

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council

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I note that you plan to reduce the number of councillors and my response is with this in mind. For me there are currently two areas which do not have specific links to their present wards. Firstly the roads around the Green and Ewell Downs Road to the west of the Reigate Road has no natural affinity with the remainder of Nonsuch ward Their links are with either Ewell or College wards. Secondly Clarendon Park (formerly Long Grove Hospital site) has no links with Ruxley ward and appears to have been placed in that ward for electoral purposes. I would like to make the following suggestion for the allocation of wards in the borough I do this without having any current population figures to support my proposals. Since the present wards were confirmed in 1998 the main population growth has been on the five former hospital sites Four of these sites now estates have close links. They are Livingston Park, Clarendon Park, Manor Park and Noble Park They are very separate from the remainder of Stamford ward with no minor road links I think that this area should be considered for its own ward-two councillors and named Horton?. Ruxley ward minus Clarendon Park, West Ewell ward and Ewell Court ward remain a cohesive group of wards with natural boundaries - Chessington Road, LB Kinston border, Kingston Road and the Wimbledon-Epsom rail line. Perhaps Ruxley might have just 2 councillors as reductions have to be made. The four wards to the east of the A240 can be maintained with possibly Auriol and Nonsuch having two councillors. .Ewell Ward should be left unchanged or possibly increased in size. The one ward with no natural boundaries is Town ward and I wonder whether you would consider re-distributing this ward between Stamford, Court, College and Woodcote. The area north of the Wimbledon-Epsom rail line could join the first two named wards. The remaining area south of the rail line could be distributed between the two southern wards. I recognise that without access to population data my proposals for College ward may create a ward which is oversized. I recognise that this might seem a radical change for the Epsom half of the borough but the significant population growth on the former hospital sites needs recognition. I hope these observations will be helpful if only to develop discussions regarding the changes which need to be made.

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