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Dear Sirs

We write with regard new Electoral arrangements for Tandridge District Council in Felbridge and Dormansland.

Having lived for six years in Dormansland (High Street) and then moving to Felbridge, (Crawley Down Road) in 1995 we see no comparison between these two wards and strongly feel that Felbridge is better served by ONE councillor who understands the particular problems impacting Felbridge and it's residents than three councillors.

Geographically Felbridge and Dormansland are separated by East Grinstead, Felcourt and Lingfield with no direct bus routes or links. No shared boundary, clubs, facilities or communities. Dormansland is a rural village and does not experience the same complex issues as Felbridge. There is NO connection between these two wards whatsoever.

Felbridge has repeatedly faced major traffic congestion problems with the A264/A22 (East bourne Road) 'The Star' junction. Daily hold-ups and traffic congestion being the bane of our village.

Situated on the Surrey/West Sussex border - Felbridge has been beseiged by cross border planning applications from developers in West Sussex over the last 20 years. The latest being 200 homes to the south of the Crawley Down Road, wishing to exit on to our village roads creating further congestion. Dormansland has no major roads running through it's village or major developments threatening it.

Our one local councillor and Parish council are far better placed to deal with fighting these major issues. If the ward is increased to three councillors, two of whom, (with all due respect) would not live in Felbridge or possess knowledge of the problems facing Felbridge residents.

Three councillors would merely dilute issues and not wholly represent Felbridge voters and their concerns.

We see no benefit whatsoever in becoming a three councillor ward and believe it to be more advantageous for Felbridge and its residents to remain a single member ward with one councillor who understands and fights our corner 100%.

Attached Documents:

None attached