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Form Answers

Your name: Cllr Rodney Bates
Your email: [REDACTED]
I am: a district/county councillor
Comment/enquiry type: relating to a current review
Comments: I would like to propose changes to the current Surrey review relating to the electoral divisions in Surrey Heath. This would address the current imbalances which are over 10% in some of the wards.

My proposal is as follows:-

(a) The divisions of Camberley West and Camberley East are abolished.

(b) A new division called Camberley North is established which consists of the borough wards of St.Michael's (AA and AB), around 90% of Town (B) and Old Dean (C).

(c) A new division called Camberley South is established which consists of Watchetts (DA and DB), a small part of Town of around 10%, St.Paul's (E) and Frimley (FA)

(d) The Heatherside and Parkside ward is renamed and extended by the Frimley (FB) ward perhaps called Frimley Park and Heatherside?

This will mean the following:-

(a) Camberley North would have a total electorate of around 10450 on 2015 projected figures which would be 6.65% below the County average of 11115 per division.

(b) Camberley South would have a total electorate of 11820 on 2015 projected figures which would be 6.3% above the County average.

(c) Frimley Park and Heatherside would have a total electorate of 11753 on 2015 projected figures which would be 5.7% above the County average.

d) All affected divisions would then be within the 10% leeway as demanded by this consultation.

The proposed area of Town to be designated in the Camberley South ward would be the southern side of Park Road to the M3 motorway. This is already a separate aspect to the more urban parts of the town centre and consists of around 420 electors. This would result in a more natural ward boundary of Park Road rather than the current artificial boundary occurring in the minor residential Brackendale Road.

In addition to the clear issues of the current imbalances between electorates which would be addressed by the above proposal, there are a number of relevant issues relating to the similarity of the communities.

1. The current County division of Camberley East includes Old Dean (one of the most deprived wards in Surrey) and St.Paul's (one of the least deprived in the entire country). These wards have nothing in common at all and it would be difficult to find two more diverse wards across the whole country.

However, Old Dean is of a similar profile to St.Michael's ward as it consists of a significant amount of social housing and similar community issues relating to deprivation. For example, Old Dean and St.Michael's have 3 areas within the top 15 income deprivation in Surrey and both areas are in the top 20 areas of income deprivation affecting children. In addition, Town Ward is intended to have significant redevelopment in future years and borders both Old Dean and St.Michael's. This would represent an exciting regeneration opportunity both within Surrey Heath and the County as a whole as a priority division.

The current area of Camberley West is too big and needs to be reduced anyway.

(b) There are many similarities between St.Paul's and Watchetts most notably the excellent relations between the two parish churches in these areas of St.Paul's and the sister church of St.Mary's. The additional 420 electors from Town to the south of Park Road would have no negative impact as the housing density and community is virtually identical anyway and should in any case be included within either St.Paul's or Watchetts borough wards.

(c) Heatherside and Parkside is currently too small for an electoral division and needs to be increased if possible. This is best done by the neighbouring Frimley community which is located in the vicinity of Frimley Park Hospital (FB). Many of these electors will in any case be linked to the hospital which is the primary focus for the area.

There is nothing in this proposal relating to Frimley Green and Mytchett which is currently under populated but it would be almost impossible to address this without going over borough boundaries or adversely impacting communities. However, the planned Deepcut development is likely to address the current imbalance in this area by 2015.

I would be more than happy to discuss these proposals in more detail or indeed show the Boundary Commission around in person so they can see the areas for themselves.

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