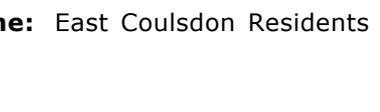


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Proposed Ward Boundaries London Borough of Croydon. I am the Secretary of East Coulsdon Residents Association. As such I am heavily involved in issues which affect the area, which includes the Coulsdon Town Centre which is currently in the Coulsdon West Ward and is the town centre for the whole of Coulsdon whether in East, West, Old Coulsdon or Hartley. We are situated on the periphery of the Borough and issues affecting the Town Centre affect us all. I have seen the initial proposal map and would suggest that it would be more sensible to combine Coulsdon East and Coulsdon West Wards into, perhaps Coulsdon Town Ward, preferably retaining 6 Councillors. The four Residents Associations within the Coulsdon ward are Coulsdon East, Coulsdon West, Old Coulsdon and Hartley and District and we have and do co-operate together over many of the issues which affect the whole of Coulsdon and, as such, are a community. I understand that the Boundary Commission do not wish to split communities and local social cohesion. We question your population predictions for the area due to the many housing developments which have and are to take place within the area bringing a larger population. We understand that allowances have been made for Croydon Town Centre which is under populated at the moment because the residential numbers in that area are still growing until all the office conversions and new development have been completed. Similarly you should make the same allowances for Coulsdon which, due to the very many developments means that the population of Coulsdon area will increase substantially. Hence the Coulsdon East and West Wards which are currently in place should remain intact as the increase in population is likely to reflect your criteria but remove the northern part of Coulsdon West which is really Purley.. To achieve the keeping of Coulsdon as a natural intrinsic community and keep these natural social areas together, it would be sensible to remove the northern area currently in Coulsdon West Ward which are truly Purley, possibly from Grovelands Road and the roads towards Purley. Along Grovelands Road to Woodcote Valley Road, turning left to Woodcote Grove Road. I have tried to make drawing on your map but without success Some developments within Coulsdon are still in the planning stage and others have not yet reached the planning department. Croydon has created a company called BrickbyBrick which is to develop at least six sites owned by Croydon in the Coulsdon Area mostly for housing. These are in addition to those which have already received planning permission, including Cane Hill with 678 homes (predicted population increase of around 2000 which in itself would equate to ½ a Councillor on your figures) and several others, many of which are large flatted developments and some individual housing. We are also alarmed for the whole of Croydon for potential political demographics of the current proposed changes which would result in Croydon being under a permanent Labour control. The prospect of Croydon becoming a one party administration control is undemocratic as such control is a dictatorship and without a credible opposition Croydon residents will be denied a voice.

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