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29 September 2020

Dear Mr Walford,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF MID DEVON: FURTHER DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has opened a public consultation on further draft recommendations for new electoral arrangements in the rural west area of Mid Devon.

The consultation opens today (29 September 2020) and closes on 9 November 2020.

The Commission has decided to carry out an extra period of consultation in the rural west of Mid Devon as we received proposals for this area that outlined significantly different boundaries to those proposed in the draft recommendations. We considered that these proposals were well-evidenced, so we have accordingly decided to publish further draft recommendations for the wards of Morchard, Newbrooke & Sandford, Taw Vale, Upper Yeo & Taw, Way and Yeo.

It should be noted that the Commission believes it has received sufficient evidence relating to the rest of the district to finalise its recommendations in those areas, so this consultation is focused on these wards only.

Once the Commission has considered all the responses to the consultation, we aim to publish final recommendations for the whole district in January 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 district 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 the following address and not our usual office address:

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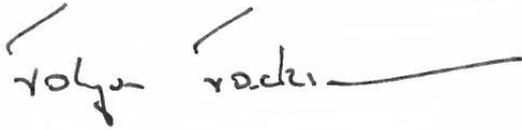
Responses to the consultation can also be made directly through our specialist consultation portal: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>.

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

Your direct contacts for the review:

- Jonathan Ashby, Review Officer, with specific responsibility for the day-to-day running of the review.
- Richard Buck, Review Manager, leads the team dealing with this and other electoral reviews.

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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