

TATTENHAMS WARD SET TO COMBINE WITH PRESTON RESIDENTS SUCCESSFULLY FIGHT NORK TRANSFERS

New Tattenham Corner and Preston Ward

The Boundary Commission is redrawing the ward boundaries throughout Reigate & Banstead Borough Council. The review started last year and was kicked off by the Boundary Commission because the number of voters in each ward was out of balance as new housing is concentrated in certain areas. At the same time, the Conservative Group on the council accentuated the scale of change by deciding to reduce the number of councillors by six and to eliminate four wards which have either one or two councillors. Only the Residents' Association and a few conservatives who broke ranks opposed this reduction, which has now been agreed by the Boundary Commission. This element of the proposals is not subject to consultation.

Current Proposal The Commission proposes that the Preston ward which currently has a single councillor is joined up with Tattenhams to create a new ward called "Tattenham Corner and Preston". The new ward will have three councillors, as does Tattenhams currently. It's now up to residents to agree or disagree with the proposals. Deadline is August 13th 2018.

Original Council Proposal Rejected

The Council – effectively the Conservative Group – originally proposed that Tattenhams be split north/south with all the roads north of Great Tattenhams – being moved into Nork ward. This was a blatant gerrymandering of the boundary which would have moved 12 roads plus all the Tattenhams RA councillors and most of the RA Committee out of the ward!

The RA councillors, the Tattenhams and Nork RA committees and more than 70 residents objected to the Council's proposals (see overleaf). The Boundary Commission were surprised at the number of responses against the Council's proposals – no residents supported the Council's proposals, and the Boundary Commission have now recommended the proposal put forward by the RA's.

Changes to Nork Tattenhams Boundary

Nork, like all wards which remain, needs to grow by about 15%, and given its position up against the Epsom & Ewell and Sutton boundaries, this inevitably means south into Tattenhams. The current proposal suggests that to equalize the number of voters for each councillor, the eastern part of Tattenhams – all the electors between Reigate Road and Brighton Road, both sides of Tattenham Way - will be transferred to Nork. A list of the roads transferred is set out on the next page, but in simple terms it is all the voters who vote at the Beacon School, rather than St Marks Church.

We deeply regret ANY voters will be moved out of Tattenhams, which has been in its current configuration for 60 – 70 years. However, we are encouraged that Nork has a strong Residents' Association represented by three borough councillors who work as a group with your Tattenhams councillors. In addition, for Surrey County Council, Tattenhams will remain connected to Nork and share a single county councillor. We welcome any residents who want to simultaneously remain in membership with Tattenhams and receive our newsletter.

Boundary Commission: "We received around 70 representations which particularly opposed the Council's proposals for the Nork and Tattenham Corner area Our draft recommendations are based on the Residents' Associations' proposals."

Next Steps – it’s not a done deal!

The Boundary Commission’s recommendations are just that – recommendations and not the final decision. The Commission has set out its views, and is now asking for comments on its maps.

Boundary Commission: “If you agree with our recommendations, please let us know. If you don’t think our recommendations are right, we want to hear alternative proposals.

We urge residents to make their views known – even if you just agree with its recommendations. The lack of support from residents may lead the Commission to have second thoughts.

The deadline is 13 August

You can look at the maps on the Boundary Commission website consultation.lgbce.org.uk, and make your comments on the website itself. A copy of the new map is shown opposite.

Alternatively, you can send an email to reviews@lgbce.org.uk – please put “Reigate & Banstead Review” in the subject box.

Or you can write to: Review Officer (Reigate and Banstead),
LGBCE, 14th floor Millbank Tower, London SW1P 4QP

Boundary Criteria

The Boundary Commission uses three criteria to set a pattern of wards which delivers:

- ***Electoral equality***: each councillor represents a similar number of voters.
- ***Community identity***: reflects the identity and interests of local communities (in terms of transport links, community group, facilities, interests etc).
- ***Effective and convenient local government***: helping council discharge its responsibilities effectively. It aims to set ***boundaries which are sensible and easy to identify***.

Residents’ Association Comments

The Council’s original proposal was to cut off the north of the ward (roads north of Great Tattenhams) and move them into Nork ward. We objected because we didn’t think this represented the community around Tattenham Corner, and made the following points:

- Separation of the roads north of Great Tattenhams into Nork ward is arbitrary and would split up the community around Tattenham Corner shopping centre.
- Tattenham Corner shopping centre is based around 25 shops and restaurants, medical centre, volunteer-run community library, with a railway station and bus routes on to Epsom, the Preston estate and Tadworth, serving the whole community.
- The community is served by its own primary school in Shawley Way.
- The community is within the parish of the United Church of St Mark in Great Tattenhams, with its own Tattenhams scouts and guides units, and a wide range of community groups.
- The community has its own residents’ association.
- The Tattenham Corner Community charity organises Christmas activities and summer fetes on the green around the shopping area.
- Yew Tree Bottom Road and the Reigate Road would form a strong and identifiable boundary between Nork and Tattenhams.

Preston

Most of the roads in the existing Preston ward - up to the Shelveys Way shopping centre and accessed off Preston Lane and by the Marble Way shops – will move into the new ward. A few properties accessed off Shelveys Way will move into the Tadworth & Walton ward.

Roads Transferred to Nork under Boundary Commission Proposals

These are the roads on the east side of Reigate Road whose voters use the Beacon School: Brighton Road, Bywood Close, Gables Way, Meadow Way, Picquets Way, Reigate Road (east side), Ruffetts Way, Tangier Way, Tangier Wood, Tattenham Way, The Brindles, The Drive, Waterer Gardens.

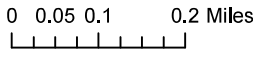
Finally, the new ward proposals will meet the requirement for electoral equality, with the new Nork ward being within 2% of the council average and Tattenham Corner and Preston within 1%.

Tattenham Corner & Preston Ward (LGBCE proposal)



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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

TATTENHAMS RESIDENTS SUCCESSFULLY FIGHT CHANGES TO BOUNDARY- SPEAK OUT, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

I am delighted to report that residents pulled together in April to object to the boundary changes proposed by the Council. The proposed changes would have meant the loss of 12 roads in Tattenhams to Nork splitting Tattenham Crescent, Downs Wood and others from the shops at Tattenham Corner. The TRA found out about the proposed changes 3 days before our AGM in March and residents who came to the AGM were stunned and appalled when they heard the proposal. Starting the next day- we all sprang into action, with postings on social media, word of mouth and individuals reaching out to their neighbours.

OVER 70 RESIDENTS AND MEMBERS OF LOCAL GROUPS WROTE WITH THEIR OBJECTIONS!

THANKYOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT RESIDENTS VOICES COUNT

The residents proposals have been accepted at this stage and to ensure that we get what we want please register your support with the boundary commission as the second phase of the consultation ends on 13th August.

FIRST AID COURSES AT THE LIBRARY We had very positive feedback from residents who attended the First Aid class in the library delivered by the Red Cross. During the afternoon, the Red Cross delivered "hands on" training for: CPR, what to do in the event of burns, stroke, heavy bleeding from injuries, heart attack, choking, and how to use a defibrillator. Attendees said that their confidence levels had improved dramatically and they would be more willing to use their new skills. The course is free to Tattenhams residents, a £10 refundable deposit secures your place. We will be running another course in the winter and if you would like to attend please contact Mandy Carle at email: downslodge@tiscali.co.uk or myself on **M:07799 626596**.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION The TRA submitted a written response commenting on parking standards and pointing out areas for improvement. We pointed out that distance from a station or bus stop is not relevant as this has no effect on car ownership. Restricting parking to reduce car ownership has been a complete failure. There has been an increase in on street parking and the previous maximum allowance of 1.5 spaces per household is inadequate. We propose that spaces should be allocated dependent on the number of bedrooms within the property. We have also proposed increases for care homes and retirement apartments.

POLICE COMMITTEE During our election campaigning this year we spoke to a number of residents who are concerned about the increase in crime in our area. We have always been considered a low crime area and in recent years have found it challenging to engage the local police. We have set up a sub-committee to discuss the issues and will be taking our questions to Surrey police. If you are an experienced officer and would like to take part- please get in touch with me

BUS ROUTES There will be **NO CHANGES** to the level of service in the following local services: 318, 866, 420, 460, 480, 820. There may be minor timetabling changes to the 420, 460 and 820 reflecting the level of congestion on the roads.

***THANKYOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED WITH THE ELECTIONS:
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Mrs Rue Stanley ruestanley17@gmail.com

BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We were successful in the Borough Council elections in May. Bob Harper was elected with a substantial majority. The results for the Tattenhams Ward on a turnout of 33% were:

Residents' Association	1,202
Conservatives	457
Labour	155
Green	50



"I would like to thank everyone who helped in the election, delivering leaflets, canvassing and acting as tellers. It was a very strong team effort.

"Thank you for answering the door when we came knocking, for responding so positively, and giving me your vote at the polling station.

"I will try to represent you vigorously and work hard to live up to the trust that you have put with me and the Residents' Association."

Bob Harper

Residents may also like to know that the Nork Residents' candidate, Brian Stead, also had a strong win in neighbouring Nork.

There was no change in the overall political make up of Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, with the Residents' Association councillors continuing as the second largest group in both the borough and county council chambers.

Your Feedback

We pride ourselves on trying to knock on every door in the weeks leading up to the election, to check if there are any issues or concerns you want to tell us about. We managed to get round to 96% of homes. This also gives us an opportunity to give a first-hand account of what we are doing in any particular situation. Some issues are dealt with and reported back to the resident who raised the matter. Others, affecting a wider cross-section of residents, are reported back through our newsletters. **Over the page we comment on some of the key roads issues.**

We had about 150 comments and requests, with roads and parking featuring highly:

Road condition – 16% (resurfacing and potholes)	Parking - 14% (problems / yellow lines)	Pavements, verges – 14% (including trees)
Planning / Development – 14% (back garden land, green belt)	Waste and litter - 6%	Other road issues - 7% (signs, drains etc)
Speeding – 4%	Police – 4%	Preston Regeneration Plan – 2%
Housing – 1%	Buses – 1%	All Other Topics – 17% (NHS, library, schools etc)

Working with and for you

The Residents' Association is committed to a non-party political approach to local government, and by representing you at both the County and Borough councils makes sure there is a joined-up approach at both.

Your three councillors are available by phone, email and letter, and their contact details are on the last page of this newsletter. As a further way of keeping in touch, your councillors and the RA committee are available at **surgery sessions** before our regular monthly committee meetings. **These are held at 8:00pm on the first Tuesday of each month.** Dates for the remainder of this year are:

4th September 2nd October 6th November 4th December

ROADS UPDATE

Potholes and Resurfacing

As usual potholes, pavements and road resurfacing were the most frequently mentioned topic on the doorstep. We constantly lobby for the roads in Tattenhams and Nork to be prioritised in the county-wide schedules. Our most recent successes were **Reigate Road** at the Great Tattenhams traffic lights, **Preston Lane**, **Chapel Way**, **Walkfield Drive** and the Sutton end of the **A217 mad mile**.

In the current year under *Project Horizon*, **Long Walk** and **Burgh Mount** have been resurfaced, and we are waiting for a start date for resurfacing of **Warren Road** and the pavements in **The Spinney**. We asked for the Buckles gap roundabout at the top of the Downs on the border with Epsom & Ewell to be a priority this year, and continue to press for it to be resurfaced. The Area Highways Manager has told us it is in *Project Horizon*, but not for the current year.

Surrey was hit particularly hard by the cold snap at the end of the winter, and the number of potholes escalated. The average number of potholes reported over the last few years were February 3,500 and March 3,800. This year it was February 6,500 and March 8,400. The County assigned 25 crews, compared to the regular 8 to 12, and even now many potholes remain.

Pothole repairs are not enough. Roads need to be re-surfaced in their entirety, rather than just patched, and with pressure from backbench councillors, the Council has announced an extra £20 million capital funding for roads. This should allow more than 100 resurfacing schemes over the next two years, plus a substantial surface dressing programme to protect further roads. The focus is on B- and C-classified roads. At our suggestion this includes **Fir Tree Road**, Epsom Downs, **Banstead Road**, and **Yew Tree Bottom Road** (top section).

We have pointed out that many of the worst roads are in fact the minor D-classification residential roads and have supplied a list of those needing repair, including Chapel Grove, Headley Grove, Northview Crescent, Tattenham Grove (by shops), St Leonards Road, Tangier Wood, The Brindles,

Local Transport Strategy

Not all highways projects are resurfacing schemes. Some of the capital budget is available for safety schemes, to improve access, reduce congestion etc. In recent years, the pedestrian crossing at the Tattenham Corner shops, and in Merland Rise by Epsom Downs school have come out of the priority list of schemes identified as part of the Local Transport Strategy. We regard it as important to focus and lobby on the list which is being updated this summer.

We have asked for the need for a mini-roundabout at the junction of Great Tattenhams and Merland Rise to be kept under review as the new houses are built in Preston (the engineers deemed it not necessary when the new houses were approved).

We have supported a request from a number of residents to add a pedestrian phase to the traffic lights at the Tattenham Way junction with Brighton Road.

We have asked for further improvements to parking in Chetwode Road and nearby roads as part of the Preston Regeneration Plan

We have asked for improvements to and additional bus shelters. We have also asked that parking improvements be made in Shawley Crescent.

We have suggested some resequencing of the Banstead traffic lights to improve traffic flow.

Contact Nick Harrison to see the full list.



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