

Mole Valley District Council

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Please see attached letter - County Councillor Hazel Watson

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County Councillor Hazel Watson

Dorking Hills Division

26 May 2022

Local Government Boundary Commission for England
1st Floor Windsor House
50 Victoria Street
London SW1TH 0TL

Dear Sir

Mole Valley District Council: Comments on Your Proposals for a New Ward Pattern in Mole Valley

I set out below three suggestions for very minor amendments to your proposals for a new ward pattern in Mole Valley and ask for you to give them serious consideration. I have passed the same proposals onto the District Council and understand that the District Council will be including them in their request for minor modifications to your proposals that they will be submitting to yourselves.

Proposed Dorking North – Leith Hill (Westcott) Ward Boundary: Map at Appendix 1

I would like to propose that the houses across Milton Heath are all included in the same ward [as you have proposed in the new warding pattern] but that these homes are all included in the proposed new Leith Hill ward [The Lodge – Milton Court, Milton Heath Lodge, and New Cottage – Milton Court, 1 and 2 Milton Court Farm Cottages, Mulberry, Milton Court Barn, Milton Brook Cottage and Bracken Lodge – Old Bury Hill].

This can be achieved by running the boundary along the original drive to Milton Heath House (just east of Milton Heath Lodge) and around the main house that is now offices to the north of the A25 and along the edge of the Priory School playing fields south of the A25.

This is a predominantly rural area which includes a working farm and is not part of urban Dorking. It fits better within the village community and the proposed rural Leith Hill ward. The issues facing the residents of these homes are akin to those in the rural ward as opposed to the town ward and the farmer is deeply involved within the Westcott community.

Proposed Dorking North (Pixham) – Leith Hill (Westhumble) Ward Boundary: Map at Appendix 2

I would like to propose that the Denbies Estate, which is currently split between polling districts which are to be placed in different wards, be placed in a single ward.

It makes sense to have all the Denbies Estate – the vineyard - in a single ward and in a rural ward, and for it to be placed with the village of Westhumble in the proposed Leith Hill ward. To achieve

this Bradley Lane should be moved from the proposed Dorking North ward to the proposed Leith Hill ward with the ward boundary running down the A24 (a hard boundary) to the east of the Denbies Estate (Denbies vineyard) to the railway bridge and then along the southern edge of the Denbies Estate until it meets the current proposed ward boundary (ie along the end of Calvert Road and up onto the hillside along the edge of the vineyard / urban built up area).

Proposed Dorking North – Dorking South Ward Boundary on Coldharbour Lane / The Nower: Map at Appendix 3

I would like to propose that one house - Ormesdale, Coldharbour Lane – which is on the south side of The Nower be included in the proposed Dorking South ward as opposed to the proposed Dorking North ward.

This property is a long way from any other property in the Dorking North ward being on the south side of The Nower whilst it is close to many properties in Dorking South. It has no connection with the proposed Dorking North ward area and really is out on a limb with the current proposal whilst it does relate to many of the nearby properties which are to be included in the proposed Dorking South ward.

This can be achieved by running the proposed ward boundary along the northern edge of this property as opposed to the western and southern edges of this property.

Yours faithfully



Hazel Watson
County Councillor for the Dorking Hills





