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Dear Sir

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF SURREY: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

I refer to the Commission's report setting out its draft recommendations for electoral arrangements for Surrey County Council.

The Council's Executive has considered the draft recommendations. To set the Executive's representations in context, the draft recommendations in relation to the divisions in the Borough of Surrey Heath propose 6 single-member divisions with amendments to improve electoral equality as follows:

- (a) an amendment to the boundary to include the Ansell estate in the Frimley Green and Mytchett division;
- (b) an amendment to the boundary to incorporate an area north of the M3 motorway in the Heatherside and Parkside division;
- (c) the location of the borough wards of Bagshot, Windlesham and Chobham in one division and Lightwater, West End and Bisley another, but with a modification of the boundary near Chobham to include 254 properties in the Pennypot Lane area in the Lightwater, West End and Bisley division;
- (d) the creation of 2 wards for Chobham Parish comprising Chobham ward (returning eight members) and Castle Green ward (returning one member).

The draft recommendations will mean that some of the boundaries of the county divisions will no longer co-incide with ward boundaries. This may potentially result in electors voting at different polling station for county elections to those for other elections.

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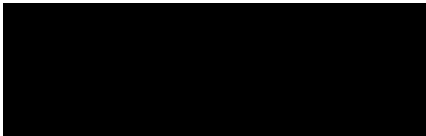
The Executive agreed to maintain its objection to the amendment of the boundary to include the Ansell estate in the Frimley Green and Mytchett division as it will split the borough ward of Frimley West between 2 divisions and will divide a residential estate.

In relation to the recommendations affecting Bagshot, Windlesham, Chobham, Lightwater, West End and Bisley, the Executive considered that the overriding consideration should be that these distinct village communities should each be wholly within a county division.

The Executive raised no objection as regards the proposed amendment to the boundary of the Heatherside and Parkside division.

I would be grateful if you would take the above representations into account in preparing your final recommendations for Surrey County Council.

Yours sincerely



Karen Whelan
Chief Executive