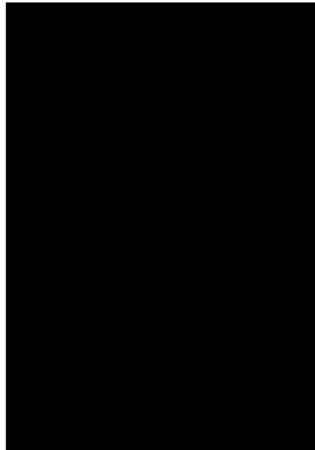


Councillor Alan Alderson



Jonathan Ashby

Local Government Boundary Commission for England

The Electoral Commission

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11th July 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 latest proposals put forward by yourselves in respect of our Ward.

Clearly, attention is still not being paid to the natural community boundaries of our Ward and, in our opinion, LGBCE has a legal duty to do so.

Having been councillors for many years we believe that we are better equipped to know where these natural boundaries lie and we cannot therefore support your proposals.

Our alternative which involves the creation of a two councillor Ward in Englefield Green East is, we believe, a viable solution and we know that such an alternative has been granted by yourselves at Slough, Surrey Heath, Peterborough, Swindon, South Lakeland, Crawley and Wyre Forest.

Surely with a London University campus in our Borough we must be afforded similar treatment due to the special circumstances and uncertainty of the Student Vote and we are at a total loss in understanding why this is not the case since, if the student vote increases then that Ward could always be returned to 3 councillors at RBC's request.

In addition we strongly believe that voters who live at the end of Staines Bridge and do not belong to our community should not be in our Ward when voters that live within a few feet of Egham High Street, say in Limes Road are not.

Therefore, we urge you most strongly to give our proposals your full consideration again as, in our opinion, they much more accurately reflect the community boundaries of Egham Town and its residents.

We are also aware that Egham Residents, Association, Englefield Green 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.