

## Croydon London Borough

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### Comment text:

I am submitting these comments on behalf of Coulsdon West Residents' Association, (CWRA) It is pleasing that after so many years of neglect by successive Croydon Council Administrations that Coulsdon, being on the very periphery of the Borough is finally being recognised as the vibrant town and community that we are. The A23 bisects Coulsdon Town separating East from West. Issues affecting the town impacts equally on both communities. Working with residents of Hartley and District and Old Coulsdon, we have formed a most successful R.A. consortium to address local problems. As you have stated that whilst changing the boundaries you wish to maintain local social cohesion, CWRA suggests that East & West Coulsdon be combined into a Coulsdon Town Ward, preferably retaining six Councillors but willing to accept five. CWRA questions your population projections as Cane Hill (677 homes) could equate to ½ of a Councillor, without possible due consideration of the many house building projects proposed for Coulsdon. Having reviewed the impact of the proposed boundary changes on the whole of Croydon we are alarmed that a statistical analysis of the potential political demographics of these changes, (giving 40 Labour, 25 Conservative, with 5 Marginal Councillors) would result in Croydon being under permanent Labour control. This is undemocratic as such control is a dictatorship and without a credible opposition Croydon residents will be denied a voice. CWRA would challenge this if the bias favoured any political party. CWRA questions the nervousness of the present administration that they would be unwilling to face the whole electorate with any proposals, unless they skew results in this way.

### Uploaded Documents:

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