

Mole Valley District Council

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I have been an active member of the Buckland community since 1987 and have observed, over the last 30+ years, community links across the 3Bs becoming stronger and more diverse as we local services have had to adapt to changing world and, to ensure the broader community of the 3Bs continues to thrive, individuals have come to recognise themselves as villagers who are part of the broader community of the 3Bs. Never has this been more evident than during 2020/21 when the local volunteer effort operated seamlessly across the 3Bs. The two district councillors, both of whom invest considerable effort in remaining close to each of the three villages and who regularly attend the parish council meetings, support initiatives and participate in activities. We are fortunate to have a dedicated County Councillor whose larger division makes it much harder for her to maintain an active presence across all the parishes within her area. Dorking Rural., the area to the south of Dorking is not the easiest to travel within and journey times far exceed the 20 minute community target increasingly talked of in National government and at Principal Authorities. Having read the submissions of all 3 B parish councils I ask you to ensure that the 3Bs remains intact within one 3 member ward of this is the route forward. I fully support the proposal, in this case, to amalgamate with the current ward of Boxhill and Headley. I would respectfully suggest that wards to the south of Betchworth and Brockham have more in common within their existing wards and with Charlwood as the environmental impact of flightpaths at Gatwick Airport is a far greater concern than it is to parishes to the north of Gatwick controlled airspace. That is not to say the impact of growth at Gatwick on local infrastructure is not a concern to all of Mole Valley. When I attended a webinar hosted by MVDC I asked whether the LGBCE , given it appeared to recognise it might not be easy to define a 3 member warding pattern whether it might suggest MVDC reconsider all out elections in order to have the flexibility to propose one or two member wards to best serve its residents. It is disappointing to hear that MVDC despite being unable to submit a warding pattern appears determined to stick with one third elections. The opportunity to reduce downtime for officers and costs of annual elections , especially as MVDC is under budgetary pressure is difficult to rationalise. Thank you for considering my submission

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