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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Local Government Reorganisation in Surrey – Support for Three Unitary Authorities

Ewhurst and Ellens Green Parish Council welcomes the opportunity to respond to the consultation on the proposed reorganisation of local government in Surrey.

After careful consideration of the implications for local democracy, service delivery, and community representation, we strongly support the creation of **three unitary councils** in Surrey, rather than the proposed model of two.

We believe that a three unitary model offers a better balance between efficiency and local responsiveness. It would ensure that local government remains close to the communities it serves, especially in semi-rural and rural areas such as ours. A structure of three unitaries would allow for:

- **More locally focused governance**, with each unitary council better attuned to the specific needs and priorities of its constituent communities.
- **Improved democratic representation**, ensuring that smaller communities are not overshadowed by larger urban centres.

- **Better service delivery**, tailored to the varying demands across different parts of Surrey, including both rural and urban environments.
- **Greater community engagement**, as residents are more likely to feel connected to and heard by smaller, more localised councils.

We are concerned that a two unitary model risks creating overly large authorities that may struggle to remain connected to grassroots issues. It may also undermine local identity and weaken the working partnership that we have developed with Waverley Borough Council over the years.

We therefore urge the decision makers to adopt a three unitary approach that preserves local accountability and enhances the delivery of high quality, accessible services.

Yours sincerely

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