

Mole Valley Liberal Democrats

Surrey County Council Boundary Review Proposal

Mole Valley District Council Area

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Introduction

The following submission is made by the Officers of Mole Valley Liberal Democrats on behalf of the Local Party. The proposal is that the required adjustment of Boundaries can be made using the current structure as the starting point while being in keeping with the new Mole Valley District Council Ward structure and Polling Districts. Each Proposed County Division is discussed in turn.

As the Boundary Commission population figures are based on out of date Ward and Polling District arrangements, population project numbers, while based on the numbers provided, are estimates rather than calculations.

Note: -All Polling district designations relate to the new Polling District Ward structure.

Ashted County Division

The Boundary of the Ashted Division can remain unchanged at the Population projection of 12,250 is 103% of the Surrey average.

Bookham and Fetcham East

It is proposed that the new Bookham and Fetcham East Division comprise both the New Bookham West and Bookham East and Eastwick Park Wards Plus Fetcham Polling Districts UC and UD. While our estimate of the population for 2028/9 of 13,281 is 112% of the average we believe that the small excess does not justify a more complex solution which would have a negative impact on both effective representation and community and have negative consequential impact in other areas.

Leatherhead and Fetcham East County Division

The total of the Current Leatherhead North and South Wards plus the three remaining Fetcham polling districts UA, UB and UE is a total number of projected voters of 14,622 which is 123% of the Surrey Average.

This means that it will be necessary to transfer Givens Grove XB (-272 a further 1094 Voters from XA Leatherhead South No 1 to Dorking Hills. This can be done by making the boundary along Church Road and Highlands Road. In addition Tyrrell's Wood XC (-121) should be transferred to Dorking Rural County Division

When this is done the total projected voters will be 13,135 which is 110% of the Surrey Average.

Dorking Hills County Division

It is proposed that this Division Boundary be redrawn as a starting point with the Boundaries of the new Mickleham, Westcott and Okewood and Dorking North Wards for which the estimated 2028/9 population figures are 12,156 which is 102% of the Surrey average. As

mentioned above the Givens Grove XB (+272) plus a further 1094 Voters from XA Leatherhead South No 1 are to be transferred to Dorking Hills.

This however increases the Dorking Hills number to 14,172 which is 119% of the Surrey average. To bring this number down the 774 Voters in Ockley (LC) Polling District should be transferred to Dorking South, Holmwoods and Beare Green Division. This reduces the Dorking Hills numbers to 13,398 which is 112% of the Surrey average. If Achieving numbers below 110% are considered more important than geography, transferring the LA and LB polling districts to the Dorking South, Holmwoods and Beare Green Division could be considered but not supported in this submission. This would reduce the numbers to 12,553 and 105% of the Surrey average.

Dorking South and Holmwoods and Bear Green County Division

The Total projected voters in the new Dorking South and Holmwoods Wards is 12,148 which is 102% of the Surrey average. When the above 774 projected voters from Ockley are transferred to the proposed Division the numbers increase to 12,424 which is 104% of the Surrey average. While not supported, transferring the LA and LB Polling Districts to this Division would increase the numbers to 13,269 and 111% of the Surrey average.

Dorking Rural County Division

It is proposed that this Division comprise of the new Betchworth, Buckland, Brockham, Box Hill and Headley Ward plus the new Capel, Leigh, Newdigate and Charlwood Ward where the projected number of voters in 2028/9 are 12,867 which is 108 % of the Surrey projected. As mentioned above the Tyrrell's Wood XC (-121) Polling District should be transferred to Dorking Rural County Division. This will bring the total to 12,988 and 109% of the Surrey average

Summary

As the population growth in Mole Valley District Council Area is higher than the average Surrey wide growth all proposed County Divisions are in above the Surrey average as follows

Proposed County Division	Projected Voters 2028/9	Percentage of Surrey projected average
Ashted	12,250	103%
Bookham and Fetcham East	13,281	112%
Leatherhead and Fetcham East	13,135	110%
Dorking Hills	13,398	112%
Dorking South Holmwoods and Beare Green	12,424	104%
Dorking Rural	12,988	109%

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