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Our Ref CS 39/2018 12/02/2018 Runnymede Borough Council – New Ward Boundaries : February 2018 I am writing on behalf of The Chertsey Society to submit comments on some of the proposed changes to ward boundaries in the Borough of Runnymede, Surrey. As the local amenity society for Chertsey established in 1961 we have confined our comments to the three wards that are clustered around Chertsey town centre. We support the proposal endorsed by Runnymede Borough Council (RBC) Councillors who have considered the matter and propose to retain 3 councillors per Ward with a total of 14 Wards in Runnymede. The proposed new ward boundaries around Chertsey may be seen at https://www.runnymede.gov.uk/media/17736/Corporate-Management-250118-Supplementary-Agenda/pdf/Supplementary_Agenda_Part_I_-_25.1.18.pdf We support the suggested changes proposed for the three Chertsey Wards, a sensible approach which would make coherent wards around Chertsey, the main changes being proposed were 1) Chertsey Meads Ward – renamed Chertsey Riverside/ Chertsey South – now includes Roakes Ave, Wheatash Road & Addlestone Moor with the Fire Station, Traylans & St Georges College. It is forecast to have ~4,900 voters by 2023, approx. ~6% above the target figure. 2) Chertsey St Ann’s Ward (Chertsey Town) – loses Penton Park & the Riverside Burway etc to the Thorpe Ward, i.e. the M3 becomes the northern boundary, but gains part of Bridge Road with a new boundary west of Weir Road/ Fordwater Road. It is forecast to have ~4,900 voters by 2023, also approx. ~6% above the target figure. Please note we would prefer the name of the ward to remain St Ann’s since it encompasses St Ann’s Hill a notable local beauty spot and since many of the residents of the Chertsey Riverside ward also regard themselves as living in Chertsey Town. Although both of the above two wards have more potential voters than the ideal target figure, nevertheless we take the view that it is more important to have a coherent geographical boundary which reflects a community identity rather than having a few roads into another ward merely to satisfy a numerical target. We also support the proposal to form a new a Ward carved out of the Foxhills & Addlestone wards to form Longcross, Lyne & Chertsey South. It would include ‘The Bittams triangle’, St Peter’s Hospital & the new Longcross Garden village on the DERA site, all of which are currently locations which are likely to be the sites of significant new housing developments which are highlighted in the new Local Plan. I would be grateful if our views can be taken in to account. Please pass on this request to the appropriate committee. Thank you for your attention, Malcolm S Loveday, President, The Chertsey Society [REDACTED]

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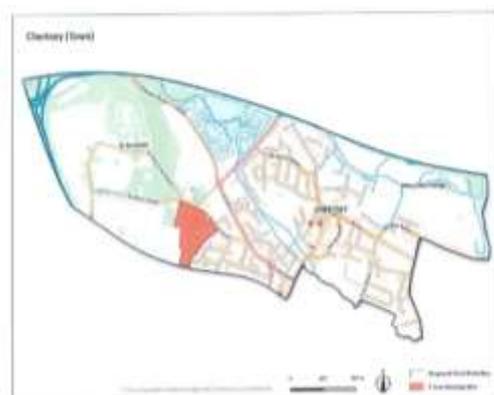
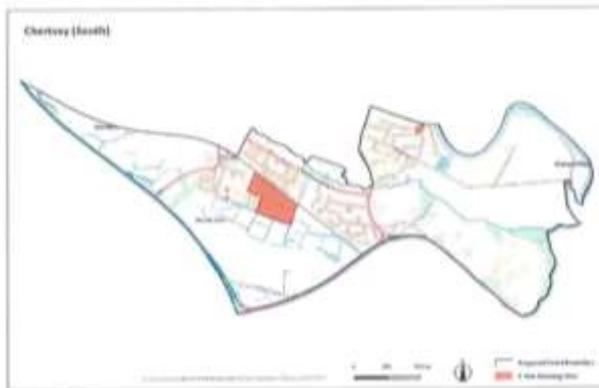
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