



Implementation Group

Tandridge District Council Proposed Ward Changes

Response to consultation

The Caterham Chaldon and Whyteleafe Neighbourhood Plan was adopted as part of Tandridge District Council's Development Plan on 24th June 2021, following formal (Reg 16) consultation and public referendum (87% support).

The Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Group now writes to point out that, as proposed by the Electoral Commission, the Ward Boundaries of all four parishes which comprise the Neighbourhood Plan Area will be changed. It is my understanding from Tandridge District Council that this will not affect the area covered by the Neighbourhood Plan, which is a legally recognised entity.

However, it is concerning that some of the Ward changes proposed will affect aspects of the Plan:

For instance:

Chaldon is an area distinct in the Neighbourhood Plan, but this Parish will be joined to Westway Ward, which is part of Caterham Hill Parish.

Stafford Road, currently covered by Caterham Valley Parish, will be joined to Portley which currently forms part of Caterham Hill Parish Council.

Part of Whyteleafe is proposed to become part of Warlingham Parish which is not covered by a Neighbourhood Plan.

While this might suit for possible future electoral purposes, it should be pointed out that the Neighbourhood Plan contains Protected Green Spaces and Views, whose protection is integral to the functioning of the Neighbourhood Plan and its influence on, and application to, Planning Decisions.

It is therefore the view of the of the Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Group that the integrity of the four-parish structure should be maintained and therefore minimal, if any, changes should be made to at this stage.

This is also currently important as the Caterham Chaldon and Whyteleafe Neighbourhood Plan is being reviewed. This review includes the introduction of a number of additional policies. For example, policies will be initiated on Flooding and Connectivity between

Green Spaces, as well as a Four Parish Housing Needs Assessment.



The Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Group would therefore request that the statutory existence of a Neighbourhood Plan Area, comprising the Four Parishes of Caterham Hill, Caterham Valley, Chaldon and Whyteleafe should be appropriately recognised in the Boundary Review.

I attach an illustration of the Area covered by the Neighbourhood Plan and for further information please visit: <https://ccwnp.org.uk>.

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