

# Surrey

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**Related subject:** Guildford Borough area

This redraw is in large part supposed to make the County boundaries more congruent with the new borough boundaries, so I am using the new borough boundaries where I can.

Redraws are based on projected electorate of 11,911 avg, variance – 10,720 to 13,102 -

Using new ward boundaries

Ash – Ash Vale and Ash Wharf – 10,821 - pretty much no change except rationalising to new Borough boundaries

Guildford East – new Merrow and Burpham wards – 12,742 - effectively no change, just rationalises the new County boundary with the new Borough boundary - and gives it more natural borders (along Boxgrove Road)

Guildford North – Stoke plus Bellfields & Slyfield - 12865 - Bellfield & Slyfield was previously even called Stoke, and the railway line makes a fairly western barrier to the ward.

Guildford SE and Shalford – Castle ward, part Shalford (Central & Chilworth) – 10,724 - Castle ward has significant connection with contiguous development to Shalford and Chilworth via East Shalford Lane (bounded on either side by Shalford and Chilworth) and Shalford Road, and large

parts of both Caslte ward and Shalford/Chilworth village are made up of semi-rural private housing of comparable character. The River Wey makes a natural barrier on on side, and the ward boundaries of Shalford with Tillingbourne and Castle with Merrow and Tillingbourne a sensible barrier on the other.

Horsleys – Effingham, East & West Horsley, Lovelace – 12,707 - as it was before the last redraw

Pilgrims – Ash South, Pilgrims, part of Shalford (Compton, Artington, Peasmarsh) – 11,821 - largely the old Shalford division, taking the river Wey as its border and so losing Shalford village to adjust to population changes.

Shere – Send, East and West Clandon, Tillingbourne – 11,429 - as it was before the last redraw, puts both clandons in one division, and loses Chilworth, which is reunited with Shalford in the Guildford SE and Shalford proposal.

Worplesdon – Worplesdon plus Normandy & Pirbright – 12,132 - no change.

Guildford South West (St Nicholas, Onslow, Part Westborough – probably Westborough West PD) and Guildford North West (Stoughton North & South, part Westborough – probably Westborough Central PD) total 24943, halves to 12472 - within allowable variance with room to set exact boundaries which make sense.

The South West seat continues the tradition of Onslow and Westborough merging parts of themselves for a seat in the west of town. For the North West seat, it should be noted that Stoughton South and Westborough are contiguous, without a boundary more natural than the railway line between the Stoughton wards and Bellfields & Slyfield.

These proposals only split one town ward on the new boundaries, while on old GBC and SCC boundaries two town wards were split. While wards consisting of multiple villages are split, the villages themselves are kept together. A different proposal would probably split more town wards on the new boundaries (and quite possibly on the old) and so not deliver the rationalisation of new County with new Borough boundaries intended.

A new Guildford South merging Castle and St Nicholas is also conceivable, but wouldn't quite work on the numbers so would need to either absorb a small village or split another town ward to make it work - and it would have knock on effects for the rest of the Borough, either requiring a lot more splitting town wards, a different town/village combine ward, or both. Which would be less optimal than my proposals, I believe.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*