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Dear Sirs

**Re: Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council Comment
Boundary Commission Draft recommendations on new electoral arrangements for
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council (R&BBC)**

I am writing on behalf of Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council (S&SPC).

Introduction

The following comments and submission from S&SPC refers to the southern part of R&BBC only. S&SPC does not have the resources to consider the whole of the Borough therefore makes no recommendation for any of the existing wards north of existing named wards Earlswood & Whitebushes and South Park or proposed named wards Woodhatch and South Park/ Earlswood Common.

In our response to the first consultation, we recommended to have as few Borough Councillors as possible so we can focus on matters of interest and concern to our residents, with our preference to become a one member ward. We recognise that the consultation process was seeking three member wards so this was not an option but our second choice to amalgamate and become part of a larger three member ward adjoined with one Horley Town Council (TC) ward was considered.

The Parish Council is pleased the Boundary Commission has kept Horley TC and S&SPC together as being the only parished areas within the Borough. We are also content with the proposal that S&SPC be split into two wards using the River Mole as the boundary for an east/west split.

Recommendation

We note the proposed names for the Borough Wards to be called Langshott & Salfords and Meath Green & Sidlow but request that these be amended to better reflect the areas.

Our recommendation for proposed names of new wards is :-

Langshott & Salfords to Horley East and Salfords
Meath Green & Sidlow to Horley West and Sidlow

The Parish Council also see this as an opportunity for S&SPC to request that the Parish ward boundaries are amended so that Sidlow (SAS2) continues to have one Parish Councillor as currently. However, we request that the two other Parish Wards – Salfords (SAS1) with six councillors and Earlswood and Whitebushes (EWB4) with one Councillor are amalgamated to Salfords with seven Councillors.

Yours faithfully

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