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I disagree with the recommendation to reduce the number of Councillors from 38 to 35 with several wards coming down to 2 Councillors. This will reduce the opportunity to have residents from all sections of the community, from people in business and would also make it very hard work in a two Councillor Ward when one becomes unavailable by virtue of business, illness, family commitments or being elected Mayor. One person running alone is almost impossible to service the needs of the community and yet retain a family life. Selecting Stoneleigh and Ewell Village to reduce to 2 does not take in to account the impact of having main shopping parades which generates multiple enquiries and issues with parking, ASB, Litter, graffiti and planning issues. These alone must be worth an additional Councillor. Changing the Ward boundary for Ruxley Ward away from the straight road does not equate with the community which exists within the current Ward. It is especially strange to reconcile when Ewell Court had a Ward which was on both sides of the very busy A240 Ewell By pass and this has now been reformed to only being on the south side of the road. The proposal for Ruxley introduces a Ward with streets on both sides of Ruxley Lane. I understand the desire to equalise the number of councillors to each having a similar size community but that should not be at the expense of reason. Increase the number of Councillors in Stoneleigh and Ewell Village from 2 to the current three would allow for the additional work generated by very busy secondary shopping areas. Reducing other wards from 3 to 2 would make it more difficult for residents from all walks of life and sections of the community to stand for election and then be able to cope with the work load when one of the Ward Members was unable to take their share. Please reconsider.

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