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Dear Adrienne White,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF ISLE OF WIGHT: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Isle of Wight Council. Today is the start of a ten-week public consultation on the Commission's draft recommendations on new division boundaries across Isle of Wight Council.

The consultation closes on **12 November 2018**

View the draft recommendations

You can view the Commission's draft recommendations at www.lgbce.org.uk, where you can find interactive maps, a report and guidance on how to have your say. The Commission has not finalised its conclusions and now invites representations on the draft recommendations.

The electoral arrangements for your parish or town council will change because of our recommendations. Please find enclosed a map outlining the new electoral arrangements for your council.

Enclosed with this letter is a summary outlining the Commission's draft recommendations. An interactive map of the Commission's recommendations for Isle of Wight Council, electorate figures and guidance on how to propose new wards is available on the consultation area at: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>. Further information about the review and the Commission's work is also published on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk.

Have your say

We encourage everyone who has a view on the draft recommendations to contact us, whether you support them or whether you wish to propose alternative arrangements.

Before finalising the recommendations, the Commission will consider every representation received during consultation, whether it is submitted by an individual, a local group or an organisation. We will weigh each submission against the legal criteria the Commission must follow when drawing up electoral arrangements:

- To deliver electoral equality where each county councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the county.
- That the pattern of divisions should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities.
- That the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government.

It is important that you take account of the criteria if you are suggesting an alternative pattern of divisions. You can find additional guidance and information about previous electoral reviews on our website to help you or your organisation make a submission.

Get in touch

The Commission welcomes comments on the report by 12 November 2018. Representations should be made:

- Through our interactive consultation portal where you can explore the maps of the recommendations, draw your own boundaries and supply comments at: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>.
- By email to: reviews@lgbce.org.uk.
- Or in writing to:
Review Officer (Isle of Wight)
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The Commission aims to publish every response it receives during phases of consultation. We will remove all personal information from your submission before publication. You can find out more about how we deal with consultation responses and your personal data at: www.lgbce.org.uk/about-us/privacy.

This is the last opportunity to influence the Commission's recommendations before they are finalised. We therefore encourage local people to get in touch with us and have their say.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Mayers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping 'M' and a long, horizontal stroke at the end.

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