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Form Answers

Your name: Carol Coleman
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I am: a district/county councillor

Comment/enquiry type: relating to a current review

Comments: As a resident of Ashford (Middlesex), for 32 years, and a county councillor representing Ashford (Middlesex), since 2005, I would like to comment on the current boundary review.

I do not believe that the current arrangements for Spelthorne are equitable, but that there are too many councillors, and the divisions do not have equal representation.

I believe that there are too many county councillors on Surrey County Council, and that in line with government plans to reduce the number of MP's, it should follow that there should be a reduction in the number of councillors.

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Some councillors will argue that they need to represent fewer electors, but in truth councillors only have contact with a small number of the electors that they represent, and it is more likely that the geographical area has more bearing on their view, and it will be more likely that they represent the more rural areas of Surrey. With regards to the Ashford (Middlesex) division, I believe that the boundary commission should consider whether in fact this should be in Surrey at all, but part of the London Borough of Hounslow. There are many issues that occur in Ashford (Middlesex) as a result of being on the border with the London Borough, most notably the bridge on the Clockhouse Lane, which could easily be resolved by the area being completely in either the London Borough or Surrey, but by having the boundary on the top of the bridge, neither authority will take ownership of the issue. This is the same for the issues in the Feltham Road.

Many Surrey school places in Ashford are allocated to London Borough children with children travelling in from Feltham and Bedfont, on London Transport busses. The fare structure on busses and trains, as does the timetables, changes because of the boundary, and so Ashford residents miss out on these benefits.

The postal address of Ashford is Middlesex, as opposed to Surrey, and residents feel very strongly that we are Middlesex and not Surrey, and so the natural community of Ashford is with Feltham, Bedfont and the London Borough area.

Until recently we were policed by the Metropolitan Police rather than Surrey, another example of where the natural community lies, and our hospital was aligned with the West Middlesex Hospital in Isleworth, and in fact many of the patients attending the hospital are resident in Feltham and Bedfont.

Perhaps the boundary commission should consider breaking Surrey up, as Middlesex was broken up, and the boroughs merged into the surrounding London Boroughs and many other surrounding counties, thus saving a huge amount of public money.

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