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Good afternoon,

Please find letter attached from Headley Parish Council.

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Kindest,

Tracy

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Tracy Hamer  
Clerk & RFO - Headley Parish Council

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# HEADLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

via email to: reviews@lgbce.org.uk

## **Ref: Mole Valley ward boundaries review**

Headley Parish Council has examined your recommendations and wishes to submit the following comments:

- We welcome your agreement with our proposal to include a small, unparished area to the North of Headley to avoid an unnecessary split in the anticipated new development at Headley Court; we point out that this will also make it easier for future residents of the new development if they wish to apply to be included within the Parish Council. We note that the proposed change does not affect any current dwelling.
- We would observe that an alternative might be to extend the boundary from Headley Court North-Westerly all the way along FP55 to Stane Street directly and from there North-Easterly along Stane Street. This would not affect any dwellings but would align the boundary with existing public rights of way which have a degree of permanence.
- We recognise that many of our residents see little benefit in being combined into a 3-member ward and would be happy to remain in a single-member ward with Box Hill. This would be electorally balanced in terms of the population per councillor and would ensure local representation with a Councillor from our communities. It would also reduce the workload on future Councillors who in a 3-member ward would be obliged to maintain relationships with 5 residents' groups – the 4 Parish Councils and the Box Hill Neighbourhood Council.
- However, if the Boundary Commission is committed to three-member wards throughout Mole Valley, then we agree that merging with Brockham, Betchworth & Buckland is the most appropriate solution for our area.
- In terms of ward naming, we have found opposition to choosing the names of just the two largest communities in the ward, which will lessen the degree of attachment some residents may feel to the new ward. Whilst some residents would accept a name which forms part of a pattern for naming the rural wards in Mole Valley (such as "Northeast Rural villages" or "Dorking Hills East"), the consensus view supports listing the names of all 5 communities, viz "Betchworth, Box Hill, Brockham, Buckland & Headley" or "Betchworth, Brockham, Buckland, Box Hill and Headley". We accept that these lengthier options for ward name are somewhat unwieldy and suspect that, similar to the current "3 Bs", the abbreviation "4BH" would rapidly come into everyday use.

Kindest regards,

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