

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council

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I am a resident of Revere Way in Ewell. I object to the proposal that Revere Way is included within Court Ward to the south, instead of West Ewell ward as proposed by the Council (or indeed, considering the option of inclusion within Ewell Village ward which in my view would be a better one). This is on the basis of two main points: - The community ties / identity of the residents of Revere Way are linked to Ewell, not to Epsom (which is where the majority of Court ward covers). For example, my children (and the children of my neighbours and other residents) attend schools in Ewell e.g. Ewell Grove, Ewell Castle, and Danetree in West Ewell. Our childcare is in Ewell Village. To my knowledge, no residents send their children to Epsom & Ewell Primary. We consider ourselves to live in Ewell, not Epsom: we commute from Ewell West station, shop locally in Ewell, use services in Ewell (e.g. hairdressers, dry cleaners etc) and visit pubs and restaurants in Ewell village, or shops in West Ewell, far more frequently than Epsom. I do not have any community ties or links to the area of Court ward and I am confident the same is true for most of the Revere Way development. - The properties in Revere Way are of a different character to those in Court ward. While Revere Way is a mixed development, it contains a large proportion of owner-occupiers living in 3-4 bedroom terraced and semi-detached properties, alongside some flats. My understanding is that the housing in Court ward contains a high proportion of social housing, with the electors having a very different socio-economic mix to Revere Way and the areas having different issues (e.g. crime & ASB is a big problem on the Longmead Estate and is not at all on Revere Way). This would not facilitate effective and convenient local government, as the electors living in Revere Way and the rest of Court ward would naturally have different priorities and needs. Overall, I do not feel this is a logical or helpful proposal for the community in Revere Way, and seems to put electoral equality as an overriding consideration - evidence against the other two considerations (community identity and effective local government) would very clearly support retaining the road in West Ewell or moving it to the Ewell Village ward.

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