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Name: Rob Harris

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Area your submission refers to: Surrey

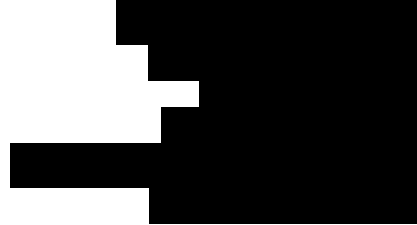
Organisation you belong to: resident/community organisation

Feedback: Please see attached letter sent previously to Surrey County Council Chief Executive.

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HORSELL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



Mr D McNulty
Chief Executive
Surrey County Council
Penrhyn Road
Kingston upon Thames
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20th March 2011

Dear Mr McNulty

I am writing to you as Chairman of the Horsell Residents' Association. We met when you visited us soon after your appointment.

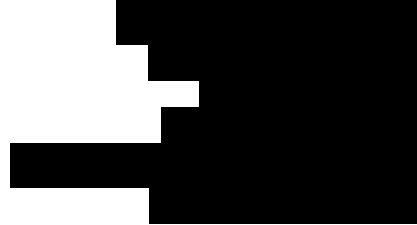
The Association is seriously concerned by the proposed change to our County Division, which we only heard about on March 16th. This proposal would split Horsell and join the halves with other parts of the borough which are physically remote, have poor communications and have larger populations with few interests in common with Horsell.

Horsell is a historic, cohesive and strong community, with schools, a shopping area, recreational facilities and a cultural centre all at its heart. The proposals would negatively affect not only the Residents' Association but also other local bodies such as the Horsell Common Preservation Society, the Horsell Allotment Association and the Horsell Scouts and Guides. The split is therefore contrary to the Government's ideas on the "Big Society" of communities doing things for themselves. At least two other local Trustee bodies, Horsell Village Hall and the Horsell Sports Ground Association, would have to change their Trust documents as these are specifically for "*the benefit of the residents of the electoral Wards of Horsell West and Horsell East*".

We have had a long and effective relationship with our own County Councillors who attend our Committee meetings and are able to focus their attention on our concerns. With the proposed Divisions, Horsell residents would be in a minority and would not get the undivided attention of the new County Councillors.



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If you are required to make changes to equalise numbers it is illogical to split a long established community in order to add no more than 15% of electors. We would respectfully suggest that the sensible solution would be to keep Horsell Division and add a few more people to it from our neighbours in adjacent areas to the immediate south with the minimum of disturbance.

We would be most grateful if you would use your influence to have this proposal reviewed.

Yours sincerely

Dr R Harris
Chairman, Horsell Residents' Association