

## Windsor and Maidenhead

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### Comment text:

Dear Sir/Madam, I have read with interest your all consultations and proposals regarding boundary changes in Windsor, but so far I have not contributed to any of them. It is my general view that elected politicians ought to leave the debate over ward boundaries to the residents. I take this view because the founding principle of the Boundary Commission is that political districts should not be decided by politicians, but rather by the people who live in those areas. When I look at the contributions made to the Boundary Commissions proposals on Windsor, I see that almost nothing from residents in my community. Nowhere near the benchmark of a genuine consultation. I am not best placed to explain why this has happened, but I do believe this lack of evidence obliges me to respond. I invite the Boundary Commission to go 'door to door' in my ward, and ask these residents whether it is appropriate to deny they live in Windsor, but instead say they live in Eton and Castle. My residents do not live in Eton (traditional Buckinghamshire) nor do they live in a Castle. Would the people of Eton be happy if we dropped the name of their town in favour of Castle and College Ward? It is obvious that Windsor Central does not need to be in the three member ward with Eton. The population requirement would be easily satisfied by creating a two member ward for Windsor, and a one member ward for Eton. These are two towns separated by a small walking bridge. If I were to hold a residents meeting in this new ward I could put it in one of two council owned buildings: Windsor Guildhall or Eton Library. Disabled residents who happened to be on the other side of the river from where the meeting was scheduled would need to drive at least 15 minutes to attend. When their cars arrived they would find RBWM does not have a system to allow them to park legally in these areas. Even residents who can walk would find that the extremity of Eton Wick is around 45 minutes from the Guildhall. I am a Councillor, but I was only elected because I am a local businessman with 30 years in this community, I can assure you that Windsor is not Eton. We have our own challenges, and I have worked on those challenges, but this proposal makes that work impossible. I accept that nobody replied to your consultation, but if they had replied they would have told you that this proposal is totally unacceptable. Windsor is a proud town, and to surgically remove it from the ward map will damage the community and make governance harder. You should not make this grave mistake merely because no ordinary people contacted you. Regards, Cllr Shamsul Shelim Castle Without Viceroy of Windsor Restaurant, SL4

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