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**Related subject:** Caterham Valley

I am writing to express my deep concern and dissatisfaction regarding the recent boundary reviews conducted by the Commission. The decision to change the boundaries and move Stafford Road out of Caterham Valley has left me and many others in our community feeling underrepresented and disheartened. This proposed change contradicts the very essence of keeping communities together and fails to consider the unique characteristics and needs of our area.

First and foremost, it is clear that Stafford Road belongs to Caterham Valley. We have been a vital part of this valley for over two decades, and this sudden change seems arbitrary and without proper justification. Our community has thrived here, and altering the boundaries now would sever the strong bonds that have been cultivated over the years.

The proposed relocation of Stafford Road to a different area is simply not the correct solution. It fails to acknowledge the geographical and social ties that bind us to Caterham Valley. As residents, we identify with the valley's history, culture, and values, and being shifted to another ward would disrupt our sense of belonging and negatively impact the cohesion of our community.

Moreover, this decision goes against the prior commitments and priorities of the area, which emphasize the importance of keeping communities intact. Dividing Caterham Valley in half, as the proposed boundary change would do, makes no logical sense and is likely to cause numerous challenges and conflicts within our neighbourhoods.

Another noting point is that Caterham Valley has poor links to Caterham on the Hill, aside from a bus service, highlights the significance in the lack of community connections. By maintaining the existing boundaries, we can foster stronger relationships and collaboration between residents, businesses, and institutions within the valley. It would be impractical to ignore the obvious advantages that come with keeping us together as a cohesive and thriving community.

I implore the Boundary Review Commission to reconsider this decision and acknowledge the voice of the people who will be directly affected by these changes. Let us remain in Caterham Valley where we belong and where we have prospered for so many years.

In conclusion, I urge the Commission to listen to the genuine concerns of the community and prioritise the welfare and well-being of the residents in Stafford Road and Caterham Valley. It is essential that you take into account the social, historical, and geographic factors that strongly support our stance. Please preserve the unity and integrity of Caterham Valley by ensuring that Stafford Road remains a part of it.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope that the Commission will make the right decision for the greater good of the community.

Yours sincerely,

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*None attached*