

Runnymede District

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The Review Officer (Runnymede) Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 14th Floor Millbank Tower, Millbank London, SW1P 4QP 30th January 2018 Runnymede Independent Residents' Group (RIRG) is a registered political party that supports Independent Councillors and candidates in the wards of Thorpe and Egham Town in the Borough of Runnymede. It was established as a Nominating Body more than 20 years ago and Independent Councillors have consistently been elected to represent Thorpe and Egham Town Wards for more than 30 years. Consequently RIRG has a comprehensive knowledge of the areas and the electorate and the proposals for Egham Town Ward boundary changes cause us particular concern. The new electoral ward proposals by Runnymede Borough Council do not reflect the nature or needs of the community. A proposal that separates a considerable number of properties from their adjoining shopping, community and health provisions and, in fact, includes them in a ward with which they have no natural or communication links does not in any way comply with your published review requirements for Community Identity – "transport links; community groups; facilities; interests; identifiable boundaries". RIRG supports the objections and need for alternative proposals as put forward by Egham Residents' Association. It would also be sensible to address the problem that a high percentage of student accommodation creates. We therefore submit that the Commission either adopts alternative proposals or requests that Runnymede Borough Council reconsiders its submission having properly taken into account the Community Identity issues.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded