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Dear Mr Owen

**REIGATE & BANSTEAD BOROUGH COUNCIL BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW**

I attach the Residents' Association Group of Councillors submission to the Boundary Commission in response to the June 2018 draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Reigate & Banstead Borough Council.

This submission is being made by email.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Nicholas Harrison  
Residents' Association Group of Councillors

## **REIGATE & BANSTEAD BOROUGH COUNCIL - BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW**

### **RESPONSE OF THE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION GROUP OF COUNCILLORS TO THE JUNE 2018 DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **Introduction**

This document expresses the views of the 7 members of the Residents' Association Group of Councillors, who are elected as either representatives of the Nork Residents' Association and the Tattenhams Residents' Association (both registered political parties), or as independent councillors in the Borough. The Group is the main opposition party to the Conservative-led Administration.

#### **Overall**

The Group supports the submission being made by the Council, and voted in favour at the full council meeting in July. The Council's submission seeks to revise the LGBCE's draft recommendations so as to keep communities together and has much merit. Specific comments are as follows.

#### **Nork and Tattenham Corner & Preston Wards**

We welcome the proposals made by the LGBCE, which in all major respects match the April submission by our Group on how the existing Nork, Tattenhams and Preston communities should be reflected in the new warding arrangements. A considerable number of local residents objected to the initial proposals from the Borough Council and were supportive of our approach.

Our discussions with residents, through our committees and network of road stewards, show that residents are happy with the LGBCE proposals, and have told us that they will be writing to you accordingly. However, as residents can see that the LGBCE has reflected their views, we would expect fewer responses to this consultation.

#### **Reigate Ward**

The Council proposes some adjustments, which we support, to the new Reigate ward to extend the boundary further to the east along the A25 Reigate Road, together with the roads off, including Doods Park Road and Wray Common Road to the north and Ringley Park Road to both the north and the south. The revised ward would include Reigate Police Station and St Mary's, the parish church for Reigate.

We think this provides a stronger and more recognisable boundary and reflects the fact that these communities identify with Reigate for shopping and community facilities, rather than Redhill. Besides using St Mary's, residents of these areas also look to St Marks in Alma Road and the Catholic Church in Yorke Road, again both in the new ward. In addition, these roads are part of the catchment area for Holmesdale Primary School, the Priory School in Priory Park, and the prep school in Chart Lane opposite Reigate parish church and Reigate Grammar school, again all in the new ward.

To the north of the ward, we support drawing the boundary so that both sides of Wray Lane and Ridgegate Close are included in Reigate Ward; this would provide a stronger boundary line in this area.

In suggesting these revisions it should be noted that the new ward will be within a 1% variance of the estimated electorate for 2023.