

## Guildford Borough Council

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### Comment text:

WEST HORSLEY PARISH COUNCIL PROPOSED RESPONSE TO BOUNDARY COMMISSION'S CONSULTATION ON WARD BOUNDARIES The Parish Council wishes to take the opportunity to offer comment and evidence to the Boundary Commission on its proposal to retain 48 Borough Councillors but to examine the appropriateness of the existing Ward Boundaries and make changes to them if considered necessary. West Horsley Parish Council is within the Ward of The Horsleys & Clandon which currently has 3 elected Ward Councillors. Three is the most number of councillors for a Ward. Our response, as agreed in Council, is set out below:- West Horsley Parish Council asks for the parish boundary to be left unchanged and recommends the retention of 3 elected ward councillors. The Parish Council takes this view because: ☐ The Village is linear, co-terminus with the parish boundary with important focal hubs being the Schools, Village Green, Village Hall and its part in the AONB; ☐ It has much in common with East Horsley Parish Council, which it abuts, sharing shops, medical centre, library and railway station; ☐ The relationship between East & West Horsley Parish Council is effective as the recent roll-out of the Gig-a-Bit Superfast Broadband scheme demonstrates; ☐ It has an adopted Neighbourhood Plan (December 2018) which covers the whole Village and would be difficult to disaggregate should the boundaries change; ☐ The Village has 3 strategic sites identified for housing development in Guildford's Local Plan. If all is approved, these give approximately 260 new dwellings in the north of the Village and 40 in the south. This represents an increase in the overall housing stock by over 27%. All are due to be built and occupied within the coming 5 years. The Village population, as at the 2001 census was 2828, will therefore increase by at least 500. In addition, the Village is currently undergoing additional development as a result of windfall sites and garden infill; at least 10 dwellings are currently being built with more in the pipeline awaiting planning approval. ☐ The Parish Council suggests that the population figures quoted in the consultation document are underestimated as major housing development is already underway and will be occupied before the end of the next 5 years. ☐ The Parish Council has worked hard to forge effective working relationships with the 3 Borough Councillors which has proved most beneficial in a number of instances. In summary, the above provides both evidence and examples that lead the Parish Council to believe that the existing boundaries should be maintained with 3 elected councillors. Manifestly, the increased housing developments, which will be occupied within 5 years, will considerably increase the Village population such that the existing arrangements are justified. Likewise, the cohesiveness of the identified community interests, their convenience and the effectiveness of the existing relationships and arrangements are such that any splitting would negate the very real progress that has been achieved over recent times. The Parish Council trusts these comments will be taken fully into account.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded