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Dear Mr Hooton,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF BARNET: FURTHER LIMITED CONSULTATION

Following our consultation on the draft recommendations for Barnet, I am writing to inform you of the Commission's decision to hold a period of further limited consultation prior to publication of its final recommendations. This will involve our proposals for wards in Finchley, Golders Green and Hendon. The Commission believes it has received sufficient evidence in relation to the rest of the borough. Therefore, this period of further limited consultation focuses on these areas only.

During consultation on the draft recommendations we received a number of objections to our wards in Finchley, with the Labour Group putting forward significantly amended proposals for this area. In light of the evidence received, we also propose significant amendments in the Golders Green and Hendon areas.

Our original draft recommendations for the Finchley and Golders Green areas were based primarily on our own proposals. This was to address the poor levels of electoral equality in the proposals we received during consultation. Given the new evidence we have received during our most recent consultation, we have been persuaded to amend our proposals and publish further draft recommendations for these areas, along with Hendon.

A summary of the divisions we propose is shown in the table overleaf:

Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2018)	Variance from average %	Electorate (2024)	Variance from average %
Childs Hill	2	8,346	5%	8,699	0%
East Finchley	3	11,306	-5%	11,545	-11%
Finchley Church End	2	9,032	14%	9,350	8%
Golders Green	3	12,387	4%	12,267	-6%
Hendon	3	11,730	-2%	11,949	-8%
West Finchley	3	12,438	4%	12,982	0%
West Hendon	3	12,059	1%	14,133	9%
Woodhouse	3	13,419	13%	13,687	5%

Although the Commission supports these revised wards, the proposed pattern is markedly different from that published as part of our original draft recommendations. Accordingly, the Commission has decided there should be a period of further limited consultation to seek the views of residents and locally interested parties regarding whether we should adopt the alternative pattern of wards.

Maps of our revised recommendations can be seen on the Commission's website at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/greater-london/greater-london/barnet>

This period of further limited consultation commences today, 1 October 2019, and closes on 12 November 2019. During this period, the Commission welcomes comments and supporting evidence on its revised recommendations for Finchley, Golders Green and Hendon.

This further limited consultation does not constrain the Commission from making changes to the draft recommendations for other parts of Barnet. Should the Commission decide to do so, it will have regard to evidence contained in submissions made in response to our initial and draft recommendations consultations.

The Commission's final recommendations for Barnet will now be published on 7 January 2020.

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 these revised 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.

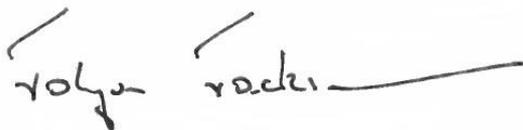
Representations should be made in writing to reviews@lgbce.org.uk or:

Review Officer (Barnet)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
1st Floor, Windsor House
50 Victoria Street
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We are now inviting further views on our proposed ward pattern in these areas.

Following the conclusion of this further consultation, the Commission will consider any further evidence received and prepare its final recommendations for Barnet.

If you have any queries, please contact Paul Kingsley, the Review Adviser responsible for the review: paul.kingsley@lgbce.org.uk or 0330 500 1275.
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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