

Chaldon Resident [REDACTED].

**Response to the Boundary Commission Review of Ward Boundaries in Tandridge District Council.**

My concern around the drive for solely three councillor wards, is that this is a numbers game, which doesn't really fit with the type of District Tandridge is. We have various medium sized villages with Parish councils, all with their own character, and then we have built up areas, Caterham, Warlingham, Whyteleafe and Oxted. We seem to be bunching together unsuitable combinations just to fit the pattern of reduced wards. Is this really what our electorate would want?

I would be concerned for Felbridge, which is more much urban than Dormansland, for Titsey and Tatsfield, which are really nowhere near anywhere else in Tandridge, as well as Chaldon, and how successful representation will work, when they may have councillors elected from areas quite unlike their own.

Most parties will agree that it is difficult enough to find good volunteers to represent some of the larger wards as it is and to fit that into already busy lives. If the community wants decent articulate individuals to give this service *voluntarily*, it must also bear in mind the workload of various disparate issues that it will be asking of them.

- **My first submission is that Chaldon Ward should be retained as a one councillor ward.**  
Chaldon is a distinct community with a strong sense of identity. It has its own charity, the Chaldon Community Trust, and many historic buildings, with surrounding AONBs, and much of it is set in Green Belt. Most roads are country lanes with no pavements. The greatest challenges have been planning issues and large and unusual developments in our green spaces, plus broadband inadequacy. All the surrounding wards to which Chaldon might be attached simply don't have similar problems. Green Belt alongside Westway ward, in Old Coulsdon, is City of London land so not subject to planning challenges at all.
- **Second submission - Caterham Valley, Harestone and Whyteleafe Wards to remain as separate wards with two councillors each.**

CR 3 currently has seven wards, with 13 councillors representing them. But each of these wards has a different community character. Caterham Hill and Caterham Valley are not one amorphous mass, and to manipulate parts of one into the other (Stafford Road to Queens Park) will appear strange and illogical to voters and does not work with the Parish boundaries either, which seem to be a factor in the Commission thinking. On the present proposals the Caterham Valley Ward would be huge, and its electorate 11% underrepresented. It would seem simpler to leave the three existing Caterham Valley wards, Harestone, Valley and Whyteleafe, as wards with two councillors, representing their Parish areas, and as distinct communities. It is what their electorate will recognise and it is too big a community to be ignored.

- **Third submission – Oxted North, Oxted South and Lingfield to have two wards with three councillors and one ward with two councillors.**

Oxted North, Oxted South and Lingfield Wards are all overrepresented with the BC currently calculated numbers. Propose two wards with three councillors and one ward with two councillors but that configuration must be decided by detailed local knowledge.

- I would be content to accept the proposals of the Caterham Hill Conservative Branch regarding the distribution of the **New Westway and Portley & Queens Park Wards**, as their considered appraisal of that area.

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## Comment text:

Dear Sirs,  
I wish to submit a response to the Boundary Commission report on Ward Boundaries for Tandridge District Council.  
Please find attached my comments and suggestions.  
With best wishes

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## Attached Documents:

- Chaldon Resident [REDACTED].docx