

Mole Valley District Council

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I have lived in Buckland practically all my life (born 1961). Over the years the local amenities within Buckland, Betchworth and Brockham have seen rationalisation and amalgamation. Whilst the individual parishes do have different characteristics - some of which relate to their difference in size and others to the continuity of ownership which can be seen across generations in all 3Bs. When I was a child each village had its own primary school, rector, post office and more than one village shop. Nowadays the lives of all of us living across the 3Bs is intertwined as we rely on the collective amenity of the 3Bs to support us through good times and bad. Our parish councils work hard to support our individual villages within our 3Bs local community and I ask that any new ward boundary preserve the 3Bs in a single ward. Buckland Parish Council has published its response on our village website and I whole heartedly support what it says. I have read the Mole Valley draft response that was considered at a recent Council meeting and am disappointed the members have not been able to suggest a new warding pattern. To me this implies they should be rethinking their decision to continue with elections by thirds and that the decision not to consult with Mole Valley residents to switch to all out elections was driven by politics not serving their local community. This I consider very disappointing. If the 3Bs is to be part of a 3 member ward I support the Buckland, Brockham and Betchworth proposals to combine with Boxhill and Headley. I did spend some time trying to guess what other alternatives MVDC had been considering, having heard that one idea had suggested splitting the 3Bs to balance the numbers. I could not see how the target electorate could be met by looking south from the 3Bs and was also somewhat perplexed as to what the potential synergies could be and what existing community links this would break. I hope you come to the same conclusion. Thank you for considering my submission.

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