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The Review Officer (Surrey)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Layden House
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Dear Sir,

In our letter dated 19 November 2010, we advocated that the number of County Councillors in Surrey should remain at 80. We stated that we see no cogent reason to change the number of County Councillors in Surrey. We are pleased to note that the Commission has stated that it is minded to support the retention of 80 County Councillors in Surrey.

We now turn our attention to our own area – the Borough of Epsom and Ewell. It is a direct corollary from our views expressed earlier that we advocate that the number of County Councillors in Epsom and Ewell should remain at the current level, namely five.

Retaining five County divisions in Epsom and Ewell means that the average number of electors in each division in the borough is slightly higher than in the county. This is bound to be the case for some boroughs, while for some the borough average will be slightly below the county average. In comparing the variations between divisions within the borough, it is necessary therefore to consider variations from the borough average rather than the county average.

The boundaries between the current divisions in the borough are quite logical but they lead to an uneven spread of electors between the divisions. For that reason we advocate changing some of the boundaries between the divisions.

There are thirteen wards in the borough and it would be helpful if the county division boundaries could follow the ward boundaries, but calculations have shown that it is not possible to follow this approach and obtain a balanced spread of electors between divisions.

The electorate in the borough is split between 28 polling districts which are designated by letters which range from AA to MB. By using these polling districts it is possible to get a well balanced spread of electors between the divisions.

In looking at the polling districts we recommend changes as follows:

- (a) Briane Road, Gainsborough Road and Harvester Road, which lie off Hook Road, together with even numbered houses from 298 to 330 in Hook Road should move from polling district FB to FA – the rest of that part of Hook Road is already in FA.
- (b) St Ebbas Farm Cottage, which is in Hook Road, is currently on the FA register, but is shown as being in FB on the divisional map and should move to FB.
- (c) The open area of land south of College Road and east of the back fences of houses on the east side of Longdown Lane South (which is part of College ward) should move from Epsom and Ewell South East division to Epsom and Ewell North East division – there are no houses or electors involved at present but this change makes sense if there is future development in that area.
- (d) Polling district JB1 which is part of Ewell ward should be moved from Epsom and Ewell North East to Epsom and Ewell South West. This area is much more akin to Town ward (which covers the centre of Epsom) which it adjoins, than to the remainder of Ewell ward. Indeed the residents of JB1 see themselves as being in Epsom rather than in Ewell.
- (e) Polling district KB should be moved from Epsom and Ewell South West to Epsom and Ewell South East.

The result of these changes is that the five divisions in the borough would be constituted as follows:

Epsom & Ewell North - estimated total = **12,233** (231 above borough average)

AA	Cuddington	2542
AB	Cuddington	2172
B	Auriol	3104
CA	Ewell Court	2683
CB	Ewell Court	1732

Epsom & Ewell North East - estimated total = **12,308** (306 above borough average)

HA	Stoneleigh	1970
HB	Stoneleigh	1914
IA	Nonsuch	3620
IB	Nonsuch	896
JA	Ewell	2678
JB	Ewell	1230

Epsom & Ewell West - estimated total = **11,792** (210 below borough average)

D	Ruxley	4678
EA	West Ewell	1524
EB	West Ewell	3321
FB	Court	2269

Epsom & Ewell South West - estimated total = **11,691** (311 below borough average)

FA	Court	3057
GA	Stamford	1580
GB	Stamford	2840
GC	Stamford	987
KA	Town	1379
KC	Town	1296
JB1	Ewell	552

Epsom & Ewell South East - estimated total = **11,998** (4 below borough average)

LA	College	2278
LB	College	2172
MA	Woodcote	1711
MB	Woodcote	1564
MC	Woodcote	1311
KB	Town	2962

These changes help to balance the electorate in the divisions by reducing North East and South West whilst increasing South East.

We believe that these proposals fit with the criteria set out by the Boundary Commission.

We also suggest that the divisions could be renamed. Possible new names are as follows:

<i>Current name</i>	<i>Suggested new name</i>
Epsom and Ewell North	Cuddington
Epsom and Ewell North East	Ewell
Epsom and Ewell West	West Ewell
Epsom and Ewell South West	Epsom
Epsom and Ewell South East	Epsom Downs

The names Epsom and Ewell are fairly obvious. The name Cuddington relates to the northern part of the borough – it dates from before the time of King Henry VIII and is still very much in use today.

I hope that our proposals are clear. If you need further comment please let me know.

Yours sincerely,



Keith Lugton, Treasurer