

# Surrey

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**Related subject:** Staines and Ashford area

There is much disparity regarding two electoral divisions, Staines and Staines South and Ashford West which causes problems locally and divides communities.

Staines Division is currently made up of Polling areas RL1 and RL 2, S 1, S 2 and S3.

Staines South & Ashford West is currently made up of SS 2, RL 2, RL 3, S 4, ANS 2 and AT 1.

So currently Borough wards are carved up across two or more divisions with no one Borough ward entirely within one County Division. My suggestion is to adjust them as follows:

Polling Districts RL 2 ( 883 electors ), RL 3 ( 408) electors and possibly S 4 ( 324 ) electors to move from SS & AW Division into the Staines Division

Polling District SS 2 ( 1223 ) electors to move from the Staines Division into SS & AW Division.

The numbers balance between RL 2 and RL 3 versus SS2

This enables the whole of the Riverside and Laleham ward to be placed in one County Division Staines, with Staines South coming wholly within Staines South and Ashford West Division. If S 4 was moved from SS & AW into Staines Division then all of Staines Borough Ward would be concentrated in one County Division.

This proposal simplifies things geographically and balances numbers well within the scope of what the Boundary Commission wishes to achieve. It's common sense and will establish stronger community and administrative links between Borough wards and County Divisions than is currently the case.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*