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Dear Sirs,

Please find attached our response to your most recent consultation.

Kind regards

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(Also by email)

5<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

Dear Sirs,

I would like to congratulate you all on producing, based on the representation received and within the limitations by which you are bound, a proposal which to the smallest degree, ameliorates the poor decisions made by the Mole Valley Liberal Democrats. An exceptional achievement given their utter mismanagement of this process.

The Mole Valley Conservative Councillor Group will make their own more detailed submission, we will touch on the points concerning the electoral cycle.

A less selfless act would be for Mole Valley Conservatives to simply accept the new geography and retention of the present electoral cycle, content in the knowledge that once residents witness the changes inflicted upon their communities by the Mole Valley Liberal Democrats unwillingness, not only to be pragmatic with regard to the electoral cycle, but also their clear contempt for residents in ignoring their own election promise to involve residents in exactly this kind of decision making, that those same residents will show their own contempt, in some cases now with greater frequency, at the ballot box over the behaviour of the Mole Valley Liberal Democrats.

It does however strike me as quite odd that it can be considered less undemocratic to fracture community representation and to disenfranchise voters, in favour of creating three-member mega wards, seemingly at any and all cost, to equal out the opportunities to cast a vote. The irrational fear of the Mole Valley Liberal Democrats that they would somehow be hindered by all-out elections is not a justification for destroying community representation, nor is it reason for retaining the costly indulgence of running elections every year.

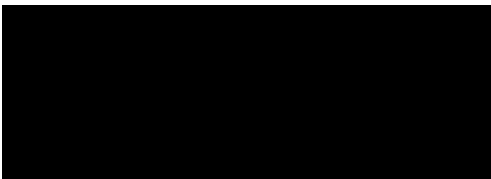
It can be no coincidence that the vast majority of Councils (4 out of every 5) the size of Mole Valley, and larger, choose to have all-out elections which facilitate single-member wards and more direct community representation. This can only be a reflection of accepted better governance and more enfranchised local democracy.

Included within your final report, I would request that you make it clear that the amalgamation of village communities into theses “mega-wards” could have been avoided by changing the electoral cycle from thirds to all-outs, as frequently called for by Mole Valley Conservatives.

Furthermore, please highlight in your report that retaining the present arrangements of electing in thirds and choosing not to consult with residents on this issue was a decision taken by the Mole Valley Liberal Democrats as the controlling party at MVDC. It is important that there be no ambiguity surrounding who is responsible for this assault on local democracy.

Thank you for what I am sure is often a thankless task.

Yours faithfully,



Roger Jones  
Chairman, Mole Valley Conservative Association