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The
Local Government
Boundary Commission
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Dear Mr O'Connor,

Thank you for your letter of 1 June to Max Caller, Chair of the Commission, regarding your Association's request for an administrative boundary review in the Saltdean area. Mr Caller has asked me to respond to the points raised in your letter.

First, I would like to thank you for inviting Commission officers to Saltdean and hosting the discussion on the 26 May, about your review request.

I understand that you wanted written clarification of the weight the Commission would place on a locally conducted survey in support of a review. Any survey would, of course, be taken into account by the Commission but only as one strand of the evidence received in support of a review. I would stress it would always be a case of the quality of evidence received, rather than the quantity of those supporting change, that would be a factor when the Commission comes to determining its programme of reviews. The question of whether to conduct a survey must therefore rest with your Association.

Another factor is the LGBCE's current work schedule. While the Commission does have some scope to start a few administrative boundary reviews either late this financial year or next year, you will appreciate that the Commission will need to judge between competing priorities. Additionally, as my colleague Richard Buck mentioned at the meeting, the Commission is still in the process of establishing the policies and procedures that will be followed in conducting these types of reviews.

Again, I'd like to relay my thanks for arranging the meeting last month and for giving my colleagues the chance to have a tour around Saltdean. As requested at the meeting, please find enclosed a copy of the informal note my colleagues took of the discussion. We will inform you of any change of circumstances in the Commission's administrative boundary review plans in due course.

In the meantime, if you have any further queries then please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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