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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Caterham Valley

I am writing to express deep concern and dissatisfaction regarding the recent boundary reviews conducted by the Commission. The decision to relocate Stafford Road out of Caterham Valley has left me and many others in our community feeling underrepresented and disheartened. This proposed change directly contradicts the core principle of keeping communities together and fails to acknowledge the unique characteristics and needs of our area.

Above all else, it is evident that Stafford Road belongs to Caterham Valley. For over two decades, we have been an integral part of this valley, and the suddenness of this change seems arbitrary and lacks proper justification. Our community has thrived here, and altering the boundaries now would sever the strong bonds that have been cultivated over the years.

The suggested relocation of Stafford Road to a different area is simply an incorrect solution. It disregards the geographical and social ties that bind us to Caterham Valley. As residents, we strongly identify with the valley's history, culture, and values, and being shifted to another ward would disrupt our sense of belonging and negatively impact the cohesion of our community.

Furthermore, this decision directly contradicts the prior commitments and priorities of the area, which emphasize the importance of maintaining the integrity of communities. Dividing Caterham Valley in half, as the proposed boundary change would do, lacks logical rationale and will create numerous challenges and conflicts within our neighbourhoods.

Moreover, it is crucial to note that Caterham Valley has limited links to Caterham on the Hill, apart from a bus service, which highlights the significance of maintaining our community connections. Preserving the existing boundaries would allow us to foster stronger relationships and collaboration among residents, businesses, and institutions within the valley. Ignoring the evident advantages of keeping us together as a cohesive and thriving community would be impractical.

I implore the Boundary Review Commission to reconsider this decision and give due consideration to the voices of the people who will be directly affected by these changes. Let us continue to reside in Caterham Valley where we rightfully belong and where we have prospered for so many years.

In conclusion, I urge the Commission to sincerely address the concerns of the community and prioritize the welfare and well-being of the residents in Stafford Road and Caterham Valley. It is of utmost importance that you take into account the social, historical, and geographic factors that firmly support our stance. Preserving the unity and integrity of Caterham Valley can be achieved by ensuring that Stafford Road remains an integral part of it.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I sincerely hope that the Commission will make the right decision for the greater good of the community.

Sincerely,



## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*