

NORK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Review Officer (Surrey)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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Dear Sir

We are a long-established Residents Association representing the residents of the Nork Borough Ward. Our residents comprise about 60% of the County Council Division of Nork & Tattenhams. The other 40% of the Division's residents is represented by Tattenham & Preston Residents. All of our Ward's residents are in the Nork & Tattenhams Division.

We have a membership of about 1,700 out of the 4,200 households in the Ward. For your information, we have over the last 35 years put up candidates for councillor at the County and Borough Councils.

We agree with the analysis put forward by the County Council to describe the area and the boundaries, and the proposals and rationale for changing the boundary and equalising the electorate between the Nork & Tattenhams and the Tadworth, Walton and Kingswood County Council Divisions.

Given the requirement for a strong, visible and understandable boundary, it is only practical to reduce the size of Nork & Tattenhams Division in the south. In the west we have the London Borough of Sutton and Epsom & Ewell. In the east we have the clear boundary of the A217 north-south dual carriageway. We would oppose any arrangement to amend the eastern or western boundaries.

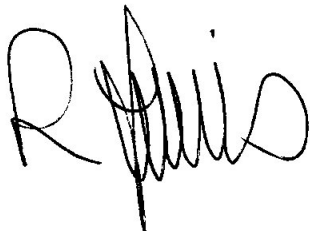
Chetwode Road is the main southern boundary and is still the boundary, even when the electorate in the road is moved into the Tadworth, Walton and Kingswood Division.

In the 2011 Boundary Commission Review we opposed a similar proposal from the County Council, in order to maintain the co-terminosity of the County Division and Borough Wards. The Commission agreed with us and rejected the County Council's proposals.

That co-terminosity has since been broken by the more recent change in the Borough Ward boundaries, combining Preston to the Tattenham Corner area. The electorate moved between divisions under the County Council's proposals will still remain in the same borough ward.

We support the County Council's proposals.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Ferris', with a large, stylized 'R' and a series of loops for the surname.

Bob Ferris
Chairman
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