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15 March 2023

Dear LGBCE

Response to Tandridge ward boundaries review

There are currently two wards in Warlingham – Warlingham East, Chelsham & Farleigh and Warlingham West, the first being a three-member ward and the second two member.

The Parish Council believes that Warlingham East, Chelsham and Farleigh should remain as it is, as the forecast number of electors meets the target range of 4,500 -5,500, and the communities of Warlingham, Chelsham and Farleigh are closely tied. Chelsham and Farleigh are hamlets with no shops and very limited facilities and their residents use the shops, schools, GP surgeries, library, sporting and other facilities in Warlingham, including the large Sainsburys store. In addition, the Church of England parishes of Warlingham, Chelsham and Farleigh are part of a team ministry, served by the same Rector and clergy team.

The 409 and 411 buses run regularly between Warlingham and Chelsham and Farleigh, providing a good public transport link.

It is recognised that Warlingham West is too small to be a three-member ward and the Parish Council recommends that it be joined with the adjacent one-member ward of Woldingham, which would achieve the target electorate with minimal disruption. The wards have similar topography – they are both hilly, and much of West has the large detached houses which are typical of Woldingham. They share Halliloo Valley, with its wooded hillsides interspersed by dwellings.

Woldingham has very limited facilities, and its residents go to the three nearby larger settlements of Caterham, Oxted and Warlingham for shopping and leisure facilities, but it is not naturally aligned with any of them.

Warlingham West is also adjacent to Whyteleafe, but joining them would create much too large a ward unless Whyteleafe was divided. Whyteleafe also has less in common with West, given it has many flats and small houses and concentration around a very busy 'A' road (A22). Whyteleafe has its own facilities and no real need to use Warlingham's - for a larger shopping destination, it is natural for Whyteleafe residents to go to Caterham, with which it is linked by regular trains and buses.

It is the view of the Council, merging West with part of Whyteleafe would not be merging a natural community and would be unpopular. It would also require changes to parish boundaries.

Yours faithfully

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Simon Bold

Clerk, for and on behalf of, Warlingham Parish Council

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Dear Review Officer (Tandridge),

Please find attached the comments of Warlingham Parish Council with respect to the review of electoral arrangements in the Tandridge district.

A copy has also been sent by post.

Best regards

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Clerk to Warlingham Parish Council

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