Local Residents submissions to the Elmbridge Borough Council electoral review

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Hi
Further to a flyer informing me of the proposals to move my voting to a different ward.

I would like to register my view, and that is total disgust at the proposals to make me vote in another ward. My address is Esher, not Hinchley Wood or Weston Green. As an Esher resident for more than 20 years I changing my ward is an outrage.

Shame on you all if this idea comes to fruition.

Regards

Beverley Eastwood-Taylor
Starkie, Emily

-----Original Message-----
From: Gilly Edney
Sent: 22 August 2015 23:02
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Subject: Proposed realignment of East Molesey East Ward.

Dear sir/ Madam,

As a resident of [blurred email address] for twelve years who has enjoyed being integrated with all our diverse local amenities, I object most strongly to this plan to effectively slice half of Bridge Road, retaining the major amenities, and realigning the remainder to the Thames Ditton Ward. There is a main Road dividing East Molesey and Thames Ditton and can see no logical reason for this decision. It merely casts the proposed residential area into 'No Man's Land'.

Yours faithfully

Gillian Edney

Sent from my iPad
Dear Sirs

As a Thames Ditton resident of nearly 40 years, I am writing to express my objection to the proposals to redraw the Elmbridge electoral boundaries.

At present all residents of Thames Ditton and Weston Green are joined in the Thames Ditton & Weston Green Residents’ Association which works actively to protect and promote the Thames Ditton and Weston Green communities. The proposal to remove all residents on the CB register on the roads east of the Portsmouth Road to Long Ditton ward would divorce them from the Thames Ditton ward, parish and community of which they have been a part since 1100 AD. This will be to the detriment of the community identity and spirit. As an 88 year old widow, this is a cause of particular concern to me. Furthermore it is contrary to one of Boundary Commission’s main considerations "to reflect community identity".

I understand that everyone’s financial resources are under strain, but this seems to me to be driven by petty bureaucracy rather than the best interests of the residents that you represent.

Yours faithfully

Margaret Edwards

Sent from my iPad
**Elmbridge District**

**Personal Details:**
- Name: Marian El-Hakim
- E-mail: [Redacted]
- Postcode: [Redacted]

**Organisation Name:**

**Feature Annotations**

**Map Features:**

**Annotation 2:** Hersham Library should remain in Hersham. Esher already has a library

**Comment text:**

It is important that Hersham library remains in Hersham Ward not only to be a great resource for children in Durhill School and Ryders school but also to support the adult population in Hersham. It is a great source of knowledge and entertainment resource for all generations in Hersham. Senior citizens and children may find it too far to walk to either Walton or Hersham libraries and this will have a detrimental impact on our community.

**Uploaded Documents:**

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Annotation 1: Amendment to ward boundary

Comment text:
With reference to your proposals, as I stated in my previous submission Hinchley Wood has been laid out as a village with interconnected facilities and footpaths designed to allow residents easy access to facilities such as the recreation ground. There are signs both on Manor Road North and Westmoor (see below) that show the footpaths leading to the recreation ground and this is an important part of the green space that forms part of Hinchley Wood. The new Lynwood Estate has footpaths linking it directly to H/Wood station and these were made when the estate was built so I see no logical reason to conclude that it has more affinity to Long Ditton. My revised boundary would see the Lynwood Estate, recreation ground, allotments and Scout and Guide hut placed within the Hinchley Wood and Weston Green Ward and allow the respective councillors to adequately represent the activities and interests of local residents. The recreation ground and scout and guide hut is part of Hinchley Wood not Long Ditton.

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Personal Details:

Name: Emma Ellis
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]
Organisation Name: [REDACTED]

Comment text:

I feel that the Esher ward area should not cover the area which is North of Esher road and west of the river. The main reason for this is this is where Hershan library is located. As the rest of Hersham is being considered as Hersham Village Ward, it is only fair that the library is too. Placing the library with the Esher ward in my view would be a deliberate attempt to close down the library (as Esher will eventually have two libraries). Hersham library is a valuable local resource and would have a profound impact if closed.

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Personal Details:

Name: Katherine Ellis
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name: 

Feature Annotations

1. Katherine Ellis proposed amendment to Elmbridge draft proposals
2. Hinchley Wood and Weston Green Ward

Comment text:

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Personal Details:

Name: Christopher Elmer
E-mail: 
Postcode: 

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

This is comment only on the Walton recommendations. I was content with the structure initially put to the Commission in the submission by Elmbridge Borough Council. However on studying the Commissions recommendations I accept the rationale used in suggesting the boundary for the Walton South Ward. I therefor support a Walton South Ward comprising the area defined by the Commission in the draft recommendations of 30th June.

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I am writing with reference to the proposed new ward called Hinchley Wood and Weston Green to register my views ahead of the consultation closure date of 24th August. I believe strongly that this ward should be extended to include that part of Esher Ward known as Lower Green.

As recognised by Elmbridge Borough Council and a groundswell of local opinion there are very clear long standing ties of local identity and interest between Weston Green and Lower Green, which are cut across by the proposed boundary. In particular these ties are as follows:

1. Cranmere is a shared primary school for both Weston Green and Lower Green families with many members of the PTA and board of governors drawn from Weston Green.
2. All Saints Weston Green is seen as the shared community church between Weston Green and Lower Green with pastoral responsibility for Cranmere, and initiatives such as the Food Bank include Lower Green.
3. There is an Elmbridge sponsored Youth Video and Photographic Project underway in Weston and Lower Green that recognizes, and is illustrative of shared identity.
4. When the Co-op opens it will be a shared local supermarket.
5. The bus route links Weston Green and Lower Green, and access to the nearest local railway station for Lower Green is via Weston Green.

Thank you.

Jane Evans
Hinds, Alex

From: Fuller, Heather
Sent: 05 August 2015 13:46
To: Hinds, Alex
Subject: FW: Elmbridge BC boundaries review - Thames Ditton ward

From: Keith Evetts
Sent: 05 August 2015 10:57
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Subject: Elmbridge BC boundaries review - Thames Ditton ward

Dear Boundary Commission;

I am writing to object to the proposal to remove from Thames Ditton Ward the area to the South-East of Giggs Hill Green: to wit, Angel Road, Thorkhill Road and Gardens, Southville and Westville Roads, Rythe Court, part of Claygate Lane, and ancillary roads.

A resident of Thames Ditton, I have been researching and writing on the local history of the area for many years and am a member of the Council of Surrey Records Society. These roads are very much part of the community of Thames Ditton and have been grouped with Thames Ditton in local administration since time immemorial, and as far as written records are concerned from the early 1700s when they were very much part of the parish, as they remain. The Angel in Angel Road is one of our oldest inns, possibly the oldest inn, in Thames Ditton. It has played an integral part in local community life. It was one of the venues for Vestry meetings and meetings of the Surveyors of the Highways; it was the site for local sittings of Thames Ditton’s Justices of the Peace and it was for a while in the late 1800s the local coroner’s office for Thames Ditton. It was the seat of the local cycle club, the Thames Ditton Cricket Club (which has an illustrious history in Surrey), skittles and may other recreational clubs. It remains one of the focuses of Thames Ditton’s social and recreational activities. Angel Road, where the bridge over the river Rythe was funded in the late 1700s by Sir Richard Sullivan 1st Bt. of Ditton House in Thames Ditton, is a significant road in the village’s local history, the residence of several locally notable figures. Thorkhill Road, formerly known as Workhouse Lane, was the site of the parish workhouse from the 1700s to the reforms of the 1830s and also the local lock-up. Southville and Westville Roads were developed on land formerly belonging to John Nethersole known as The Rushett or Rushett Farm in Thames Ditton.

Continuity between the area and the rest of Thames Ditton is reflected in one of the two Thames Ditton Conservation Areas which extends a way up Claygate Lane and Angel Road.

I gather that the reason for meddling with the borders is to produce a uniformity of ward sizes in the Borough whereby each ward can be represented by three local councillors. If I may say so, to break up local communities and historic links for the
sake of a mechanical symmetry of this nature is very far from your stated aim to preserve and support community identities. Such a symmetry may be bureaucratically satisfying but while it may be welcomed in administrative office buildings it is not welcome here on the ground where we live.

A year or two ago, the Boundary Commission listened to local residents (including myself) who did not want nearby Weston Green to be artificially divided for the sake of administrative convenience in the boundaries for election of county councillors. And acted accordingly. That was a delightful surprise in an age where one is more accustomed to public consultation being treated as no more than an exercise in ticking boxes; and I thank you for it. I am therefore hopeful that again you will listen to the voices of the community (and Thames Ditton’s elected representatives at Borough level, who continue to enjoy a very substantial majority in support by the local electorate), and give primacy to your express aim of preserving community identities in your work.

With thanks for your consideration;

Keith Evetts
We are very concerned about the proposed changes to merge Kenwood Drive with Oatlands Park Road for the following reasons:

1. We live in Hersham, Hersham is our postal address and we visit Hersham Village on a daily basis to access the local shops, childcare and food outlets. There is no synergy with Oatlands.

2. The railway line has always been considered a natural boundary and one which together with a main road separates Hersham from Oatlands. The polling station would presumably be in Oatlands as there are no suitable venues in this area.

3. Oatlands is a different Parliamentary Constituency from us in Esher and Walton. The selection is therefore more tedious. We currently have no Elmbridge Wards which cross Parliamentary boundaries.

We recommend that we remain in the Hersham Village Ward.

Kind regards

Anna & Martin Fent
To The Review Officer (Elmbridge)

I wish to register a strong objection to the Boundary commission's proposed changes to transfer part of the existing Thames Ditton ward into Long Ditton. This change will affect my road. I have been a resident of Thames Ditton for nearly forty years and feel an affinity to the district. I look to Thames Ditton as the centre of my community for church, shops, doctors, schools. Thames Ditton ward councillors respond extremely effectively to local issues and concerns of local residents and Long Ditton does not have such a strong residents association.

I therefore hope you will consider the objection and not transfer our roads to Long Ditton.

Yours Faithfully,

David L Field
Elmbridge District

Personal Details:

Name: Nigel Pity
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]

Organisation Name:

Feature Annotations

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Map Features:

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Comment text:

My objections to the proposed boundaries and rationale for my proposal above are set out in the uploaded document.

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Submission re-proposals for ward boundaries in Elmbridge affecting Lynwood Road.

From: Nigel Filby,

Dear Sirs,

I object to the proposed ward boundary changes that would place Lynwood Road and the roads that run off of it (i.e. Wessex Close, Bourne Close and Woodfield Road) into Long Ditton Ward.

It is my view that moving Lynwood Road into Long Ditton Ward would cut across the local interests, community identity and use of facilities of people living in and off Lynwood Road which are focused on Hinchley Wood rather than Long Ditton.

The vast majority of households that live in this area and in particular those on the "Lynwood Road Estate" including my own are closely associated with Hinchley Wood, for example in the following respects:

a) they use the local shops and facilities (including doctors and dentists) in Hinchley Wood, not Long Ditton;
b) they use public transport in the form of trains from Hinchley Wood and buses running through Hinchley Wood along Manor Road North;
c) they worship at St Christopher's Church in Hinchley Wood.

The current proposal to place Lynwood Road in Long Ditton Ward would, therefore, be completely contrary to the criteria to be applied in Electoral Reviews to “reflect the interests and identities of local communities” and “to maintain local ties”.

Moreover, the diversity of interests that the currently proposed boundary would create between people living in Lynwood Road and its environs and those more closely linked with Long Ditton would be contrary another criteria because the proposed Long Ditton Ward would be more difficult for its elected representatives to represent effectively.

My proposal is that the boundary of the proposed merged Hinchley Wood & Weston Green Ward should follow the existing boundary of the Hinchley Wood Ward between Manor Road North and Portsmouth Road (roughly along Claygate Lane) so that Lynwood Road and its associated roads are in the Hinchley Wood & Weston Green Ward.

Yours Faithfully

Nigel Filby

Tel:  
Mob:  
Email:
Starkie, Emily

From: Fuller, Heather
Sent: 24 August 2015 16:46
To: Hinds, Alex
Subject: FW: Objection to carve up of Thames Ditton under LGCB proposal

-----Original Message-----
From: Angus Fletcher
Sent: 23 August 2015 20:43
To: reviews <reviews@lbce.org.uk>
Cc: 
Subject: Objection to carve up of Thames Ditton under LGCB proposal

Local Government Boundary Commission for England 14th Floor Millbank Tower London SW 4QP

To The review officer,

I am resident at [redacted] Thames Ditton, and I am writing to object to the proposed carve up of Thames Ditton, which would mean Thorkhill Road is part of Long Ditton. I do not see the benefit of such a change, and can only see that this would negatively impact those who currently are part of the Thames Ditton community, for no apparent reason bar bureaucratic convenience.

Having lived in Thames Ditton for the past 9 years, I and my family feel a strong connection to Thames Ditton (it was and remains one of the major reasons why I moved here): the events such as the fairs, the public spaces, such as Weston Green, the community magazine, "Thames Ditton Today", and of course, the very active Residents Association, which is dedicated to maintaining the unique character of the village. On the latter point, I have only praise for the work that the Residents Association does, and have experienced first hand their extremely active support for community issues. I and all the roads to the East of Portsmouth road would greatly miss their experience and abilities if the ward boundaries were to be changed.

Moreover, there are significant unnecessary personal administration issues that this will create for all current residents and businesses, such as the need to change address details for a multitude of arrangements eg banks, legal documents, utilities etc. This will create a significant cost in both time and money for all affected residents which seems totally at odds with the benefit.

I would therefore please ask that you reconsider this proposal, and leave the boundaries as they have been for the last several hundred years as they are.

Yours sincerely

Angus Fletcher

Sent from my iPad
Elmbridge District

Personal Details:

Name: Janis Fletcher
E-mail: [redacted]
Organisation Name: [redacted]

Comment text:

See attached document

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From: Janis Fletcher and Stephen Thompson,

Dear Sirs,

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The vast majority of households that live in this area and in particular those on the “Lynwood Road Estate” including my own are closely associated with Hinchley Wood, for example in the following respects:

a) they use the local shops and facilities (including doctors and dentists) in Hinchley Wood, not Long Ditton;
b) they use public transport in the form of trains from Hinchley Wood and buses running through Hinchley Wood along Manor Road North;
c) they worship at St Christopher’s Church in Hinchley Wood;
d) they feel a strong sense of identity with Hinchley Wood and are well-supported by the local residents’ association, especially as there is long history of Hinchley Wood’s community spirit. We do not feel this with Long Ditton.

The current proposal to place Lynwood Road in Long Ditton Ward would, therefore, be completely contrary to the criteria to be applied in Electoral Reviews to “reflect the interests and identities of local communities” and “to maintain local ties”.

Moreover, the diversity of interests that the currently proposed boundary would create between people living in Lynwood Road and its environs and those more closely linked with Long Ditton would be contrary another criteria because the proposed Long Ditton Ward would be more difficult for its elected representatives to represent effectively.

My proposal is that the boundary of the proposed merged Hinchley Wood & Weston Green Ward should follow the existing boundary of the Hinchley Wood Ward between Manor Road North and Portsmouth Road (roughly along Claygate Lane) so that Lynwood Road and its associated roads are in the Hinchley Wood & Weston Green Ward.

Yours Faithfully

Janis Fletcher and Stephen Thompson
Dear Sir,

11, Boundary Road, E2 9UR

3rd August 2015

Just to state that we strongly agree with the proposal to be merged with Catlands Ward.

(you will see from my notepaper that Nevisham has never been added.)

and together with several neighbours we have attended St. Mary's Church, Catlands for 40 years! Your faithfully

[Stamp: RECEIVED 07 AUG 2015]
Irrespective of the proposed dismembering of the historical boundary ward and all the associated related effects, unknown councillor representation, schooling, medical services, St Nicholas Church, Giggs Hill Green War Memorial, cricket club, library, the Giggs Hill Conversation area, which extends down Angel Road, there will be a loss of village identity.

Ours is a personal objection which reiterates the overwhelming feeling of all residents affected by this action.

Over 25 years of being Thames Ditton residents, we have been, and have ourselves, encouraged those in the community to emerse and integrate into our Thames Ditton village life. We have done so and feel a true sense of identity and belonging to this village community.

We have been committed to and contributed to numerous projects associated with and promoting Thames Ditton, including raising funds for the village Christmas tree lights, Thames Ditton charity events, supporting all shops, pubs and restaurants, local businesses and regularly advertising in the local 'About Thames Ditton' magazine.

We are integrated participants in Thames Ditton village life, any change would be an incalculable loss of identity for all concerned.

We are Thames Ditton residents!

David and Suzanne Forest-Moore

Suzanne Moore
Director
Tel/Fax: 020 8339 0298

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The Review Officer (Elmbridge)  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
14th Floor Millbank Tower  
London, SW1P 4QP  

18 August 2015

Dear Sir,

Objection to Electoral Review proposal for Thames Ditton (Elmbridge)

Having seen the proposal to remove a large number of residents in the Thames Ditton ward (roads east of the Portsmouth Road) to become part of the Long Ditton ward I am writing to register a strong protest to the proposal.

Having had family living in Thames Ditton east of the Portsmouth Road, and knowing many people who live there now, I know very well how much people in that area feel themselves to be part of Thames Ditton, worshipping at St. Nicholas Church, being members of the Thames Ditton cricket club and generally feeling very at home within the community of Thames Ditton as well as being members of the Thames Ditton and Weston Green Residents Association. There are close and emotional ties to an area one has been part of, and the area you are proposing to remove to a different ward has been a part of Thames Ditton historically for hundreds of years and, I believe, part of the same electoral ward since the late 19th century.

I have always understood that the Boundary Commission’s criteria felt that wards should reflect the interests of the local community, and though I can understand the desire to “tidy up” ward boundaries to even out numbers of council members in each ward and to facilitate bureaucratic procedures, I feel that implementation of this proposal would be extremely detrimental to the wishes and feelings of the residents concerned the results of which would not justify such a move. I sincerely hope that you will reconsider the proposal and reflect the wishes of the community.

Yours faithfully,

Jane Formby
I would like to protest at the proposed boundary changes currently being discussed for the area around Hersham, Esher etc. I understand that there would be financial benefits resulting from the cutting down of the number of councillors but people on the Longmore Estate for example have nothing in common with the residents of Esher. They would prefer to vote for a councillor who has the best interests of Hersham in mind. I would urge a rethink that leaves Esher as Esher and Hersham as Hersham. Many thanks.

G. Forsyth
Elmbridge District

Personal Details:

Name: Rowland Fowles
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]
Organisation Name: [REDACTED]

Comment text:

Having lived in Weybridge for over 30 years with OATLANDS PARK as our ward we do not feel happy to endorse the proposed boundary changes which will adversely affect our household. We are to be included in the WALTON CENTRAL ward which covers a vast area (bigger is not always better) - regardless of the economic argument put forward to warrant implementing these new boundary changes. We would wish to retain our KT13 postcode, as currently in Oatlands Park ward. We would wish to continue supporting a new, independent candidate who recently stood in the local borough election, as this candidate pledged genuine representation of local residents' interests, without a political bias. As we understand it we would also lose the representation of our MP for RUNNYMEDE and WEYBRIDGE, the Rt. Hon. Mr. Philip Hammond, who has our utmost respect in serving our constituency. We hope these comments will receive your consideration. Regards. Mr. R.E. Fowles.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded
The Reviews Officer (Elmbridge)  
The Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
14th Floor Millbank Terrace  
London SW1P 4QP

Dear Sir,

Re Elmbridge Borough Council  
Esher Ward Boundary Changes

I confirm my support for the Commissions proposals for the Esher Ward boundary changes.

I object to the case put forward in EBC Administrations counter proposals as it is blatant attempt at gerrymandering. The proposal is made as the constituents in the Lower Green area are less likely to be Conservative Voters than other areas of the Ward. They request that the Lower Green area be merged with a ward that has not had a Conservative councillor for many years – at least 20. This is not the case with the Esher Ward where the current boundaries have given some close contests in recent years.

The Lower green area is closely associated with Esher Town centre as its area for shops, health and education services. They have virtually no such relationship with Hinchley Wood shopping area which is nearly two miles away.

The senior Conservative councillor, David Archer, [notoriously exposed as Mr Esher by the Daily Telegraph article of March 11th 2013 - extract attached – see also video on their website] has long advocated the move of the St Georges Hall the community centre in the heart Esher to the Lower Green area. He clearly sees Lower Green as part of Esher when it suits his position to do so.

I therefore conclude the administrations comment on the Esher Ward boundary changes as gerrymandering.

Thank you

Alan Fox
Having read the leaflets from Esher Residents Association and Thames Ditton & Weston Green Resident’s Association we can see no logical reason to change the boundaries and would much prefer to stay as we are in the Esher Ward. If we decide to walk anywhere we always walk up towards Esher, certainly not towards Thames Ditton and Weston Green. We also consider our church to be in Esher not All Saints’ Weston.

Regards
Barbara and Michael Friend
From: Richard Fripp
Sent: 23 July 2015 18:05
To: reviews
Subject: Walton South

I confirm that I am happy for the boundaries of Walton South Ward to remain as is.

Richard Fripp
Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to object to the proposed removal of all residents on the C.B register on the roads east of the Portsmouth Road to Long Ditton.

Residents in these roads see Thames Ditton as the centre of their community for shops and local services. Giggs hill green is Thames Ditton's Village green, the cricket club has been there since the early 1800's.

With Regards,
Richard Frost.
Dear Sir/Madam,

I understand that in the proposed boundary changes Hersham library will be in the Esher ward. We moved to Hersham in 1975 because it was a lovely village with a separate identity from Walton and Esher. Despite a lot of changes it has still retained its village atmosphere with the library very much at the heart of the village.

As a new mother I met other mothers at the library at "story time" and both myself and my children used it regularly over the years.

So please rethink the boundaries not only for the library but the whole of Hersham. We the residents love our village and want to keep it separate from Walton and Esher.

Andrea Gadd.

Sent from my iPad
Dear Sirs,

As a resident of Burwood Park for more than 8 years, I would like to submit an objection to the proposed boundary changes for the following reasons:

1. The proposed boundary changes move Burwood Park from an orientation to Hersham Village, to which it shares a postcode, to Oatlands, from which it is physically separated by a railway line.
2. Burwood Park has an affinity with Hersham Village due to the rural nature of the community compared to Oatlands, which is a residential area with no natural centre. Residents of Burwood Park use the facilities of Hersham Village for shopping, the library, the doctor’s surgery and the Park lies within the parish of St Peter’s Church. The proposed new Wards are therefore not orientated correctly.
3. There is a risk that future Burwood Park planning issues will be considered in a residential context rather than in the context of the rural environment, which exists today. I am told the current Hersham-orientated local councillors understand and fully support the interests of Burwood Park residents.
4. The proposed boundary change to move Burwood Park into the Oatlands Ward results in a change in parliamentary boundary - from Esher and Walton to Weybridge and Runnymede. There are currently no Elmbridge Borough Wards across Parliamentary boundaries. This is a mis-match, which other Wards do not suffer, and will add complexity for residents to navigate and gain support for specific local issues.

I recommend that the Review Officer re-considers the boundary changes and retains Burwood Park and the surrounding roads in the Hersham Ward, as proposed by Elmbridge Borough Council.

Yours faithfully
John Godfray of [redacted]
21st August 2015.

Dear Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to register my objections to the proposed changes to the boundaries in this area. As the system seems to work perfectly well at the moment with representation on the district council via the residents association, I see no good reason to alter it. As the saying goes if it is not broken why fix it.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

24 AUG 2015
Dear Sirs

I do not support the change of boundary for Weston Green. This area has identified with Thames Ditton for decades.

Our family has had links with Weston Green and Thames Ditton for at least five generations and it is our wish that it remains that way.

 Regards

Penny Gallop
Elmbridge District

Personal Details:

Name: Emma Geaves
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

I really am opposed to the changes suggested for Hersham ward. I have lived here all my life and honestly feel your proposed changes will dilute the community feel and be seriously detrimental for all who live in Hersham. Please reconsider.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded
Dear Sir, Madam

As residents in the impacted area of the proposed change for Thames Ditton / Long Ditton Wards, my family and I strongly object to the proposed change on the grounds that it does not reflect our community identity.

We strongly feel that we are residents of Thames Ditton, and are fully part of the Thames Ditton community. We look to Thames Ditton as the centre of our local area, including the local shops, restaurants and nursery, and do not feel that a Long Ditton ward councillor could or would reflect our local issues and concerns.

To remove our votes from the Thames Ditton ward would diminish our involvement in the area to which we love and cherish, and take away our vote on local issues that matter to us the most.

I hope that you will reconsider this proposed change, and retain this existing ward boundary as it currently applies.

Your faithfully

John Gething (also on behalf of Susie Gething)
Dear Sirs,

We are dismayed to learn that Burwood Park, where we have lived for 44 years, is being considered for removal from the revised Hersham Village ward and combined with Oatlands Park, which is in Weybridge, a totally different Parliamentary constituency. The natural boundary of the railway line to to and from London is being ignored.
Please reconsider these proposals and keep Burwood Park where it should be in Hersham.
Thank you.
Dr & Mrs CRW Gill
-----Original Message-----
From: Bob Gladding
Sent: 22 August 2015 11:54
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Subject: Esher Ward Boundary Changes

Please note that whilst accepting the Commission's recommendations for the new Esher Ward we do not want to see the Lower Green area split off and moved to Weston Green. To move it away as the Borough Council is now proposing would sever the very evident existing strong communal and physical links with the rest of Esher. There is no justifiable reason to do so.

Yours faithfully

Robert & Patricia Gladding

Sent from my iPad
Elmbridge District

Personal Details:

Name: JOHN GOFF
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]
Organisation Name: [REDACTED]

Comment text:

My wife and I live at [REDACTED] in Hersham where we shop, visit doctor, etc. We have no connection with Oatlands. How would a Parliamentary Election work if we are no longer in Esher and Walton Constituency? We wish to remain in the new Hersham Village Ward.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded
To the Review Officer (Elmbridge),

I recently attended a Thames Ditton Residents’ Association meeting and was alarmed to hear that, for bureaucratic convenience, there is a proposal that we on the east side of the Portsmouth Road may be segregated from our current ward and transferred to Long Ditton!

- I’m a resident and I look to Giggs Green, St. Nicholas church, the Library, Thames Ditton High Street (and it’s Christmas street party), the George Pub and Angel Pub as being the centre of the village (and ward) in which I live.
- It seems unthinkable to divide a community that’s been whole since the 12th century and a ward for over 120 years. History is what makes England what it is and carving it up as part of a numbers game, goes against all we stand for.
- We have a very pro-active Residents’ Association and fall within the Thames Ditton Conservation Area Advisory Committee that provides protection, which Long Ditton does not have!
- The affinity reflected in the community magazine “Thames Ditton Today” is a testimony to the community spirit we relish and it would be a travesty to have this taken away in order to satisfy some insensitive boundary change.

I trust you will appreciated my comments and their well intended sentiments and drop the proposal of reallocating Angel Road and the surrounding streets to Long Ditton’s ward, which we don’t want to be a part of.

Regards – Robert & Amanda Goodall
For the Attention of the Review Officer

I am writing to object to the Boundary Commission’s proposal to re-set the boundary for the Thames Ditton ward.

We have lived in Thames Ditton for the past 18 years, initially in Speer Road, then Alexandra Road and for the past 10 years, [redacted] which is one of the proposed streets to transfer into the Long Ditton ward under the current proposals.

We have a huge affinity to Thames Ditton; our daughters are currently/were at both Thames Ditton Infants and Thames Ditton Junior Schools, we belong to the doctors, library, tennis club and Guides - all in Thames Ditton. Over the years, we have supported the local businesses and events within the village and are very much involved within the community.

Giggs Hill Green is Thames Ditton’s village green and all the houses surrounding it feel part of the Thames Ditton community, including those roads now affected by the Boundary Commission’s proposal. The conservation area runs alongside the Green into Angel Road and this is protected by the Thames Ditton Conservation Area Advisory Committee. There is no such committee in Long Ditton that could take over this responsibility.

We have supported the re-election of the Thames Ditton and Weston Green Residents Association since moving into the area as they are proactive, effective and very much part of the Thames Ditton culture. We do not have the same affinity with Long Ditton as it has never been considered ‘our village’.

We urge you to listen to the voices of the Thames Ditton residents and to reconsider your proposal. We have contributed for 18 years towards making the Thames Ditton community what it is today and are proud of what has been achieved within the village.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Gooday
Dear Sir,

My reasons for objection are as follows:

1. The proposed boundary changes move Burwood Park from an orientation to Hersham Village, to which it shares a postcode, to Oatlands, from which it is physically separated by a railway line.

2. Burwood Park has an affinity with Hersham Village due to the rural nature of the community compared to Oatlands, which is a residential area with no natural centre. Residents of Burwood Park use the facilities of Hersham Village for shopping, the library, the doctor’s surgery and the Park lies within the parish of St Peter’s Church. The proposed new Wards are therefore not orientated correctly.

3. There is a risk that future Burwood Park planning issues will be considered in a residential context rather than the rural environment, which exists today. The current Hersham orientated local councillors understand and fully support the interests of Burwood Park residents.

4. The proposed boundary change to move Burwood Park into the Oatlands Ward, results in a change in parliamentary boundary - from Esher and Walton to Weybridge and Runnymede. There are currently no Elmbridge Borough Wards across Parliamentary boundaries. This is a mis-match, which other Wards do not suffer and will add complexity for residents to navigate and gain support for specific local issues.

I recommend that the Review Officer re-considers the boundary changes and retains Burwood Park and the surrounding roads in the Hersham Ward as proposed by Elmbridge Borough Council.

Carol Goodfellow
Dear Sir or Madam,

Having received a letter about the proposed change to the Ward Boundaries that would affect my area, I wish to comment, in the hope of forestalling this decision which I feel could not benefit the community as a whole.

I have lived in my house, at the above address, since April 1957, and at the age of 85, I feel that I am a well-established Hersham resident, having watched the village develop into a very distinct and individual entity with a designated postal address. It would seem inappropriate, and also confusing, to alter the Ward Boundaries to merge with Oatlands, an area that is quite separate from Hersham, where
I am registered with Doctor, Dentist and Public Library and where I do the bulk of my shopping!

There seems no rational argument in the proposed change that would abandon the long accepted boundary provided by 'Sir Richards Bridge' and the railway line.

The complications perceived by the change that would cross the present Parliamentary boundary would seem to present a further cause for anxiety and for me personally, I would feel that I would not 'bother' to contribute my vote on Election Day if it became necessary to travel to Oaklands, instead of my established local Polling Station! (I do not wish to have a Postal Vote).

I wish to continue as a member of the Hersham Village Ward.

Yours faithfully

Deside A. Gordon.
In your consultation document LGBCE states that a good pattern of wards should:
1/ reflect community identities
Hersham is nothing like Esher we have a village atmosphere while Esher is a town one and a half miles away up a steep hill.
2/ Be based on strong identifiable boundaries.
   The river Mole is the boundary between us.
3/ Reflect where local people go.
   We have a small shopping centre with Waitrose. We have our own Day Centre a Post Office. The doctors surgery is in the village. Our church has its own group. We have 2 W.I.s. We entered the South East in Bloom as a small town.
   The Hersham Residents puts on community events. So does Hersham Village society. The library is well used the friends put on many events especially for children. We have marched many times to save it, an Esher counsellor won't be interested in ours when they have their own.
Please consider all these points.
Why not have one HERSHAM WARD
BETTY GOSLING
From: Brenda Green
Sent: 26 August 2015 15:32
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Subject: Review of ward boundaries Hersham

To:
Review Officer (Elmbridge)
LGBCE
Millbank Tower
London

I am opposed to Hersham Library being part of an Esher Ward. Hersham Library is closely identified with Hersham and should remain within the Hersham Village Ward. Esher ward Councillors will not identify with Hersham and in any case have their own library to support.

Please reconsider the new boundaries and keep Hersham Library within the Hersham Village Ward.

Brenda Green
To Whom it may concern,

I have recently heard about the proposed boundary changes for our historic community of Thames Ditton and I am most disappointed to hear that it is to be carved up. I live on the and have been an active member of the Thames Ditton community for many years. Giggs Hill Green is Thames Ditton's village green and all the surrounding houses feel a very strong part of the Thames Ditton community. The conservation area runs across into the section proposed to be carved off. In my opinion it is of upmost importance that it continues to be protected by remaining part of Thames Ditton

The sense of community in Thames Ditton is so strong and the residents are passionate about being part of it. The plans to carve it up are beyond disappointing

Yours sincerely,
Sarah Greeno
Hinds, Alex

From: Fuller, Heather  
Sent: 17 July 2015 15:14  
To: Hinds, Alex  
Subject: FW: Electoral Review of Elmbridge - Draft Recommendations

From: Hilary Gurney  
Sent: 17 July 2015 14:37  
To: reviews  
Subject: Electoral Review of Elmbridge - Draft Recommendations


I object to the move of the Lynwood Road Estate from the Hinchley Wood ward to the Long Ditton ward.

You state that the Lynwood Road Estate is separated from Hinchley Wood by railway lines and can only be accessed via Lynwood Road. This ignores the fact that the estate is connected to Hinchley Wood by several well used footpaths. These are particularly used by Lynwood Road residents going to Hinchley Wood station and shops. The estate is very physically close to Hinchley Wood centre. It is a considerable distance from Long Ditton centre. The entrance to Lynwood Road is also a long way from Long Ditton centre. There are a large number of families with children living on the Lynwood Road estate. They attend Hinchley Wood schools and many of them belong to Hinchley Wood guides and scouts. St Christopher’s Church is recognised as the local community hub for Hinchley Wood. The church is situate close to the end of Lynwood Road. The church is the local church for the Lynwood Road community which connects it to Hinchley Wood. Long Ditton Parish church is a considerable distance away.

It does not enhance community cohesion to place the Lynwood Road estate in the Long Ditton ward and does not reflect the interests of the local community. These factors outweigh the aim of electoral equality.

You state that you endorse Elmbridge Council’s request to reduce the number of councillors from 60 to 48. However, you do not detail your reasoning only that the council have put forward a credible argument.

As the population of Elmbridge is increasing it does not make sense to reduce the number of councillors. Each councillor will have an even heavier workload than by just the population increase. It is also important that a diverse range of views is represented by councillors. A reduction in numbers will also give a narrowed range of opinions.

The number of councillors should not be reduced.