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Dear the Review Officer

I was interested to hear about the proposed changes to the Borough of Epsom and Ewell. I am a lifelong resident of Stoneleigh in the northern area borough and have had a keen interest in the history of the borough since early childhood. A lot of the wards names are dated and have little relevance to the geography of the borough today

Besides the centres of Epsom and Ewell themselves, the key centres are **Stoneleigh** and **Horton**.

Stoneleigh has a key character identity with almost exclusively 1930's semi detached housing, centred around a large Broadway and station with amenities except banks. It is not part of Ewell. The angle between the A240 and A24 (and the western portion of Nonsuch Park) are most closely affiliated with Stoneleigh. Alsom Avenue and the surrounding cul de sacs are nearer to Stoneleigh than Worcester Park. 'Cuddington' is a very dated name more related to the wider area in the 16th century. The ward is not centred on any amenities.

I would recommend renaming the Auriol ward **Stoneleigh West** and the Stoneleigh Ward **Stoneleigh East** to better reflect that Stoneleigh is affiliated with both sides of the railway.

Horton has a distinct local centre with amenities near the Horton Lane/Chantilly Road Roadabout with a Tesco shop.

It has a clear character identity - **more rural** than Stoneleigh and Ewell. The population has grown exponentially since the 2001 census, with taking over the site of former Horton mental health facilities. Almost all the houses are **early 21st century**. It has a young, family friendly feel.

Horton lane is the centre of the area. I would recommend a **Horton West** and **Horton East** ward so that the new flourishing community gets more of a say and its fair share of public services.

Epsom Downs should be one ward - merging College and Woodcote. Both wards are more historic and associated with the Derby, which is what the borough is most famous for. Woodcote is a very small private estate with no amenities.

In conclusion I recommend these wards:

1. West Ewell (West Ewell & Ruxley). Ruxley ward residents see themselves as from West Ewell.
2. Ewell Village (including Ewell Court)
3. Stoneleigh West (Auriol + Cuddington)
4. Stoneleigh East (Stoneleigh + a bit of Nonsuch)
5. East Ewell (superseding Nonsuch)
6. Epsom Downs (superseeding College and Woodcote)
7. Epsom West (Longmead/Stamford/Court)
8. Horton West (Horton to the west of Horton Lane)
9. Horton East (Horton to the East of Horton Lane)

Yours Sincerely,
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