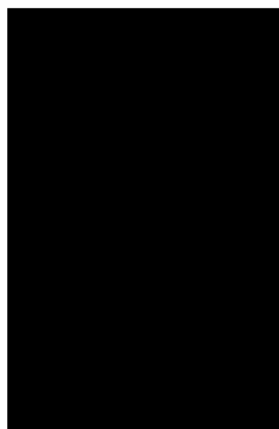


Councillor Alan Alderson



Jonathan Ashby

Local Government Boundary Commission for England

The Electoral Commission

3 Bunhill Row

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5th February 2018

Dear Sir ,

Runnymede Borough Council proposed changes to Electoral Ward Boundaries

As Councillors for the Egham Town Ward at RBC we write to object most strongly to the proposals put forward by the council in respect of our Ward.

Clearly, no attention has been paid by RBC to the natural community boundaries of our Ward and, in our opinion, they have engaged in a purely numerical exercise with no regard whatsoever for the consequences on the natural well established Egham Town Community.

Having been councillors for many years we believe that we are better equipped to know where these natural boundaries lie and, in the circumstances, have therefore provided our own solution.

This involves the creation of a Two councillor Ward in Englefield Green East, which we understand you can do in exceptional circumstances and is also where the student problem lies, and a re-worked

three councillor Ward for Egham Town which reflects the natural community boundaries. Using RBC's calculations, we have calculated the voting numbers for this scenario and these are given below showing that Englefield Green East Ward would have a total of 3051 voters and the revised Egham Town Ward 5,031.

There would then be an overspill of voters under the RBC proposal to Egham Hythe Ward and we believe that this should be resolved by discussion with the Egham Hythe councillors who obviously know their Ward and its community boundaries far better than we do.

Overall, it cannot be right that voters who live at the end of Staines Bridge would be in our Ward whilst voters that live within a few feet of Egham High Street, say in Limes Road, would not be.

Therefore, we urge you most strongly to give our proposals your full consideration since, in our opinion, they much more accurately reflect the community boundaries of Egham Town and its residents. Going forward, if you wanted to meet with us when you next visit RBC we would be delighted to do so and also to take you to our Ward and show you the community boundaries we are so adamant to protect.

We are also aware that Egham Residents, Association and our RPP, Runnymede Independent Residents, Group, fully support our views.

Yours Faithfully,

Cllr Alan Alderson

Cllr John Ashmore

Cllr. David Knight

From RBC figures average number of voters per councillor is:

4652 divided by 3 = 1550

Therefore 2 councillors = 3100 voters on average

3 councillors = 4650 voters

4 councillors = 6200 voters

Calculations for Egham Town Ward

RBC Figure	4464
Add Egham community from EGE	1730
Add Egham community from Egham Hythe	319

	6513
Take away Egham Hythe community	1482

	5031

Max for 3 councillor ward is 5118 and 5031 is 98% of that number so there is 2% headroom.

Calculations for EGE Ward

RBC Figure	4246
TFR in from EGW community	1047

	5293
Less TFR to EGW community	512
Less TFR to Egham Community	1730

Revised total	3051

Max for 2 councillor ward is 3410 and 3051 is 89% of that figure so there is 11% headroom.