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I am writing to object to the draft recommendations of the Commission as it relates to the Old Dean Ward within the Surrey Heath review.

The clear recognisable boundary on the South East side is the A30 and not the railway line as you propose. The affected residents that you propose to transfer have no link with the current Old Dean area but do have clear links within the St.Paul's area for example through St.Paul's Church. I am aware that you have already received correspondence on this point from impacted residents such as Mr Brownlee and I would entirely agree with his view and that of his residents.

In contrast, the Council have put forward a sensible proposal for the areas of Old Dean, Town and St.Paul's which now has the support of all the local Cllrs for that area on a cross party basis. This changes the south west boundary to include areas which do have clear links with Old Dean such as residents using the children's centre based within Old Dean. In fact, many of those residents already think that they are in Old Dean which is not surprising when it includes similar areas of social housing and even Old Dean Road.

Your draft recommendation for this area is not supported by anyone as far as I can tell. It appears to have based on a misunderstanding about my previous submission and that of a resident who wrongly referred to St.Michael's (a non adjoining Ward) when they clearly meant St.Paul's. Neither of these suggested transferring residents from St.Paul's to Old Dean as you propose as they are clearly very different wards (Old Dean being in the top 20% of wards for deprivation throughout the UK whereas St.Paul's is in the richest 3%)

I trust that the Commission will now reconsider their draft recommendation and instead move forward with the Council proposal for the wards of Old Dean, Town and St.Pauls as this achieves both electoral equality and community links.

Yours sincerely

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Old Dean Ward

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