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Dear The Review Officer,

Further to the consultation regarding the boundaries of Epsom and Ewell, I would like to make the following contributions with regard to the current Ewell ward:

- **The name of Ewell ward is confusing and should be renamed to Ewell Village.** The reason for this is it Ewell is a ward name and a geographical name as per the title of Epsom and Ewell Borough Council. So to have a ward called Ewell makes it appear as if it is the only ward, in addition to what may be in Epsom, which is far from the truth. Similarly, when you search for Ewell on a map service like Google, it - correctly - includes West Ewell and East Ewell, as well as the central/village area. This however make it more confusing when we refer to 'Ewell': is it a collection of wards, a single ward, a geographical area, or something else. For the purpose of identification therefore I suggest Ewell ward be renamed to Ewell Village, which is what it encompasses.
- **The boundary of Ewell ward could be refined.** Ewell Village is encapsulated by natural land boundaries, including the Ewell-by-pass, A24 and the Epsom Road, South Western railway line. There are parts of the Ewell ward that are outside of this natural boundary, along the other side of Epsom Road, which may feel that they belong to the Nonsuch / College / Town wards due to their proximity to those.
- **The number of councillors for Ewell ward is fair.** Having interacted with the three councillors over the past year, having three councillors for this ward is a fair reflection of the work generated that needs their involvement. Also, as councillors take positions on committees and rotate the Mayoralty, it means that there are demands upon these councillors' time that indicates having more, rather than less, is better for the quality of governance. Without it being a paid position, it is hard to see any efficiency gains to reduce the number of councillors, when its impact may be less availability for their representation of constituents.

Yours faithfully,

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