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Related subject: Stafford Road being transferred to Queens Park ward

This is absolutely mad!!!

The Hill and the Valley have completely different needs and Stafford Road shares more in common with the Valley (being parallel with Croydon Road).

All public transport used by residents in Stafford Road runs along Croydon Road and the railway line is in the valley ward.

Thus the only public transport that will be in the same ward as Stafford Road will be running on the hill (a 70 Metre uphill clime) this will cause a demographic deficit for Stafford Residents as they will not have a say on transport in Caterham Valley (they won't even have any bus stops within the Valley).

Currently I live in the middle of the Caterham Valley ward after these changes I will live on the border (I live next to the railway line).

Currently all voters in Stafford Road vote in the the Baptist Church off Croydon Road, under the new proposal residents will have to climb or drive up the hill to cast a vote and this will disenfranchise many voters.

I was a parish councillor for Caterham Valley Ward for Seven years, 3 years as vice Chairman and one year as Chairman.

This just doesn't work as the hill and Valley are separate communities with different needs. Also when put to the vote in 1999 when setting up the Parish councils People own the Valley voted for separate councils as they felt that a combined council would under represent the Valley (we see this with local events) thus you will be going against the democratic will of the local people in the Valley.

Lastly currently the public services supplied by the Valley Parish council are better than the hill (Street Cleaning) if Stafford Road is separated from the rest of the valley then it will quickly turn into a rubbish dump.

Attached Documents:

None attached