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MEMBERS' ROOM

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
Surrey County Council Review  
Layden House  
76-86 Turnmill Street  
London EC1M 5LG



Dear Sir

**Surrey County Council Review – Dorking Hills area**

I would like to place on record my support for the Surrey County Council submission to the Surrey County Council boundary review.

In particular, I would note:

- (i) The Dorking Hills division is already geographically large (one of the largest in the county) albeit that it does need to gain electors in order to come within the 10% variance from average set by the boundary commission. It thus makes sense to gain electors from a more urbanised area adjacent to the division thereby keeping the additional geographical area covered by the division to a minimum.
- (ii) The most sensible area to gain electors from is the western edge of Dorking where the boundary can run along main roads from Coldharbour Lane to West Street (from the existing boundary between Dorking Hills and Dorking South in Coldharbour Lane, continue north to the end of Coldharbour Lane and then along Vincent Lane to meet up with the current boundary at the junction with West Street) as opposed to crossing the fields to the west of Dorking.
- (iii) The division names need to be revised as there is currently an element of confusion as the Dorking town area is split equally between two divisions: Dorking Hills and Dorking & Holmwoods. To recognise the split, it would be best, as the County Council proposes, to rename Dorking & the Holmwoods to Dorking South & Holmwoods ie reflecting that a significant portion of the town is not included within this division.

Yours faithfully,



**Hazel Watson**  
County Councillor, Dorking Hills Division