



Burpham Neighbourhood Forum



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Dear Sirs,

**ELECTORAL REVIEW OF GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL WARDING ARRANGEMENTS:
BURPHAM WARD**

I am writing on behalf of the Burpham Neighbourhood Forum in response to your public consultation on Guildford's Warding arrangements.

The Burpham Neighbourhood Forum requests the Boundary Commission make no changes to the boundary of Burpham Ward.

The Burpham Neighbourhood Forum Area, first designated by Guildford Borough Council in February 2013, uses the political boundary, which was deemed an appropriate boundary for planning purposes. The Forum was designated using the same boundary again in April 2018.

We were pleased to enjoy support and involvement from across the Ward during the preparation of our Neighbourhood Plan. In 2016 the electorate of Burpham voted overwhelmingly (93% in favour) to adopt our Neighbourhood Plan, the first in Guildford, which is now adopted for planning decision making purposes in the ward.

During the preparation of our Neighbourhood Plan we identified a strong sense of community, identity and a sense of belonging..

The Burpham Neighbourhood Forum is about to embark on a review of our current adopted planning policies, which will once again involve extensive consultation with Burpham residents, businesses, schools, sports clubs and other voluntary organisations across the Ward.

Any deviation between the political Ward boundary and the Neighbourhood Forum area, in our view, would cause unnecessary confusion now and during future determination of planning matters.

It is therefore appropriate, in our view, that the Ward boundary remains unchanged.

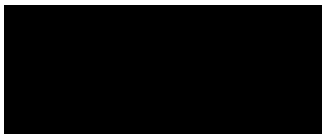


The Burpham Neighbourhood Forum Area – aligned to the political Ward Boundary

I trust the above is self-explanatory and that you will take the Forum's comments into account. We look forward to engaging with you further in the review process.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



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