

## Croydon London Borough

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### Comment text:

CROYDON – Local Government Boundary Review Submission by Cllr Luke Clancy re Coulsdon I write as a London Borough of Croydon Councillor representing Coulsdon West having lived in the borough for over 15 years. I support a future local ward structure based on the "Place" of Coulsdon, as identified in the current Croydon Local Plan. Very importantly, the majority of residents in the northern-most polling districts of Coulsdon West ward would consider themselves as living in Purley. While the Coulsdon West ward has three influential residents associations - including Coulsdon West Residents' Association and East Coulsdon Residents' Association - it is telling that the northernmost part of Coulsdon West is actually covered by the Purley & Woodcote Residents Association (which does not mention Coulsdon in its name). These polling districts should form part of the Purley ward - roughly speaking roads north of Smitham Downs Road and Meadow Hill should form part of Purley and roads to the south part of a Coulsdon ward, perhaps named 'Coulsdon Town'. To the east it would make sense to use Stoats Nest Road as a natural barrier defining the edge of the Coulsdon Ward with Ullswater Crescent and Downs Road also presenting themselves as natural borders to the Coulsdon ward. Roads to the east of those could be considered another ward (such as an Old Coulsdon Ward to include Farthing Downs and comprising much of the current Coulsdon East ward). Coulsdon is a recognisable community of residents with a thriving town centre and community facilities, with the location and naming of these - such as the Community Centre in Barrie Close - reflecting where people feel the place of Coulsdon to be. Evidence is also provided in estate agents' adverts. I am opposed to the proposal being put forward by Croydon Council, because it does not observe the Coulsdon community's natural boundaries. It takes in roads north of Meadow Hill that should be considered part of Purley and areas to the east currently in Coulsdon East ward, such as Farthing Downs and as far east as Chaldon Way that should not be considered part of Coulsdon if it is to be considered a place, as in the sense of being a town. If 'Coulsdon Town' were to be considered to be a ward the high street should be its focus and the description above would serve to deliver a ward so shaped to make communication within it easier and its legibility clearer to residents of the ward. Most importantly, it would also conform with the Council's 'Place' strategy. Yours faithfully Cllr Luke Clancy Coulsdon West ward LB Croydon Town Hall Katharine Street Croydon CR0 1NX

### Uploaded Documents:

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