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To: elections <elections@welhat.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]

Subject: Fw: Consultation letter

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I hope you are well.

I'm writing just to give feedback on the proposed changes to the Peartree Polling Districts - I have copied in my fellow ward councillors and also [REDACTED]

I can confirm that I don't envisage any major problems with the proposal as it stands, and I think that your solution is probably is appropriate, given the constraints that you are working to.

The main challenge I envisage, with Peartree school becoming unavailable will be providing information for those residents who will see a change in their polling station. for example, we have a sizeable elderly population that will be used to voting at Peartree School, who do not have access to social media; so, we will need to ensure that they are adequately informed of the change, prior to voting cards going out. We will be very happy to assist in this process and work with you guys on this.

We may also, I guess, see a drop off from voters in the Broadwater Cresnet area, due to the slightly increased distance to the Sea Cadets - I would be interested to know if this usually happens when there is a change and if there is any way to combat this?

Finally, if and when the Shredded Wheat developments are built and occupied, Distric BBC will no doubt have to be re-evaluated again, as there are potentially 2,500-4,000 residents expected. However, this would be in several years' time and may also mean a change in ward boundary perhaps due to the population number within Peartree expanding - this is something for the future though.

I think that is it from me for the moment - I am sure that [REDACTED] will have their own thoughts to add.

Thank you to you and the team for your hard work on this, and please let us know if you need any help or further feedback.

Kind regards

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