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Related subject: Ewell

I am the resident who proposed the name change of 'Ewell' to 'Ewell Village' for the borough ward elections. The purpose of this was to make clear that 'Ewell' was not 'Epsom and Ewell' (the parliamentary constituency), or that it was Ewell Village, West Ewell and East Ewell, which are all geographic areas constituting Ewell. It also helped to denote it as different from the 'Ewell' ward for the county elections, which you are now addressing. In addition, 'Ewell Village' as a location reference is a place known in its own right as such, including on local road signage, and has a rich history dating back through the Saxons, the Romans, and the Neolithic era.

In this context, and for much the same reason, I fully support the proposal to change the ward of 'Ewell' for county elections. While I note the 'Full proposal' indicates a proposed change to 'Stoneleigh, Ewell Village & Nonsuch' I would suggest that with the addition of Stoneleigh and Nonsuch to the existing ward name it should be phrased as 'Ewell Village, Stoneleigh and Nonsuch'.

Firstly, this is for familiarity purposes. All of those in the 'Ewell' county ward would look for this as the name of the ward in future elections. To move the word 'Ewell' within the name and not at the start of it may well lead to confusion amongst residents who have not seen these proposals.

Secondly, and for the reasons above for the original borough ward change from 'Ewell', Ewell Village has the advantage of being a well recognised and historic site, served many hundreds of people each day through its two train lines around its perimeter, and has some of the (if not, the) largest volumes of traffic flowing through it in Surrey daily from the A24, A240 and B2200.

For these reasons I am strongly in support of changing the name of the county ward from 'Ewell', and would recommend that it be 'Ewell Village, Stoneleigh and Nonsuch'.

Attached Documents:

None attached