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Comment text:

Re: LB of Croydon proposed ward boundaries: Proposed Addiscombe West & Park Hill; Addiscombe East wards ECCO (East Croydon Community Organisation) is currently in the existing Addiscombe Ward. The aims of the group are to bring together, represent and promote the interests and well-being of residents and organisations (business, voluntary or statutory) in the ECCO area, defined as bounded by Lower Addiscombe Road, Tunstall Road, Addiscombe Road and the railways lines to the north from East Croydon station. Addiscombe is an area currently covered within 2 wards- Addiscombe (which includes East Croydon area) and parts of the existing Ashburton ward, which encompasses much of Addiscombe shopping parade and surrounding residential areas near Shirley road and Ashburton playing fields. The current Draft proposal is noted to split Addiscombe ward into 2 new 3-councillor wards: - Between Elgin Road & Havelock Road - Adding the Park Hill area as far south as South Croydon's Coombe Road to the West part ('Addiscombe West & Park Hill') - Adding parts of the Whitgift estate area upto Lloyd Park, and some of Addiscombe village upto Shirley Road for the East part ('Addiscombe East') ECCO committee members share other local residents and Resident Association concerns that the Boundary commission draft proposal splits areas up unnecessarily to combine different neighbouring communities together, and note that: (a) Addiscombe Road has been a natural community boundary for many years. Park Hill and whole of the Whitgift Estate areas (currently a part of Fairfield ward) that meet South Croydon and Lloyd Park have about 8,000 electors- for 2 councillors. A separate 'Park Hill & Whitgift Estate' ward would be a more reasonable proposal to keep as an intact ward community. (b) The area of Addiscombe and East Croydon, which covers the existing Addiscombe ward and about half of the existing Ashburton ward which contains most of Addiscombe shopping parade, will have a population of about 20,000 electors- fitting 5 councillors. this can be achieved by: - A 2-Councillor ward for the East Croydon part of current Addiscombe ward (the eastern boundary can be between Clyde and Elgin Road, and the East India Park)- most naturally called 'East Croydon' ward - A 3-Councillor ward for the rest of existing Addiscombe ward, reuniting it with the rest of Addiscombe shopping parade, Ashburton park, upto Asburton playing fields that border Shirley communities. This can comfortably retain the name 'Addiscombe' ward.

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