the gap of c 16 yrs since the last re-drawing in 2002.

2. The Commission has kindly agreed to put forward changes in their proposals to meet some of the anomalies, for which I am grateful..

3. I note that changed proposals have been put forward by the Residents Group for Nork and Tattenhams and I support these.

4. There have been changed proposals for the new Reigate ward put forward by the RBBC Committee – such as including Wray Lane, Doods Park Road, Reigate Road and Ringley Park Road (not Avenue) This recognises the Community aspect involved there. Residents of these roads will shop much more in Morrisons in Reigate Town, whereas previously a number will have shopped in Sainsburys of Redhill. . My wife is one such resident.

Further in the above roads, residents will go to church at St Marks of Alma Road , the Catholic Church in Yorke Road or the parish church of Reigate – St Marys , all in the new Reigate Ward.

In addition, these roads are the closest catchment area for Holmesdale Primary school with pupils moving to the Priory School in Priory Park, or the prep school in Chart Lane opposite the St Mary's Church with pupils moving to Reigate Grammar School – all in the new Reigate ward.

5. However there is one area of houses nos. 3 - 73 on the north side of Blackborough Road which the RBBC Committee decided to be in the new St Marys and Redhill Common, whereas I propose these few houses to be in the new Reigate ward. One reason is that these houses overlook the Cemetery which is a conservation area, and all these residents are much concerned with any “ threat” or change to the Cemetery. Further reason that part of Blackborough Road there is much narrower, cars driving east are known to be driven on the pavement there endangering pedestrians including children. Whereas such driving on the pavement does not happen immediately opposite on the south side of Blackborough Road. Finally the residents in these houses are most concerned to the threat of planning applications to build in their long back gardens . This factor is not repeated elsewhere in the west part of Blackborough Road.

6. Finally I agree that the new "St Marys and Redhill Common" be re-named" Meadvale and St Johns". The name St Marys is associated with the parish church of Reigate but this church is in the new Reigate ward, whereas St Johns is well known to residents as a separate area which is included in this new ward.

Yours faithfully

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