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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity of commenting on the review, comments due by 19 July.

My comments concern the ward of Frensham, Dockenfield and Tilford. As a long-standing resident of Frensham [REDACTED], I believe the current ward suits its residents well and, ideally, would wish there to be no change. However, given that you are minded to reduce the size of the council to 50, and that you are predicting an increase in Waverley's population of 10% in 2027, I recognise that the status quo is unrealistic.

If you go for the current 2-member ward arrangement, which I would support, just keeping the ward 'as is' would mean that, in 2027, it would be c.27% smaller than the average new ward. But there is a relatively simple solution: add the village of Thursley to the existing ward. That would bring the size to almost exactly the required number if today's population was considered, and about 8% too small against the 2027 population yardstick - within your unofficial +/- 10% tolerance.

Although each of the five villages (Dockenfield, Frensham, Rushmoor, Thursley, Tilford) are naturally different, they share many common characteristics: similar social structure, largely rural and surrounded by countryside; they seem a natural partnership fit. The alternative would have to be to incorporate some of the villages into South Farnham, Hindhead or Elstead, each of whom have markedly different demographic characteristics.

Another option would be to have a one-member ward, but that does not fit in nearly so well with current arrangements. For instance, a grouping of Dockenfield, Frensham and Tilford would be too small, yet adding another village in its entirety would take the new ward way over the limit. Adding half of Rushmoor for instance would fit the numbers but would split it in half - and I cannot see any other combination that would avoid this undesirable consequence.

I hope therefore that you will see your way to proposing a two-member ward consisting of the current villages/electoral registers of Dockenfield, Frensham, Rushmoor, Thursley and Tilford.

My figures are taken from your website www.lgbce.org.uk>Waverley>warding arrangements>electoral figures.

Yours sincerely

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