



THE EAST COULSDON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Dear Sir or Madam

Proposed changes to Boundary between Coulsdon Town and Old Coulsdon wards in the London Borough of Croydon

East Coulsdon Residents' Association represents over 2,000 households to the south and east of Coulsdon with membership in the existing Coulsdon East and Coulsdon West Wards in the London Borough of Croydon. We will have membership in both the proposed Coulsdon Town and Old Coulsdon wards. We are a non-political organisation and would like to make the following comments on you proposed ward boundary changes.

We agree with the principle of a 3 seat Coulsdon Town Ward and a 2 seat Old Coulsdon Ward with the transfer of the lower part of Coulsdon East which lies to the west of Farthing Downs into the new Coulsdon Town ward along with the clear separation of Coulsdon from Purley. However, we feel that the northern and eastern boundary of Coulsdon Town and Old Coulsdon wards requires a few small tweaks to make for a more logical boundaries.

Proposed changes

1. **Stoats Nest Road** move the section between The Brighton Road and the Railway Bridge from Purley into Coulsdon Town.

Reason : It is in the postal district of Coulsdon and has a CR5 post code. This road was always in Coulsdon West until 2012. The residents believe they live in Coulsdon not Kenley or Purley. It only connections are with Brighton Road, Windermere Road and the Rest of Stoats Nest Road which are all in Coulsdon Town. This would mean all of Stoats Nest Road would be in the same ward.

- This affects 15 properties and approximately 22 electors.

2. **Petersfield Crescent** From the map it looks as though the boundary is a long the centre of the road, We would suggest that it should all be in Coulsdon Town by moving two properties from south side from Old Coulsdon to Coulsdon Town and make the boundary the rear gardens.

Reason : The this provides clear access from Hillars Heath and Asmar Close and the main part of Coulsdon Woods estate to Stoats Nest Road and the rest of Coulsdon Town ward.

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- This affects 2 properties and approximately 5 electors.
3. **Aldercroft** move to Coulsdon Town.
Reason : Aldercroft is a section and continuation of Deepfield Way. It would make sense to keep them both in the same ward and Rutherford Rise is a more natural boundary between Coulsdon Town and Old Coulsdon.
- This affects 29 properties and approximately 41 electors.
4. **Ulswater Crescent** move far end into Coulsdon Town.
Reason : The present boundary moves the remaining two units into Old Coulsdon. There is only one entrance to this industrial estate from Marlpit Lane in the proposed Coulsdon Town Ward and there is no physical connection to Nineacres Way as there is 16 metre difference in their ground levels.
- This affects no residential properties and No electors
5. **Marlpit Lane Memorial Recreation Ground** In the original map the park was split between the two wards. We believe that it should be wholly in one ward. We note in the revised map it is wholly in Coulsdon Town ward. This is our preference as the park is the main park for the town centre area and Grange Park is situated at the top of the hill in Old Coulsdon and is their main park for Old Coulsdon.
Reason : This keeps the park wholly in one ward.
- This affects no residential properties and no electors.
6. **Waterhouse Lane** The eastern boundary of Old Coulsdon and Kenley at this point is Hayes Lane as it crosses Kenley Aerodrome. However, we believe that boundary should be moved to incorporate Briar Cottage, Waterhouse Lane into Kenley ward.
Reason : Waterhouse Lane is in the postal district of Kenley and has a Kenley CR8 post code. The only vehicular access is from Hayes Lane Kenley and the only connection to Coulsdon East is a narrow unmade footpath down a steep hill.
- This affects 1 property and approximately 3 electors.
7. **Move Coulsdon from Croydon to Surrey**
We note one submission suggested moving Coulsdon from Croydon into Surrey. We wish to place on record that our residents have no desire to be moved into Surrey and wish to remain part of the London Borough of Croydon.

Yours faithfully



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A map of our proposed changes

