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Dear Mr Coughlan,

## **ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HAMPSHIRE: FURTHER LIMITED CONSULTATION**

Following consultation on draft recommendations for Hampshire, I am writing to inform you of the Commission's decision to undertake a further period of limited consultation prior to publication of its final recommendations. This will involve our proposals for Havant and New Forest.

### **Outcome of consultation for Havant and New Forest**

During consultation on its draft recommendations, the Commission received alternative division patterns covering Havant and Emsworth from Havant Liberal Democrats. The Commission also received an alternative division pattern from the County Council and District Council for New Forest. Specifically, persuasive evidence was received to justify changes in three Havant divisions and seven New Forest divisions.

The Commission has considered the evidence received for Havant and New Forest carefully and considers that the proposed alternative division patterns have merit in that it will ensure clear boundaries while reflecting communities and achieving electoral equality. However, the proposed pattern of divisions is markedly different from what has been proposed in the Commission's draft recommendations. Accordingly, the Commission has decided to undertake a period of further limited consultation to seek the views of local residents and organisations as to whether it adopt the alternative division patterns for Havant and New Forest.

Before making its final recommendations, the Commission is, therefore, seeking views from interested parties locally on whether the alternative proposals would better reflect community identities and provide for effective and convenient local government when compared to its draft recommendations. In the event that we do not receive sufficient evidence for all of the potential changes set out in the attached maps, the Commission is likely to revert to its draft recommendations and confirm these as final.

The maps attached to this letter indicate the revised proposed division arrangements and show how they differ from those put forward in the draft recommendations. Map 1 shows the Commission's alternative division pattern in Havant. Map 2 shows the Commission's alternative division pattern in New Forest. Electorate information for the area being put out for further consultation can be found at the end of this letter.

This period of further limited consultation commences today, **10 May 2016**, and closes on **6 June 2016**. During this period the Commission welcomes comments and supporting evidence on the proposed recommendations in Havant and New Forest.

The Commission's final recommendations for the whole county, including those areas not subject to further limited consultation, will now be published on **16 August 2016**.

### **Further Consultation**

The Commission is now undertaking a further period of limited consultation on the electoral divisions in Havant and New Forest. The Commission would like to hear whether you support its proposed changes and the reasons for your views.

Representations must be submitted to the Commission by **6 June 2016**. The Commission has not finalised its recommendations for Havant and New Forest. We therefore encourage those who have a view on the proposals to write to us, whether they agree with them or not. All representations received during the consultation period will be taken into account and the Commission will then consider the evidence received prior to the publication of its final recommendations.

Representations should be made in writing to [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk) or:

Review Officer (Hampshire)  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Millbank Tower  
Millbank  
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Any respondents who submit comments during this period of the review, and do not want all or any part of the response or name made public, must state this clearly in the response. Any such request should explain why confidentiality is necessary, but all information in responses may be subject to publication or disclosure as required by law (in particular under the Freedom of Information Act 2000). Following the conclusion of this

further consultation, the Commission will consider any further evidence received and prepare its final recommendations for Hampshire as a whole

If you have any queries, please contact Alex Hinds on 0330 500 1274, or [alex.hinds@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:alex.hinds@lgbce.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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**ELECTORATE INFORMATION – Alternative division patterns for Havant**

<b>Division name</b>	<b>Number of councillors</b>	<b>Electorate (2014)</b>	<b>Number of electors per councillor</b>	<b>Variance from average %</b>	<b>Electorate (2021)</b>	<b>Number of electors per councillor</b>	<b>Variance from average %</b>
<b>Havant Borough</b>							
Cowplain & Hart Plain	1	12,405	12,405	-5%	12,713	12,713	-8%
Havant North	1	14,619	14,619	12%	14,996	14,996	8%
Havant Central	1	13,894	13,894	6%	14,817	14,817	7%
Havant Coastal	1	13,335	13,335	2%	14,957	14,957	8%
Haying Island	1	14,235	14,235	9%	15,004	15,004	8%
Purbrook & Stakes South	1	12,523	12,523	-4%	12,726	12,726	-8%
Waterloo & Stakes North	1	12,948	12,948	-1%	13,349	13,349	-4%

**ELECTORATE INFORMATION – Alternative division patterns for New Forest**

<b>Division name</b>	<b>Number of councillors</b>	<b>Electorate (2014)</b>	<b>Number of electors per councillor</b>	<b>Variance from average %</b>	<b>Electorate (2021)</b>	<b>Number of electors per councillor</b>	<b>Variance from average %</b>
<b>New Forest District</b>							
Brockenhurst	1	14,968	14,968	14%	15,100	15,100	9%
Dibden & Hythe	1	14,640	14,640	12%	14,371	14,371	4%
Lymington & Boldre	1	13,971	13,971	7%	14,749	14,749	7%
Lynnhurst & Fordingbridge	1	14,005	14,005	7%	14,231	14,231	3%
Milford & Hordle	1	14,936	14,936	14%	14,989	14,989	8%
New Milton	1	14,037	14,037	7%	14,511	14,511	5%
Ringwood	1	13,643	13,643	4%	13,871	13,871	0%
South Waterside	1	12,728	12,728	-3%	12,602	12,602	-9%
Totton North	1	14,747	14,747	13%	14,705	14,705	6%
Totton South & Marchwood	1	14,223	14,223	9%	13,781	13,781	0%

