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To Whom it may concern,

Since the last boundary review in 1997 the population of Caterham Valley has grown considerably.

I was a Parish councillor from 2012-2021 and also Chairman from 2020-2021.

One thing that has become clear since 2012 is that with the growth of population and change of demographics, two wards no longer reflect how the valley works anymore.

Also Caterham Hill has about 30% higher population than the Valley yet has 4 wards, so even on this scale the Valley is under represented by at least 1 ward.

When I was on the Parish council we did request that the number of wards in the Parish Council should be increase to 3 however his was rejected, due to the work that would be required.

Therefore I would propose the following (based on the work that the Parish council did).

The central part of the Valley near the shops should have a new ward as over the last 20 years there have been many new flat developments along the Croydon Road coming into the Centre (up to Dunwoody's), the town centre part of Stafford Road, along the public road up Harestone Hill and Tupwood Lane (to Grange Road) and also along the Godstone Road to the bypass.

The needs of these areas are very different from much of the communities from Wapses lodge to Dunwoody's and the rest of Harestone Valley.

Thus I would propose that we should have there wards in Caterham Valley going forwards.

1) Valley Ward - Croydon Road up Dunwoody's (including side roads such as Beechwood Gardens, Beechwood Road and Tillingdown Hill & Farm) and most of Stafford Road until the flats near the library.

2) Central ward - All areas of new development along Croydon Road (including Farningham Road and Commonwealth Road) Plus areas of new development in the Harestone Ward near the Town Centre and along the Godson Road (and side roads such as Colliers, Greenwood Gardens and Longsdon Way).

3) Harstone Ward - remaining areas of Harstone (including White Knobs, Markville Gardens and Markfield Way).

This would reflect the different needs of areas of Caterham Valley and would allow better representation of these areas needs.

Additionally this would also reflect many of the transport and parking needs of the different areas (I am vary aware of this being on the East Surrey Transport Committee).

Kind regards

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