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The proposed creation of the Valley ward, by the proposal's own figures' will result in 11% more voters than the average by 2028. This is, as the proposals note, outside the margins of electoral equality. Further, when compared with the 8% fewer voters that will result in certain other wards, this will mean a variance of almost 20%. That is a significant variation in representation. It is also relevant that the majority of businesses which operate from commercial premises in Caterham do so from within the proposed Valley ward, which adds a dimension to the planning and other oversight functions that we ask our councillors to carry out on our behalf. The case for moving from the current arrangement is not strong, but if the ward boundaries are to change I would strongly recommend making Valley a four-councillor ward. As the draft proposals are at pains to point out, the presumption of three-councillors is not cast-iron.

Attached Documents:

None attached