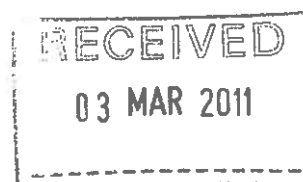


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Dear sir or madam

**The Local Government Boundary Commission for England -  
Review of Surrey County Council Electoral Divisions - Consultation**

Please find Caterham on the Hill Parish Council's response to the above consultation as follows:

The key assumptions underlying the review are: Surrey will continue to have 80 elected councillors; each councillor should represent roughly equal electorates; however, the new electoral divisions should have regard to "community ties" and "natural boundaries between communities".

It is understood that, within Surrey, the review is assuming that the appropriate data on electorate numbers are the projections for 2016. It is also assumed that - as now - no electoral division will straddle district or borough boundaries and that Tandridge District will continue to elect 6 county councillors.

The data for Tandridge District show the total 2016 projected electorate as 65,596, giving an average of 10,993 per county councillor, which is very close to the county-wide average of 11,076. Within Tandridge, the figure of 11,059 for the Caterham Hill Division is very close to both the county-wide and district-wide averages.

	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Variance from County Average</i>	<i>Variance from District Average</i>
<b>Tandridge</b>	<b>65,596</b>	<b>(11,076)</b>	<b>(10,933)</b>
Caterham Hill	11,059	0%	1%
Caterham Valley	11,219	1%	3%
Godstone	9,141	-17%	-16%
Lingfield	13,017	18%	19%
Oxted	12,280	11%	12%
Warlingham	8,880	-20%	-19%

[ Extracted from data supplied by SCC ]

The Caterham Hill Division comprises the two parishes of Caterham on the Hill (with its three wards of Portley, Queens Park & Westway) and Chaldon. The Division is bounded on the north by the London Borough of Croydon, on the west by Reigate & Banstead Borough and on the south by the large rural parish of Bletchingley, from which the Division is separated by the scarp of the North Downs. There are also hills, mostly steep, which separate Caterham on the Hill from the neighbouring parishes of Caterham Valley and Whyteleafe to the west. The current divisional area therefore represents an accepted grouping of parish communities and electoral wards, and the current divisional boundaries reflect both the natural topography and the major administrative partitions.

**Conclusion**

Caterham on the Hill Parish Council takes the view that the present Caterham Hill Division area meets both the main criteria sought in the LGBCE review. The Division has the correct electorate size and appropriate community boundaries. The Parish Council therefore recommends that no change be made to the boundaries of the Caterham Hill Division.

Yours sincerely



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