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ELECTORAL REVIEW OF SURREY HEATH: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

PARKSIDE WARD

Dear Sirs

I was elected a Borough Councillor in 2015 and in the process of the election campaign I became aware that I was to become part of something special. There was an undercurrent of pride from the residents in being part of Parkside.

From my work as an Ophthalmologist at the local Frimley Park Hospital, it is evident that residents of Parkside see themselves as an entity and not part of any of the adjoining wards including Heatherside. As said to the Parkside Councillors by a Copped Hall Resident, Heatherside has a completely different character and its shopping centre and the recreation ground which provide potential centres for disruption and low level crime as well as a magnet for Travellers.

When there was the threat of Travellers coming to the area, the residents of Copped Hall and also Parkside Estate created a ring of steel with their cars around their central green areas to protect them. This action was not replicated on Heatherside

I support my fellow councillors and request that the Commission carries out a further review. As illustrated by the inclusion of Youlden Road and Youlden Close it is clear that that the decision taken was based on lack of local understanding of what constitutes Parkside. The map included in the consultation exercise does not correctly show the relationships between the various elements of the wider Copped Hall area with the rest of Parkside.

I furthermore agree that the Commission should return Youlden Close; Youlden Drive; Hillsborough Park; Springfield Road and Upper Chobham Road to Parkside.

The Upper Chobham Road is as much a barrier to joining parts of wards as is the M3 Motorway. With the further development of parts of the borough the road will become more of a major highway than it is now linking especially with Frimley Park Hospital and numerous local schools including one catering for children with special needs.

Youlden Close and Youlden Drive were the subject of a resolution unanimously agreed by the Full Council of Surrey Heath Borough Council on 22nd February 2017 requesting that the Chief Executive seeks the re-instatement of these roads in Parkside as part of the overall response to the draft recommendations. It was also agreed that the individual wards should make further representation to the Commission on areas of dispute as the Councillors were better placed to comment.

The inclusion of these areas which amount to some 259 residents are important to the overall mix of Parkside especially as the roads have little in common with large parts of Heatherside. Should they remain in Parkside there will be a total of 4,191 residents in 2022 which will be an increase of 4.2%. For Heatherside, the 2022 variance will minus 2.14%. These variances are within the Commissions Good Electoral Equality of 10%.

I request that the Commission reconsiders the draft proposals and as a minimum, return the listed roads to Parkside

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