

## Mole Valley District Council

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### Comment text:

Pls find attached Buckland Parish Council's response to this consultation. Thank you for considering Council's representations.

### Uploaded Documents:

**[https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/download\\_document?file=draft%2F1654118585\\_220601+BPC+Response.pdf](https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/download_document?file=draft%2F1654118585_220601+BPC+Response.pdf)**

# BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Sirs

RE: LGBCE Electoral Review of Mole Valley

Buckland Parish Council ("Council") discussed the draft proposal when it met on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May and consulted parishioners at the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May before finalising this response.

Council is pleased the LGBCE has taken on board the feedback set out in the earlier responses from each of the parishes within the current 3Bs ward and proposes to keep the interlinked communities of Brockham, Betchworth and Buckland within one ward.

Council noted the LGBCE proposal recommends 13 wards for Mole Valley, each to be represented by three district councillors and is therefore accepting of the proposal for the new ward to be formed by combining the current wards of "Brockham, Betchworth and Buckland" and "Boxhill and Headley".

Council, having consulted its parishioners:

- (i) wishes to express its strong preference for the name of the new ward to include all five settlements, by simply combining the two existing ward names; for reasons of inclusivity and equality across the new ward; and
- (ii) asks the LGBCE not to select a name that includes some but not all five settlement names as this is likely to be seen as dismissive of voters registered in the settlements that are excluded, give rise to confusion, and potentially undermine voter engagement and the high turnout recorded at previous elections.

Council, having consulted with the other settlements did discuss potential generic names; however:

- (i) given the geographic location of the ward within Mole Valley and the many common characteristics across the district, Council feels references to compass points, villages, hills or rural in a name for the new ward could be confusing; and
- (ii) as none of the suggestions made thus far appear to be gaining widespread support and including all five settlements would only result in a name one word longer than the LGBCE has already proposed for Capel, Leigh, Newdigate and Charlwood;

Council concluded that any perceived benefit from choosing a shorter generic name would be more than offset by adopting an inclusive name that includes the names of all five settlements.

Yours faithfully,

***Sheena Boyce***

cc. Betchworth PC, Boxhill Neighbourhood Council, Brockham PC, Headley PC,  
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