

Tandridge

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Dear Sirs

We would like to make the following comments on the Tandridge Boundary Review specifically in relation to the proposed removal of Stafford Road from Caterham Valley to Queen's Park Ward.

We have lived in Caterham for 26 years (I, Jenny Gaffney was a Valley Parish Councillor for nine years and am currently a Valley District Councillor).

Caterham Valley includes Stafford Road. We have no doubt the people in Stafford Road consider themselves to be part of Caterham Valley. Geographically, it is in the Valley and to move it to the Queen's Park on Caterham Hill boundary makes no sense.

While Hill and Valley have some similar concerns, they are also very different and a steep hill divides two communities. It is vitally important that Caterham Valley residents get the appropriate representation and moving the boundary will not do this in the case of Stafford Road.

We would also be concerned that such a move would discourage people from voting as they will not feel represented if their Councillors are Hill Councillors. There is also the issue of people having to travel uphill to their polling station. It is difficult enough to encourage many to vote without putting further barriers in their way.

On the general issue of local boundary changes it does not make any sense that people live in one geographic location, yet for electoral purposes will be represented by a completely different geographical area.

Three councillors is not set in stone as you have already suggested alternatives for Woldingham as a single-member ward and Warlingham East & Chelsham & Farleigh as a two-member ward.

This whole review seems to create confusion where there needs to be none. We do not believe these proposals makes the situation any more democratic for the North of Tandridge.

Yours faithfully

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Attached Documents:

None attached