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**Local Government  
 Boundary Commission**  
 for England

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Dear Mr Hughes

**Further Electoral Review (FER) of Tonbridge & Malling**

Thank you for the email response from Richard Beesley to my letter dated 4 April about an electoral review of Tonbridge & Malling.

We have given careful consideration to the information provided by your council and note your view that forecast changes in electorate over the next five years will not resolve the current electoral imbalances.

In the circumstances, the Commission has decided that a FER of Tonbridge & Malling will commence in January 2012. Prior to this, there will be an informal preliminary period starting in November 2011 to give both you and the Commission the opportunity to meet and prepare for the review.

The review process has been streamlined to ensure flexibility for all concerned and at its longest, we would not envisage a review lasting more than a year. In the Commission's view, this will provide sufficient time for your authority to prepare for the new electoral arrangements in advance of the election year in which they will be implemented.

My colleagues will be in contact with you nearer the time to arrange preliminary meetings. In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions on the review.

Yours sincerely



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