

ETON TOWN COUNCIL

Bob Austen
Town Clerk



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Dear Sir/Madam,

At a recent meeting of representatives from Eton Town Council, I have been asked to comment on option D of the proposed Ward Boundaries as they affect Eton Town Council, which includes the current wards of Eton and Castle, and Eton Wick.

The Town Council is opposed to option D for the following reasons:

- 1 Eton with Eton Wick is a self-contained community with absolutely no relationship with Datchet and Horton.
- 2 The community has just completed a Neighbourhood Plan for Eton and Eton Wick combined, and a huge amount of time, hard work and money will go to waste by attaching two new whole communities to it.
- 3 Our two existing Ward Councillors have worked tirelessly for Eton and Eton Wick, each being responsible for one of the Wards. This system has served the community well and to change into a multi-dimensional system with several councillors looking after a conglomerate of diverse communities gives cause for concern.

We understand the need perhaps to reduce the number of Wards but given where we are in the Borough, Eton and Eton Wick occupy a geographic island – one road in and out – and as such we believe a lot of damage will be done attempting the artificial marriage proposed.

Our solution would be to maintain the connection of Eton and Eton Wick on an east west axis and perhaps extend south into Windsor as existing (Eton and Castle Ward) and should the numbers of voters required need to be made up to accommodate two ward members, to take in Eton End which is due north. We support the proposed name 'Eton Ward' for this new arrangement.

Yours faithfully,

Bob Austen
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