

Submission from Cllr Condie, the member for Burgess Hill North electoral division

Referring to the Draft recommendations for Burgess Hill Town Council and Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council – report to the Scrutiny Committee for Customer Services & Service Delivery dated 22 June 2022

1. I will restrict my comments to the issues relating to the Burgess Hill exterior boundary – draft recommendations contained in paras 35 to 42. In particular I agree with clause 36 that

The Northern exterior boundary of the Burgess Hill Town Council area should be extended to include the LGBCE's newly created parish wards of Northern Arc East and Northern Arc West.

2. This was based upon the results of the public engagement reported in paras 10 to 14. *Of the 319 accepted submissions 299 supported the extent of the Review considerations for Burgess Hill with a majority suggesting that the Northern arc is and should be part of Burgess Hill.*

There were only seven objectors to the proposed incorporation of the Northern Arc into Burgess Hill, submitted by 3 Burgess Hill electors and 4 Councillors representing nearby areas.

3. As a county councillor for Burgess Hill, I should be representing the views of my residents. In this case it is very clear from point 2 above what these are. The same cannot be said for the 4 councillors representing non-Burgess Hill areas; as clause 14 explains, of the mere 13 objectors from Ansty and Staplefield, most were objecting to reductions in their councillor numbers not the demarcation of Burgess Hill's town boundary.

There is further detail on the public consultation findings in paras 15 to 25.

4. In addition, under Findings at para 26 *Your officers note a strong body evidence that the Northern Arc was always intended to be within the administrative area of Burgess Hill. This included the Housing Development and Electorate Forecast to 2027 approved by Council on 27 January 2021*
5. The idea of the Burgess Hill Town boundary being determined after the Northern Arc is completed is firmly dealt with at paras 28 to 31 in favour of clarity today.
6. To conclude I agree with the Scrutiny report findings and the overwhelming view of the respondents that *The Northern exterior boundary of the Burgess Hill Town Council area should be extended to include the LGBCE's newly created parish wards of Northern Arc East and Northern Arc West.*