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Dear Tom

I have just noticed that my earlier note was misaddressed - please confirm that you have now received this submission to your consultation phase.

Regards

Bill Donnelly

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From: Bill Donnelly [REDACTED] >
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Sent: Wed, 1 Jun 2022 9:49
Subject: Fwd: LGBCE Response FAO Tom Rutherford

To - Tom Rutherford
Review Officer
LCBCE

Dear Tom

Thank you for your recent advice concerning the naming of the new District Council election arrangements that will include the villages of Headley and Boxhill, in the Mole Valley District Council area of Surrey.

In the context of the request for final submissions by 06 June 2022, may we, as an informal group drawn from both village communities, submit the following perspectives :

1. We welcome the recommendation of the LGBCE review that if the the Headley and Boxhill One-Councillor Ward is to be realigned with a neighbouring Ward, this should be with the Betchworth, Brockham and Buckland 2-Councillor Ward. Whilst we may have preferred the previous arrangement of two separate Wards, we recognise that for ease of electoral administration, they might best be integrated together.
2. As your own advice suggests, the name of the new all inclusive 3-Councillor Ward still needs to reflect the geographical make-up of the area, including the five main villages involved, so that current residents can see that their village is still included, and for the purposes of people researching the area from outside the region.
3. Regrettably, this will therefore require a lengthy name, incorporating all the main villages - which would probably best become **"Betchworth, Brockham, Buckland, Boxhill and Headley"**.
4. Whilst this may become the formal and legal name, it will in time no doubt become known in the vernacular as the acronym "4B's and an H", but time will tell ! (As indeed the current Ward of Betchworth, Brockham and Buckland is commonly referred to as "The 3 B's" !)
5. As you have outlined, this will imply an election for 3 Councillors for the new integrated ward in 2023, with the person with the most votes serving for 4 years, the second highest vote-winner serving for 3 years, and the lowest vote winner only serving for 1 year before facing re-election.
6. It may also result in the elected Councillors coming from only one part of the new bigger Ward, depending upon voter inclinations. Paradoxically, this may add to the encouragement for more participation for those without a

particularly local Council Representative, to engage in local Parish Council elections and activities as their more local representation focuses upon that level of the system.

7. We note in this context that the next Parish Council Elections will also be in 2023.

8. We have copied this note into the 2 Councillors for the current 3B's Ward, as we recognise that ours is only the view from Headley and Boxhill - they will no doubt be able to make their own submission to the LGBCE consultation period.

Please do contact us if there are any further queries which the Commission may have about this sensitive and complex outcome to their review.

And please confirm that you have received this submission prior to the 6 June due date.

Best Regards

Bill Donnelly
Sir Michael Pickard

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cc Cllr Paul Potter and Cllr Simon Budd Donnelly