

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council

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Hello from Epsom and Ewell Constituency Labour Party. Please find our thoughts in the pdf attached. Thanks, Cllr Rob Geleit

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Epsom & Ewell Labour Party boundary review proposal

1. Introduction

Over the past five to twenty years there has been substantial development on the old Epsom hospital sites. The Epsom cluster as the hospitals were known cared for patients with mental health conditions and learning difficulties. The hospital cluster has played a significant part in shaping present day Epsom, its economy and its current population and culture, bringing diversity as well as employment and opportunities to the town.

The new housing/residential estates have, caused imbalances in existing wards, primarily Stamford and Court wards and to a lesser extent, Ruxley ward.

Additionally, Town ward is the most densely populated ward in the borough with the highest population of residents. It also suffers from having the main Waterloo rail line running through it which creates physical barriers to establishing coherent resident communities in the ward.

These are the main issues in the borough and this boundary review provides the opportunity to correct the imbalances in Stamford and Court ward and address the density issues with Town ward while also correcting a number of historical anomalies.

2. Creation of new ward

There is merit to creating a new ward called “Horton Park” based on the new estates which lay alongside Horton Lane. Namely:

Clarendon Park (currently in Ruxley)
Livingstone Park (currently in Court)
Manor Park (currently in Stamford)
Noble Park (currently in Stamford)

These developments were intended to provide a more “rural” rather than an urban feel for residents as they are largely separated by green belt land. Their identities are based on their proximity to Horton Lane, Horton Country Park and parade of shops which includes Tesco minimart. The residents of these communities’ are likely to use Horton Country Park for leisure and the parade of shops built within the development for their local retail needs.

Parkviews is separated from the Horton Park developments by Hook Road the main arterial B road (A286) which creates a physical boundary, it differs from them in that it does not share the characteristics of the other developments and does not border Horton Lane and therefore should remain in Court ward.

Table 1 Roads moved to Horton Park

From	Road/Street	To	Elector Count	Property Count
Court	Burnhams Grove	Horton Park	57	35
	Buxton Close		23	12
	Calvert Close		14	6
	Cavendish Walk		129	68
	Davison Close		13	5
	Eastman Way		116	85
	Haven Drive		19	60
	Hine Close		10	5
	Horton Crescent		182	111
	Norris Close		16	7
	Pelman Way		108	70
	Riley Close		17	6
	Saville Close		24	12
	Tobin Close		14	7
	Westcote Road		56	34
Sub Total			798	523
Stamford	Cavell Way	Horton Park	39	16
	Christ Church Road		26	12
	Churchill Road		34	17
	Cuddington Glade		24	13
	De Mel Close		22	9
	Dillon Close		44	35
	Ethel Bailey Close		64	36
	Evelyn Way		60	25
	Farmside Place		30	15
	Galen Close		29	20
	Glanville Way		184	120
	Helm Close		57	29
	Horton Lane		24	11
	Kestrel Close		45	20
	Longland Place		44	33
	Lulworth Place		14	8
	Manor Crescent		119	65
	Miller Place		27	17
	Nell Gwynne Close		16	9
	Nightingale Close		25	14
	Osborne Way		55	27
	Peacock Close		24	10
	Penrose Drive		41	18
	Phoenix Close		6	7
	Queen Alexandra`s Way		42	29
	Richmond Crescent		74	39
	Ripley Way		22	14
	Sherwood Way		212	138
	Taylor Close		20	8
	Trotter Way		67	28
	West Park Road		16	12
	William Evans Road		38	15
Sub Total			1544	869

Ruxley	Albury Close	Horton Park	7	4
	Grove Close		29	19
	Hendon Grove		51	23
	Horton Lane		1	3
	Jackson Way		8	4
	Jenner Way		10	4
	John Watkin Close		22	12
	Lady Forsdyke Way		39	18
	Lady Harewood Way		45	20
	Mckenzie Way		39	21
	Medina Square		43	14
	Monro Place		52	24
	Nelson Walk		38	17
	Oakwood Avenue		47	20
	Sandy Mead		106	74
	South View		43	22
Sub Toatal			493	253
Total			2835	1645

3. Property Transfers

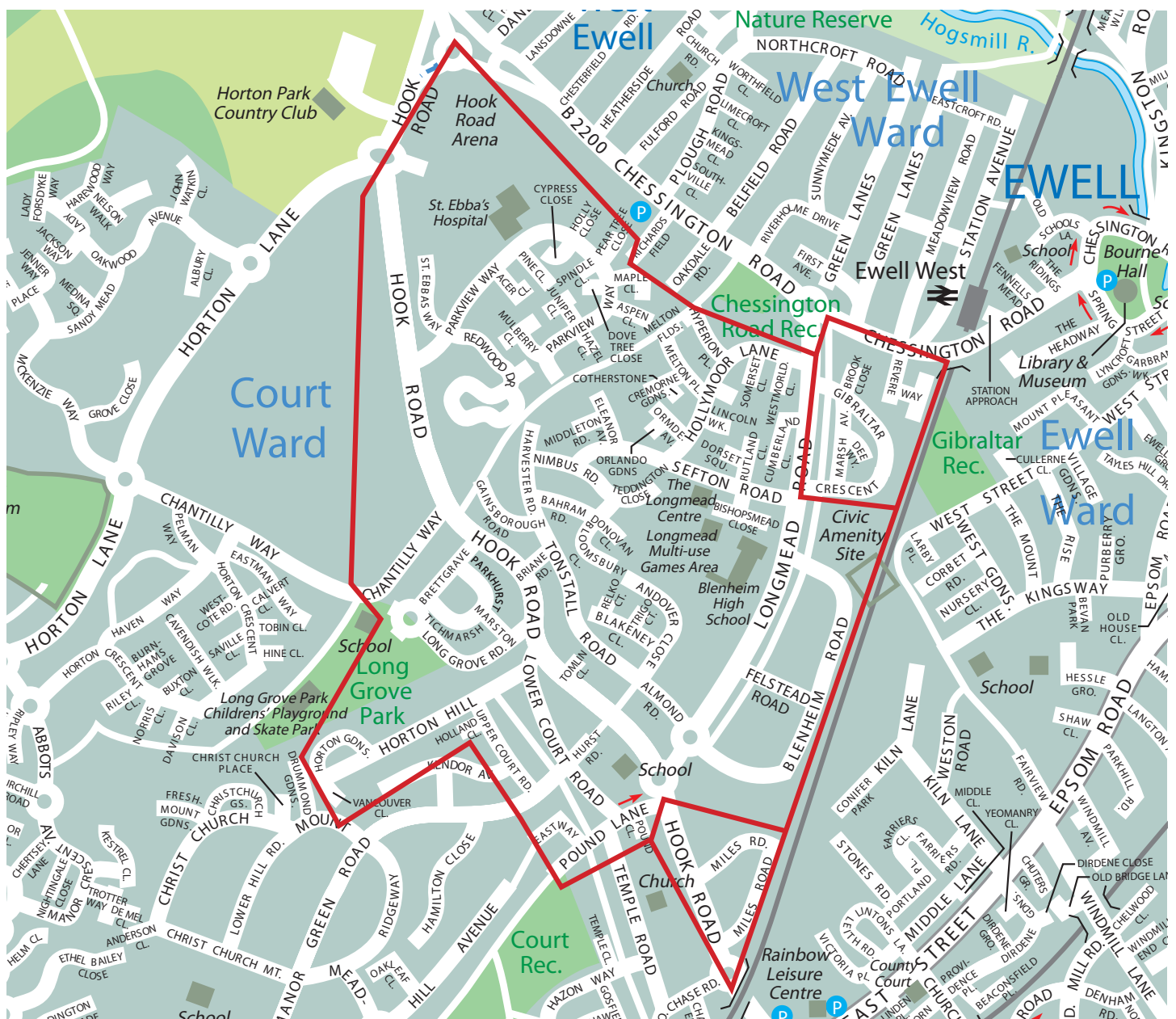
3.1. Changes to Court ward

Since the previous boundary review the “Gibraltar estate” has been in West Ewell. The Gibraltar estate and the new development built on the Surrey CC Highways House site is separated from West Ewell by the main B road, Chessington Road which creates a physical barrier to developing an affinity with the rest of West Ewell ward. There is greater logic to include the new development and correct the historical anomaly and return the Gibraltar estate to Court ward.

Town ward is the most densely populated ward in the borough with the highest population of residents. It also suffers from having the main Waterloo rail line running through it which creates physical barriers to establishing resident communities on either side of the rail line.

Hook Road and Miles Road in Town ward have similar types of housing in Upper and Lower Court Road. Prior to the last boundary review these properties were in Court ward and it is logical to return these properties as there is greater affinity to houses already in Court ward.

Map 1 Revised boundaries of Court Ward



Map 2 New boundaries of Horton Park Ward

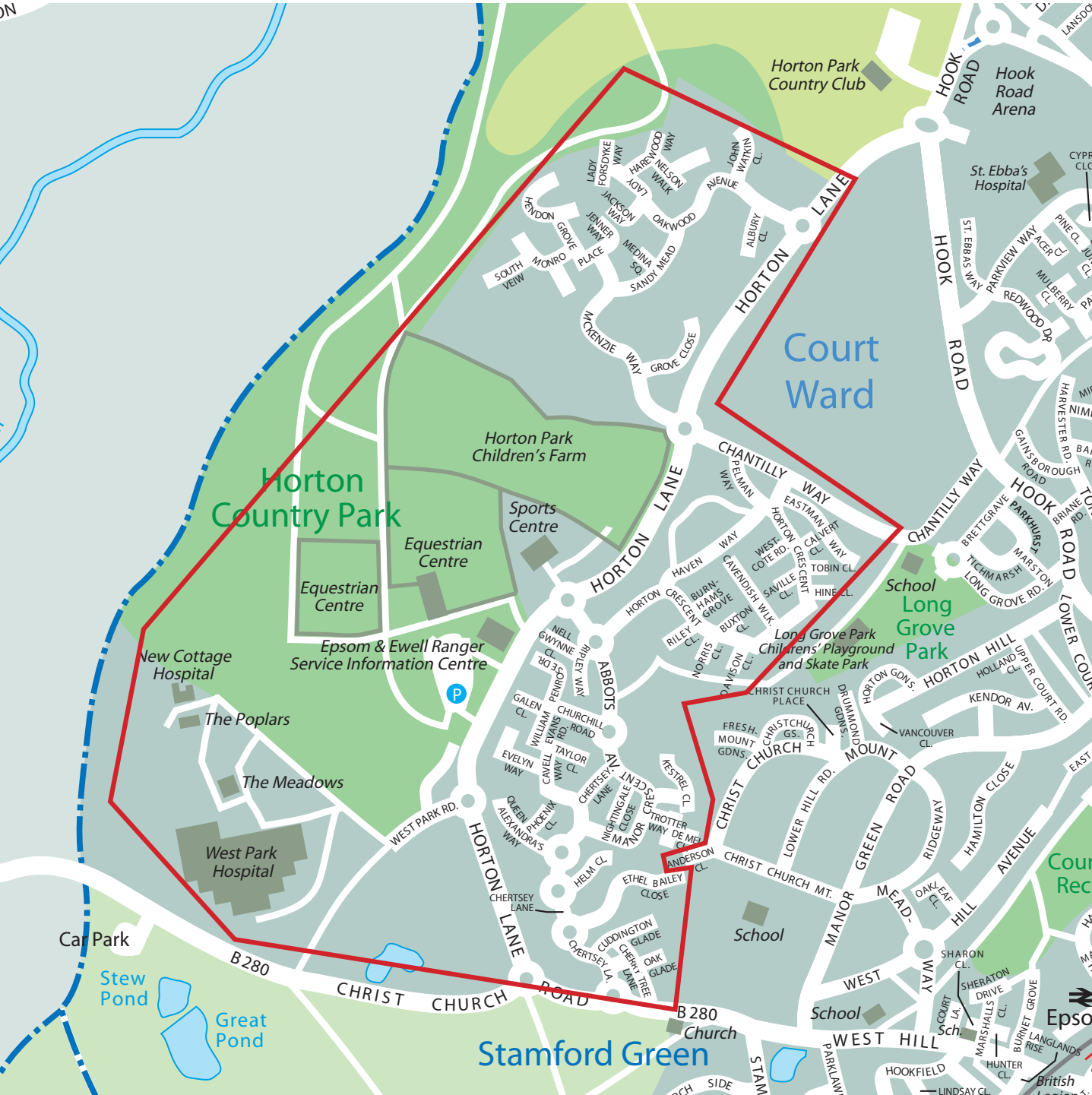


Table 2 Road Transfers to Court

From	Road/Street	To	Elector Count	Property Count
West Ewell	Brook Close	Court	16	8
	Chessington Road		46	37
	Dee Way		27	16
	Gibraltar Crescent		200	93
	Marsh Avenue		65	30
	Revere Way		216	138
Sub Total			570	322
Town	Hook Road	Court	29	20
	Miles Road		211	107
Sub Total			240	127
Total			810	449

3.2. Polling station

The Polling Station for Court-FA is currently located at Southfield Park Primary School. Consideration should be given to moving the Polling Station to another more central location in the Polling District which would be more convenient for all electors and would prevent the need for school closures.

3.3 Revised electors per member

See Table 3. All other Ward boundaries within the borough remain unchanged as do the number of councillors per Ward.

Table 3 Electors per Member

Ward	Members	Electors per member	
		Before	After
Court	3	1715	1719
Horton Park	2	N/A	1461
Ruxley	3	1552	1358
Stamford	3	1838	1324
Town	3	1868	1788
West Ewell	3	1589	1399

4. Scope

Other issues, such as Councillor workload, have not been addressed in this document as they are not within the scope of this exercise.