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Dear Mr Davies

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF MEDWAY: FURTHER DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has opened an additional public consultation on its further draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements in the north of Medway Council.

The consultation opens today (1 December 2020) and closes on 11 January 2021.

The Commission has decided to carry out an extra period of consultation in the east of the borough in the areas of Darland, Hale, Hempstead, Rainham, Twydall, Watling and Wigmore in response to local feedback on our proposals for this area.

It should be noted that the Commission believes it has received sufficient evidence relating to the rest of the borough to finalise its recommendations, so this consultation is focused on the areas mentioned above.

Once the Commission has considered all the responses to the consultation, we aim to publish final recommendations on 2 March 2021. We will then lay a draft order in both Houses of Parliament under the negative resolution procedure. Subject to parliamentary scrutiny, the new electoral arrangements are scheduled to come into effect at the borough elections in 2023.

All information relating to the further draft recommendations is available on our website. The Commission's report on its further draft recommendations can also be found at: www.lgbce.org.uk.

Interactive maps of the proposals are also posted on the Commission's consultation portal at: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>. The portal also allows visitors to submit comments and alternative proposals.

Publicising the consultation

I would be grateful if you could bring the consultation to the attention of elected members, particularly those in the areas affected.

We have also provided information on this further consultation directly to local councils and community organisations as well as notifying local press and media.

I would be grateful if you could also take steps to bring the further draft recommendations to the attention of the public and interested parties. Please include details of the consultation:

- On your website;
- Promote the consultation through social media and;
- Use any other channels you would normally employ to engage residents in local consultations (newsletters, press releases, publications etc.)

The Commission would be happy to provide information and/or copy to help you promote the consultation locally.

Correspondence and enquiries

Correspondence relating to the review – and consultation responses - should be addressed to:

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Responses to the consultation can also be made directly through our specialist consultation portal: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>.

Further information on electoral reviews can also be found at our main website at: www.lgbce.org.uk.

Your direct contacts for the review:

- Yemi Fagun, Review Officer, with specific responsibility for the day-to-day running of the review.
- Alison Evison, Review Manager, leads the team dealing with this and other electoral reviews.

Yours sincerely



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