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Subject: Electoral Review of Surrey Heath : Draft Recommendations - Parkside Ward

Importance: High

Dear Sirs

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England, in its draft proposal dated 27th January 2017, recommended that Parkside Ward be reduced to two councillors.

It should be noted that Surrey Heath Borough Council (SHBC) at a meeting of its Full Council did not support Parkside being reduced to two councillors. To say otherwise is incorrect and misleading.

The Upper Chobham Road is currently the boundary between Parkside and Heatherside Ward. It is a major road in the area and it is a logical boundary.

The two wards have very little in common. There is no synergy, no shared interests. The houses in the two wards differ, the communities are different. The children go to different schools. Children aged 4 – 7 in the Copped Hall area go to Prior Heath School which is in Parkside, easy walking distance to any of the houses. Children aged 7 + from Copped Hall go to Crawley Ridge School considerably nearer than the corresponding middle school for Heatherside. This is Ravenscote Community Junior School which is on the other side of Heatherside at its boundary with Frimley Ward.

There is no logic to some of the suggestions that the Boundary Commission has made.

1. Springfield Road has been included in Parkside, yet the top part of the road consisting of 6 houses has been excluded and placed in Heatherside. This does not make sense.
2. Hillsborough Park. This is part of the wider Springfield Road area and is an integral part of Parkside with the golf course as part of the shared community. It has no synergy with Heatherside.
3. Upper Chobham Road. Springfield Road and Prior Road are part of Parkside yet 6 houses between these two roads have been placed in Heatherside. This again does not make sense.
4. Youlden Close and Youlden Road, at the bottom of Springfield Road and not accessed from the Copped Hall area, only from Parkside, and it is proposed that these were moved to Heatherside Ward. SHBC at a Full Council meeting have requested that these two roads be reinstated back into Parkside.

I believe many people in Heatherside thought they would lose the shops and community centre to Parkside, which was totally untrue. Perhaps a certain amount of scaremongering has taken place. Parkside, the larger land mass and larger electorate, suggested the smallest number of residents be moved, keeping communities and shared interests together.

I am a Borough Councillor and resident of Parkside and would request that the Local Government Boundary Commission carries out a further review looking in more detail at the roads, interests and amenities and especially taking into consideration the walking distance location of Prior Heath school for 4-7 year children.

Thank you

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Councillor for Parkside Ward

