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Dear Mr Ruth,

## **ELECTORAL REVIEW OF WEST SUSSEX: FURTHER LIMITED CONSULTATION**

Following consultation on draft recommendations for West Sussex County Council, I am writing to inform you of the Commission's decision to undertake a further period of limited consultation prior to publication of its final recommendations. This will involve our proposals for Crawley.

### **Outcome of consultation for Crawley**

During consultation on its draft recommendations, the Commission received significant objections to its proposals for Crawley, with a number of respondents providing persuasive evidence for a revised division pattern for all but two divisions. There was only limited support for our draft recommendations.

The Commission has considered the evidence received for Crawley carefully and considers that the proposed alternative division patterns have merit in that it will ensure clear boundaries while reflecting communities and achieving electoral equality. We do however believe that a number of minor improvements could be made to further improve electoral equality and strengthen the boundaries. The proposed pattern of divisions is markedly different from what has been proposed in the Commission's draft recommendations. Accordingly, the Commission has decided to undertake a period of further limited consultation to seek the views of local residents and organisations as to whether it adopt the alternative division patterns for Crawley.

Before making its final recommendations, the Commission is, therefore, seeking views from interested parties locally on whether the alternative proposals would better reflect community identities and provide for effective and convenient local government when compared to its draft recommendations.

The map attached to this letter indicates the revised proposed division arrangements for Crawley and shows how they differ from those put forward in the draft recommendations. Electorate information for the area being put out for further consultation can be found at the end of this letter.

This period of further limited consultation commences today, **10 May 2016**, and closes on **6 June 2016**. During this period the Commission welcomes comments and supporting evidence on the proposed recommendations in Crawley.

The Commission's final recommendations for the whole county, including those areas not subject to further limited consultation, will now be published on 16 August 2016.

### **Further Consultation**

The Commission is now undertaking a further period of limited consultation on the electoral divisions in Crawley. The Commission would like to hear whether you support its proposed changes and the reasons for your views.

Representations must be submitted to the Commission by **6 June 2016**. The Commission has not finalised its recommendations for Crawley. We therefore encourage those who have a view on the 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](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk) or:

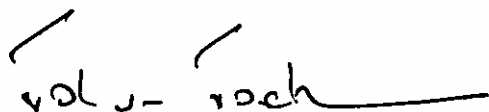
Review Officer (West Sussex)  
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Any respondents who submit comments during this period of the review, and do not want all or any part of the response or name made public, must state this clearly in the response. Any such request should explain why confidentiality is necessary, but all information in responses may be subject to publication or disclosure as required by law (in particular under the Freedom of Information Act 2000). Following the conclusion of this

further consultation, the Commission will consider any further evidence received and prepare its final recommendations for Crawley as a whole

If you have any queries, please contact Paul Kingsley on 0330 500 1275, or [paul.kingsley@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:paul.kingsley@lgbce.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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

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## ELECTORATE INFORMATION – Alternative division pattern for Crawley

Division name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2015)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2021)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
<b>Crawley Borough</b>							
Bewbush & Ifield West	1	9,223	9,223	4%	9,692	9,692	2%
Broadfield	1	9,090	9,090	2%	9,469	9,469	0%
Langley Green & Ifield East	1	9,473	9,473	6%	9,848	9,848	4%
Maidenbower & Worth	1	8,812	8,812	-1%	8,966	8,966	-5%
Northgate & West Green	1	7,968	7,968	-10%	10,076	10,076	6%
Pound Hill	1	6,286	6,286	-29%	8,913	8,913	-6%
Southgate & Gossops Green	1	9,727	9,727	9%	10,218	10,218	8%
Three Bridges	1	8,216	8,216	-8%	9,198	9,198	-3%
Tilgate & Furnace Green	1	8,912	8,912	0%	9,294	9,294	-2%