

Surrey Heath District

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Comment text:

I live in Heatherside Ward. Heatherside's ward boundaries also define the area of Heatherside Parish. Heatherside is very much a self-contained community. The residents of Heatherside demonstrate this sense of community in their involvement in both the Heatherside Residents' Forum on Facebook, and in the activities of Heatherside Ward Residents' Association. In addition, the size of the population of Heatherside is significantly increasing through the construction of the Ridgewood estate, which will probably increase the overall population by around another 500. So, the problem is not really with the boundaries; the problem is that the ward really does not justify the need for three (3) councillors. The amount of work that engages the existing councillors does not need three councillors to cover it. The proof of this is that until the last Council election in 2015, one of the three elected councillors was almost entirely inactive due to ill health. And yet the residents did not suffer any reduction in the service provided to them by the remaining councillors. My impression is that this is true of **all** of the SHBC wards currently served by three councillors. There simply is **no** need for this number of councillors in any ward. The desired reduction in councillor numbers can simply be achieved by reducing the number of councillors from three to two in some or all existing wards, without the need to re-jig the ward boundaries of any wards.

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