

# Tandridge

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## Comment text:

Good afternoon

I would like to object to the proposed removal and redrawing of boundaries of the wards within Tandridge DC.

I live within Harestone Ward in Caterham. Harestone has a unique wooded and semi rural character which is much loved by those who reside within it. It is different in character to the neighbouring Valley ward and has different needs for which it needs to continue to have its own representatives on the council. To remove this ward and merge us with neighbouring wards will inevitably be detrimental to the character of this beautiful locality.

Furthermore, the removal of several wards in the north of the district and the redrawing of the various boundaries around the Caterham area will mean that Caterham and Whyteleafe residents will have less power over decisions, will have fewer councillors than the rural areas to the south of the district and so have less representation. This cannot be right for a democratic district council.

I am particularly concerned because many of the Oxted and Godstone wards are represented by independent councillors who have promoted "nimbyist" policies. They will inevitably vote to protect their wards against development to the detriment of the more populated (and already overstretched in terms of resources) northern wards. This is undemocratic.

Please reconsider the new boundaries and wards and divide the councillors more fairly between heads of population/voters, having due regard to

their character.

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## Attached Documents:

*None attached*