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APPENDIX A

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Dear Sir/Madam

Fareham Borough Council's response to the Boundary Commission for England's Initial Proposals on the Parliamentary Constituencies Review 2018.

Following a meeting of Fareham Borough Council held on the 13 October 2016, I write to present the Council's response to the Parliamentary Constituencies Review consultation.

Fareham Borough Council agrees in principle with the Boundary Commission for England's initial proposals for the South East region.

The Council supports the proposals that the Fareham constituency be increased to include the Ward of Whiteley from Winchester City Council's area, which equates to 2,209 additional electors.

General Comment

In general, the Council is in agreement with the proposals for all of the sub-regions within the South East Region but we would make the comment that it is disappointing that the electoral data used from December 2015 will not take into account any anticipated increase in electorate numbers.

There are a number of planned future local housing developments, not only within the Borough of Fareham but across South Hampshire and some of these may well be established and inhabited before the Parliamentary elections of 2020.

This additional housing may eventually result in the constituency of Fareham exceeding the upper limit of electorate numbers which will necessitate a further review and ultimate reduction in electorate numbers.

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The Council acknowledges that a date must be established as a baseline for the electorate numbers used for the boundary review but it is regrettable that increasing housing numbers cannot be anticipated as part of the review.

In conclusion, this Council welcomes the opportunity to provide its response to the Parliamentary Boundary Review consultation and we hope that our observations regarding housing numbers are given appropriate consideration for future reviews.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Seán Woodward". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Councillor Seán Woodward
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