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Dear Sir/Madam,

Comments on Croydon Ward Boundary Review

I am writing in my capacity as Member of Parliament for Croydon South.

Firstly, I am astonished that the Council's proposals for new Wards ignore their own "Places" which they have themselves defined in the Local Development Framework ("LDF"). These "Places" are coherent places where people feel they live, and they command cross-party support. They were developed following a great deal of public consultation and research. I believe very strongly that the new Wards should coincide as far as possible with the communities of Croydon which are defined by the Council's "Places of Croydon" in the LDF. This demands a mixture of 2 and 3 member wards.

In my part of Croydon (the southern one third of the Borough), I would draw particular attention to the following communities that I think merit representation in a single Ward, and offer some comments on the Council's proposals:

- There is no such place as "Crohamhurst" – it is a woodland. This Council-proposed ward is a nonsense
- Sanderstead should be a three member ward that includes Church Way and surrounding streets. These roads are virtually adjacent to the village centre around All Saints Church and the village pond. It should also include Polling District SB2 which is part of Sanderstead. Any resident there will say so.
- The Council-proposed Coombe Ward is an artifice. Coombe Road / Lane and Lloyd Park to the immediate north of the road are a natural divide. The areas to the south of Coombe Road / Lane belong with the rest of the current Croham Ward (which you might equally call South Croydon)
- Riddlesdown and Purley Oaks belong naturally together in the north east corner of the Purley "place" with 2 members (the rest of Purley meriting a three member ward). Riddlesdown Road naturally links Riddlesdown and Purley Oaks
- Kenley should be a 2 member ward to match the Kenley "Place". A 3 member ward would encroach into what is actually Purley. I continually encounter residents at the west end of the current Kenley ward who are very clear with me that they live in Purley
- The council proposal splits Purley between 5 Wards, which is inappropriate
- Waddon and Old Town are separated by a large dual-carriageway and do not sit naturally together as proposed by the council
- The areas around Whitgift Avenue belong in Waddon where they currently are

I would support a proposal that generally matches the new Wards to the "Places of Croydon".

Yours faithfully,

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