

Stoneleigh and Auriol Residents' Association

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The Local Government Boundary Commission for England,
3rd Floor,
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Dear Sirs,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF SURREY

We are in receipt of your letter dated 12th October 2010 and in response to the request for comments we submit the following observations as a registered political party in the Borough of Epsom and Ewell.

From electoral figures obtained it would appear that, as an average over the county, each councillor represents approximately 11,000 electors which results in a County Council which is, without doubt, oversubscribed. It is believed that a figure circa 20-22,000 electors per councillor would represent a more acceptable distribution and one which should not overburden the councillors in respect of their workload. As is already the case, this will result in some anomalies with representation in the more outlying areas but this is unavoidable in a county having both urban and rural divisions.

We are also mindful of the present national financial position that is dictating the current and the long term future spending policies of both central and local government and huge savings could undoubtedly be made with some basic reorganisation of public representation.

We trust that these comments will be of use to the Commission in their forthcoming review and we look forward to being of further assistance during future stages of the Commission's review.

Yours faithfully,

Mike Sampson,
Secretary,
Stoneleigh and Auriol Residents' Association (SARA).