

## Epsom and Ewell Borough Council

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WARDING ARRANGEMENTS : Auriol Ward is and should remain a separate ward . It has been discussed as possibly merged with Stoneleigh ward to have four councillors from 2023 . EEBC RA group have voted by a majority against it . Here is my Evidence against it : It's existed for 70 years as separate ward with 2 councillors , and functioned perfectly well allowing for population falls and rises as economic and social trends dictate . It has its own topographical , cultural and residential identity which differentiates it from Stoneleigh with its shopping Broadway . It has a distinct local community based around the Vale road and Stoneleigh Park road shops Auriol has a famous park , two primary schools , two churches , It has a 1930s residential character . Many local groups and charities are named with Auriol as part of their identity . There is a distinct and well known and accepted boundary between the two wards : the railway line from London to Epsom . The wards are linked only by a railway bridge ( pedestrian ) and foot tunnel . With one merged ward and four councillors this would present issues over which councillors were representing which part of the merged ward . Also the two SCC councillors divisions that serve Auriol and Stoneleigh : (Ewell division and Ewell court , Auriol and Cuddington division ) boundaries mitigate against any merged ward , as responsibility for issues such as highways , pavements and verges would be confused by this merger and SCC would not agree to it . It's electorate : councillor ratio will not fall below the median figure that has been proposed for the next few years with the two councillor arrangement . With National increases in family sizes including a distinct social trend for older children to remain at home until well into their 30s as is currently evidenced , there will be consequent increases in the electorate numbers in the ward as many homies are families of 3 and above . This raises the above ratio . ROAD AND BOUNDARY CHANGES EFFECTING AURIOL WARD Suggested boundary and road changes following discussion with colleague councillor Becket and Cuddington councillor Neale : Town houses in the top end of Cuddington Avenue to move to Cuddington ward to align the whole road with that ward . Barn Elms Close to remain in Auriol Ward as it overlooks the Auriol park is on this side of the ward line made by Salisbury , and I have been working with residents group on some longer term issues . It represents very few elector numbers . It's suggested and agreed between councillors that the existing salient of Ewell Court Ward covering Timbercroft , Chestnut Avenue and Salisbury Road be split between Cuddington ward and Auriol Ward such that the whole of the area and roads including south side of Salisbury Road from Cuddington Avenue to Kingston Road move to Auriol Ward . The remaining roads north of that including north side Salisbury road to move to Cuddington ward . This has the net effect of adding electorate numbers to Auriol ward to counter any projected loss of numbers over next 5 years or so . SANF ( neighbourhood Forum )has a designated area boundary of the two wards . CLLR PETER WEBB AURIOL WARD RA GROUP

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