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Dear Sirs,

Local Government Boundary Review - London Borough of Croydon

The Riddlesdown Residents' Association (**RRA**) note the draft recommendations published on 14 March, for the boundary review within the London Borough of Croydon.

The RRA are pleased to note that LGBCE have gone along with our suggestion to base all the new Wards on the principal of the 16 Places of Croydon. We welcome this proposal for the whole Borough.

As far as our own RRA area is concerned, we would propose and ask there are a couple of slight tweaks to keep the RRA area within two Council Wards, rather than three Wards. We set out our reasons for this below:

- **Proposed Sanderstead Ward** - Riddlesdown Collegiate (shown as Riddlesdown High School on the LGBCE map) in Dunmail Drive, and the adjoining Caretakers house (single dwelling in Dunmail Drive) and the entire school boundary to the east, should be brought within the new **Purley Oaks and Riddlesdown Ward** from the proposed Sanderstead Ward. The reason being is that **all** the residential side streets (south of Mitchley Ave) on the main access roads leading up to the Riddlesdown Collegiate are now in the new, proposed Purley Oaks & Riddlesdown Ward. It could be a bit awkward to have two separate Ward councillors dealing with issues at the Riddlesdown Collegiate that affect these residents. Those residents affected in the streets leading to the Collegiate (PO&R Ward) may have to contact the Sanderstead Councillors (and/or the PO&R Cllrs would have to liaise with the Sanderstead Cllrs) to deal with issues on the site of the Collegiate. The Riddlesdown Collegiate also has a CR8 postcode, rather than the CR2 postcode which the Sanderstead Ward dwellings have. It is also called "Riddlesdown" Collegiate to go along with the proposed Ward name! From the point of view of continuity, it will be more beneficial with the same two Councillors from the PO & R Ward rather than having the Collegiate in the Sanderstead Ward. We hope the Commission will look favourably at this suggestion.
- **Proposed Purley & Woodcote Ward** – Nos 84 to 108; & 97 to 133 Downs Court Rd (32 dwellings) from the Mitchley Ave junction up to the Riddlesdown Common, plus the flats in Cranford Close (15 flats) are all located in the **RRA area**. Currently they are all in the Purley Ward but with the LGBCE proposal they will transfer into the new Purley & Woodcote Ward. Again, it would help the RRA, to deal with just two sets of Ward Councillors, rather than three sets. Ideally we would like these 47

dwellings transferred into the new **Purley Oaks & Riddlesdown Ward**, rather than the proposed Purley & Woodcote Ward. We believe the Ward boundary could be the Public Footpath that starts from the sharp bend of Downs Court Rd/Mitchley Ave and runs behind the even number properties of Downs Court Rd and Cranford Close to Riddlesdown Common. We believe there would not be too much fluctuation in the electoral variances in either Ward.

The RRA support the proposed new Ward name for “Purley Oaks & Riddlesdown Ward”. Obviously we have no change to the existing “Sanderstead Ward”, so we support this name as well.

We hope the LGBCE take on board our comments.

Yours faithfully

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