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13 June 2017

Dear Ms Whelan,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF SURREY HEATH: FURTHER LIMITED DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Following consultation on draft recommendations for Surrey Heath, 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 Town & Crawley Hill, Old Dean and St Pauls. 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 50 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, Old Dean and St Pauls.

Under our draft recommendations, we proposed amending the boundary between Old Dean and St Pauls 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 residents and organisations as to whether it should adopt the alternative ward pattern for Town & Crawley Hill, Old Dean and St Pauls. Our further limited draft proposals for this area are made up of three 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/south-east/surrey/surrey-heath>

This period of further limited draft recommendations commences today, **13 June 2017**, and closes on **10 July 2017**. During this period the Commission welcomes comments and supporting evidence on its further limited draft recommendations for Surrey Heath.

The Commission's final recommendations for the borough will now be published on **29 August 2017**.

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 **10 July 2017**. 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.

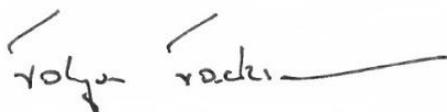
Representations should be made in writing to reviews@lgbce.org.uk or:

Review Officer (Surrey Heath)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
14th Floor, Millbank Tower
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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 (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 Surrey Heath as a whole.

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

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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