

The
Local Government
Boundary Commission
for England

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2 August 2016

Dear Ms Steward,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF BEXLEY: FURTHER LIMITED DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Following consultation on draft recommendations for Bexley, 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 Barnehurst, Erith, North End, Northumberland Heath and Slade Green. The Commission is not seeking further comment in respect of any other part of the borough.

In response to consultation on our draft recommendations we received around 120 submissions. For some parts of the borough we received a mixture of support and objection to our proposals and in other parts we received submissions objecting to the ward boundaries and ward names. Amongst these representations, the Commission received a number of objections from people living in, and organisations concerned with, Barnehurst, Erith, North End, Northumberland Heath and Slade Green respectively.

Under our draft recommendations we proposed Barnehurst & North End, Erith & Slade Green and Northumberland Heath wards. The Commission has considered the evidence contained in representations about these areas carefully and considers that an alternative ward pattern has merit in that it will ensure clear boundaries while reflecting communities and achieving electoral equality. However, the proposed pattern of wards is markedly different from that 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 should adopt the alternative ward pattern for Barnehurst, Erith, North End, Northumberland Heath and Slade Green.

Our further limited draft proposals for this area are made up of 4 two-member wards.

Our further limited draft recommendations can be seen in the attached summary and report and on the Commission's website at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/greater-london/bexley>

This period of further limited draft recommendations commences today, **2 August 2016**, and closes on **12 September 2016**. During this period the Commission welcomes comments and supporting evidence on its further limited draft recommendations for Bexley.

The Commission's final recommendations for the borough will now be published on 8 November 2016.

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 the further draft proposals to write to us, whether they agree with them or not.

Representations must be submitted to the Commission by **12 September 2016**. 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.

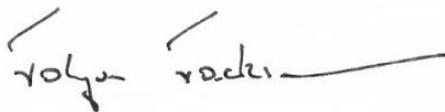
Representations should be made in writing to reviews@lgbce.org.uk or:

Review Officer (Bexley)
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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 Bexley as a whole.

If you have any queries, please contact David Owen on 0330 500 1525, or reviews@lgbce.org.uk

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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