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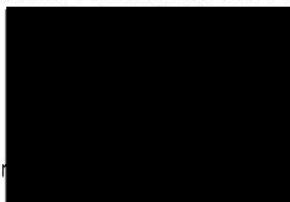
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Re the Warding Pattern for the London Borough of Croydon - I attach letter of representation on behalf of Bishops Walk Residents Association

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Bishops Walk Residents Association



The Local Government Boundary
Commission for England

4 December 2016

Dear Sirs,

Submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission regarding the Warding pattern for the London Borough of Croydon on behalf of Bishops Walk Residents Association

I write on behalf of the Bishops Walk Residents Association ('BWRA') which represents the residents who live on Bishops Walk, off Shirley Hills Road. BWRA is an independent non-political association representing the residents of Bishops Walk which is located within the planning area of Shirley as designated within the London Borough of Croydon Council places of Croydon map which the Council has adopted for planning purposes. The members of our Association regard themselves as residents of Shirley Hills or Shirley rather than being part of Addington.

We have only recently been made aware of the review of Ward boundaries in Croydon that you are currently undertaking. Having examined your criteria for deciding upon ward boundaries and sizing we would wish to make the following submission for consideration.

Warding pattern for the London Borough of Croydon as a whole

Whilst we have no specific proposals for the warding pattern for the Borough as a whole, we believe that the overall ward pattern should respect the places of Croydon as set out in the Croydon Council places of Croydon map that was drawn up and agreed some time ago and in our opinion represents the various areas, communities and recognised places of Croydon.

Ward Pattern for the Shirley area of Croydon

Shirley is a distinct place or area of Croydon and we believe that the Shirley ward should reflect the Shirley place area which is defined by the following boundaries.

To the East the area is defined by the Borough Boundary with the London Borough of Bromley in Wickham Road, Freshfields and Orchards Way. Everything to the West of these boundaries is part of Shirley.

The western Boundary is defined by Shirley Road and the boundaries of the Shirley Park golf course at the point where it meets Oaks Road at the junction with Coombe Lane.

The Northern boundary is defined by and includes Long Lane.

The Southern Boundary is defined by Kent Gate Way to include Addington Village and Bishops Walk but not Gravel Hill or the Roads off of it. The Southern Boundary also includes Coombe Lane from the junction of Shirley Oaks Road to the junction with Oaks Road.

We believe that these boundaries reflect the area of Shirley and is readily recognised by those living in the area as being Shirley.

This area is clearly too big to have only 3 Councillors but we have not considered in detail how the wards could be split. However, it seems logical to us that using the Wickham Road as a North/South split for the Wards would be appropriate as the road itself is a physical barrier and also marks the dividing line between two of the largest Residents Associations in the area, Monks Orchard Residents Association and Spring Park Residents Association.

Yours faithfully,



Maggie Jackson
Chair: Bishops Walk Residents Association