Local Residents submissions to the Elmbridge Borough Council electoral review

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Elmbridge District

Personal Details:

Name: Oneil Sadhu
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Organisation Name: [redacted]

Comment text:

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” 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.

Uploaded Documents:

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It has come to our attention that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is redrawing boundaries in Elmbridge for proposed new electoral arrangements for Elmbridge Borough Council.

At present, the proposed new boundary between Hersham Village and Esher wards will run down the middle of the road in front of Hersham Library (Molesey Road), turning along the main Esher Road towards Esher, then crossing over to Mole Road.

We write to request that the proposed new boundary be moved to behind Hersham Library, then we would keep our library in Hersham Village. Esher already has a library, and we very much want to keep Hersham Library safe for the many people who use it.

Please reconsider the proposals and adjust the boundary to go behind the library.

Thank you so much.

Henry E and Nancy C Sadler
Sent from my iPhone

To the Boundary Commission,

This email is in relation to the proposal by the Boundary Commission to alter the position of the northern boundary of Esher Ward from its current position, and move it so the area known locally as Lower Green become part of, and adopted by the Hinchley Wood and Weston Green Ward. I became aware of the proposal because of excellent work by the Esher Residents Association. It seems important and life changing matters to the community have been discussed without any notification by the authorities to the community in Esher, and the Lower Green area.

My wife and I, as residents within this area, wholly object to this proposal in the strongest possible terms. I have no links to Hinchley Wood or Weston Green, there are no community ties to that area. Esher, on the other hand offers a flourishing and natural range of community services and a great sense of belonging.

There seem to be several things going on at the same time, prompted by the recommendation to reduce the number of councillors from 60 to 48. This has been the catalyst to the boundary change proposal. I would point out that in times of austerity saving in the region of £50,000 by reducing the number of seats is a positive one, however these savings could have been made elsewhere, not the least of which would have been better monitoring of the expenses accrued by councillors. When considering the cost of the changes proposed this would be "small change" compared to the actual savings in reducing the seats.

I will not dwell on this, and move on to our feelings regarding the boundary proposal.

Firstly, I have been a homeowner and resident in Esher for twelve years. Since I moved into the area I have always felt a part of the Village Community, centring our daily activities in the village and using the excellent facilities, businesses and amenities. The village is a natural draw to people from the Lower Green area. I use King Georges Hall, it is our local community and education hall and in the very centre of Esher. I do not use any facilities in the Hinchley Wood area, in fact Esher Train Station lies between Lower Green Area and Hinchley Wood Train Station. My local supermarket is in Esher, Waitrose, many of it’s employees are from Lower Green, and while visiting the supermarket I often visit other
commercial properties in the village. I would not use the scarce and non-diverse shops in Hampton Court Way, Weston Green residents may be relieved that they will have a closer supermarket built there (a Co-op) however Esher Village remains closer to Lower Green and offers more in terms of diversity and accessibility (we would not have to cross the busy Hampton Court Way).

Secondly, my infant son attends nursery in Wolsey Road, Esher, in the heart of the village. I have forged strong links with other parents within the community, and feel embraced by this sense of village spirit we all have in common. It is true that Cranmere Primary School is relocating to Arran Way, moving from the Hinchley Wood/Weston Green ward to Esher ward. The position of the headmistress seems to be that they want to retain ties to their current ward and have PTA members and governors in that ward. Schools do not admit on the basis of wards resided in, but on distance locality to the school itself. It is currently situated on the edge of both wards, and many of the children attend are from the Esher ward. I have been a resident for twelve years, longer than any pupil will attend the school, and I have no intention of moving property in the future. PTA’s and board of governors on the other hand will change as children pass through the school, the residents in the Lower Green area will not change. Therefore the case for the school remaining in the Hinchley Wood/Weston ward is very flimsy to say the least. It will make not one bit of difference to the school if it changes ward, demographically the population of the school will remain the same, and the ward and parents in Esher will positively embrace the school into the ward.

Thirdly, there is a perfectly natural, not movable and not traversable barrier to the existing ward, that is the River Ember to the North. This river is a few hundred yards north of the Lower Green area. There are no bridge links to the north, and form the perfect delineation for the boundary. The Boundary Commission propose that a small part of Hersham to the West of the river be adopted by Esher ward. The only access to this area is via just ONE access point, along the A244 Esher Road. To change the name of the whole ward to include "Hersham Riverside" seems ridiculous. This tiny section accounts for only a handful of roads, a relatively small number of additional residents, and if accepted as part of the proposals there would be absolutely no need to alter the name of the ward. Esher was named in the Doomsday book, 1086AD, it has strong historical boundaries and identity. I feel part of this identity, indeed it is one of the reasons I moved into the area, and I want to remain part of that identity.

Lastly, there are four points along the railway line to enable easy access to the village from the Lower Green area, the most pleasant of which is through the pedestrian tunnel between Arran Way and Lower Green Lane. This tunnel, incidentally, was used by the legendary Racing car driver, John Cobb (1899-1952) who was a resident of Esher, living in Cobb Farm to the north of Arran Way. He used the tunnel to make his journey through Esher Village centre to Brooklands Racing Circuit. I would not want to be responsible for altering the historical residential status of Mr Cobb from Esher, to Hinchley Wood/Weston Green. He was a proud representative of Esher and well known throughout the Country for his achievements. Trying to argue that the rail line is a natural boundary is ludicrous because of these many crossing points.

I live in Esher, I am proud of living in Esher. My son is going to grow up with this sense of identity, and our family feel part of this community. Historically it has a strong name, and there is no need to alter this, or remove any part of it for erroneous reasons, without proper substance or any consent from the majority of residents in the Lower Green area.

I look forward to being kept properly and fully informed from now on of any developments, and trust the Commission to listen to the feelings of those people that matter in this regard, the residents of Esher and Lower Green.
Kind regards

Nigel Sanderson
We have been residents of Burwood Park for 15 years and were surprised and concerned to read that the Local Government Boundary Commission has proposed that Burwood Park should be removed from Hersham Village and combined with Oatlands Park.

We object to this change for the following reasons;

Oatlands Park and Burwood Park are separated by the natural boundary of the railway line and are in different parliamentary constituencies.

Hersham has a village green and centre at its heart. Hersham residents value the rural environment and community support experienced within the neighbourhood. The wooded, natural environment of Burwood Park is in keeping with the wider area and its residents share the concerns and vision of the wider community.

The new boundary would affect our representation in Elmbridge Council. We have been very well served by the current, experienced councillors and feel this change undermines our democratic rights particularly when combined with the reduction in the overall number of councillors.

Regards
Geoff and Lucinda Sankey
To The review Officer (Elmbridge)

Dear Sir,

With reference to the Governments Boundary Commission’s Proposals to carve up Thames Ditton we strongly object on the following criteria.

1. We are part of a community with a strong identity. We feel that we belong! Our children sang in our local church St. Nicholas and our son married there.
   Our family have played cricket on Thames Ditton’s village green. The green having been played on since 1833. The village green has always formed part of Thames Ditton and the houses around the green have been included. The proposal to move all those properties on one side of the green into Long Ditton is destroying our connection with the village.

2. We have an active Residents Association for the whole of Thames Ditton and Weston Green.
   The Association works tirelessly to protect and promote our community. If the proposal goes ahead we will be cut off from all the support we have received over the last 40 years.

3. The proposal to remove us into the Long Ditton ward would divorce us from the Thames Ditton community and parish of which we have been part for many years. We have been included in the Thames Ditton ward’s boundary since the first local council was established in 1895.

4. Thames Ditton is the centre of our community.
   We moved into Thames Ditton and want to stay in Thames Ditton!

5. The proposal is contrary to one of the Boundary Commission’s main considerations which is "to reflect community identity".

Signed. Diana and Anthony Saunders of 

Sent from my iPad
Dear The Review Officer,

I am e-mailing to express my concern that the Conservative Administration of Elmbridge Borough Council are recommending that Sherriff Close be moved into a new ward of Hinchley Wood and Weston Green.

We only moved into our flat last year, and as first time buyers, we chose to live in Esher for a reason. Should we have wanted to live in Hinchley Wood, we would have bought a house there.

It is worrying to think that this could be changed and that the decision will be completely out of our control. We would be very upset if this was to happen.

We would like Sherriff Close to remain in the Esher Ward.

Many thanks,

Emma Saunders
Elmbridge District

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Organisation Name: [REDACTED]

Comment text:

Please please don't put Lynwood Road and Wessex Close in Long Ditton. We are so very much part of Hinchley Wood, as are our rec grounds, allotments and scout hut. Our children go to Hinchley Wood schools and we are proud to be part of Hinchley Wood. I beg you not to let us lose our identity.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded
Dear Sir,

I write in respect of the current Boundary Commission review of Elmbridge.

It is my view that the current Boundary Commission proposal should be amended such that the new Hinchley Wood & Weston Green Ward be further extended to take in the part of the Esher Ward known as Lower Green, north of the railway line because the two communities have strong geographic, social, faith and educational ties.

My reasons for this amendment are detailed below:

- The electorate in Weston and Lower Green share many of the same goals and problems.
- Cranmere School serves both Weston and Lower Green families and for a number of reasons needs to be retained in the expanded Hinchley Wood & Weston Green Ward after its 2016 relocation to Arran Way, Esher.
- The Head Teacher has written to the BC and other governors agree that the school (when relocated) should be in the new ward of Hinchley Wood & Weston Green so that the current valuable support and important community links, built over many years, are retained.
- The PTA and board of governors have traditionally included Weston Green parents and residents, demonstrating its strong links to Weston Green.
- Both the long-serving, retiring Chairman of Governors and the candidate that has been asked to stand as her replacement from September 2015, are both Weston Green residents as are other governors.
- Cranmere is linked with the church of All Saints’ Weston in Weston Green and is nominated by Guildford Diocese as the church to provide pastoral care for the school.
- There are strong current and historical ties between members of All Saints’ Weston and families in Lower Green who see Weston Green as their natural local church.

Finally I understand that Elmbridge Borough Council are recommending this change as well.

Best Regards

Steven

Dr Steven Schooling
Good morning,

I am writing to you to strongly DISAGREE with the proposed boundary change that is proposed to exclude Mill road Esher from the Esher ward.

I find the Conservative approach arrogant in their proposal and will take further legal action should this go ahead.

Best regards

S. Schwartz

my Windows Phone
Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Request that Westcar Lane becomes part of the Hersham Village Ward

I have lived at the below address on [redacted] for 9 years. During this time my children have gone to school in Hersham Village, my dentist are located in Hersham Village and we regularly use the local shops and restaurants within the village. As a result we have a close affinity with Hersham Village and no such affinity with Oatlands Park.

In addition, it will be significantly more convenient if the Ward is aligned with the parliamentary constituency for Westcar Lane. This will be the case for Hersham Village Ward, but will not for Oatlands Park Ward.

For these reasons, I believe that Westcar Lane should be part of the Hersham Village Ward.

Yours faithfully

Patrick Scott
I have lived at the above address for the past 28 years, and have been the Road Representative for the Hinchley Wood Residents Association for Lynwood and Woodfield Roads, for at least 15 of those years, and have had very close contact with the two Councillors representing the Association on the Elmbridge Borough Council.

To change the boundaries now would be most inconvenient for those of us who would be affected by the changes.

We have no links whatsoever towards Long Ditton, and all of our residents that I have spoken to always do their shopping etc., in our local shops at Hinchley Wood. We are not divided by the railway lines from the remainder of Hinchley Wood. If one was to walk, as I often do, there is a footbridge over the railway into Manor Road North or the footpath around Strenue straight to the National Rail Station. Whether one was to go on foot or by car, it is a shorter distance either way, to go to our local village, than to go to Long Ditton.

Placing Lynwood and Woodfield Roads into the Long Ditton Ward, would significantly effect the local interests, community identity, and the use of facilities of people living in our roads, which are focused on Hinchley Wood rather than Long Ditton. For this reason it is essential that we have access to a Councillor from the Hinchley Wood Ward.

Even when looked at on a map, the new proposed boundary does not look natural compared to the present one.

I would ask that the new proposals be shelved, and Lynwood and Woodfield Roads remain in the Hinchley Wood Ward.

Peter Scott
Dear Sir/Madam,

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For these reasons, I believe that [redacted] should be part of the Hersham Village Ward.

Yours faithfully

Sarah Scott
I have been a resident in Thames Ditton since January 1985 and have been and continue to be active in supporting the community in a number of different ways and continue to be a volunteer for the Neighbourhood Care and Neighbourhood Watch schemes.

I am very concerned at the proposed boundary change and the change to our long established community. I detail below my further reasons for raising an objection:

a) Contrary to one of Boundary Commission's main considerations "to reflect community identity", 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. The Thames Ditton ward's boundary has included them since the first local council (the Esher & the Dittons Urban District Council) was established in 1895. Residents in these roads look to Thames Ditton as the centre of their community for shops, doctors, schools, village hall (now Vera Fletcher Hall), St. Nicholas Church, village green (Giggs Hill Green) Thames Ditton Centre for the Community, Girl Guides etc. Thames Ditton ward councillors respond to local residents re: improving/campaigning for High Street shops, doctors' services, leisure services eg. at Giggs Hill Green. Giggs Hill Green is Thames Ditton's village green, Thames Ditton Cricket Club has played on the green since 1833 and the houses round the Green have always formed part of Thames Ditton. It is now proposed to move all those on one side of the Green into Long Ditton. Giggs Hill Green is Thames Ditton's village green and all the houses round it as well as those in Angel Road feel part of the Thames Ditton community. Giggs Hill Green Conservation Area runs along the Portsmouth Road side of the Green and extends into Angel Road. Thames Ditton Conservation Area Advisory Committee covers the area and here is no Long Ditton Conservation area or Advisory Committee that could take this on which could provide the protection residents enjoy at present.

b) Contrary to the Boundary Commission's main consideration "to provide for effective and convenient local government", to remove 940 electors from the Thames Ditton ward based organisation that represents them, Thames Ditton & Weston Green Residents' Association, diminishes community involvement in the democratic process. It also confuses local residents as to whom to lobby re: parking, shops, services etc.

Yours sincerely
Adrian Searle
Dear Review Officer (Elmbridge)

I am writing regarding the recommendation to reduce the number of Elmbridge councillors and to re-draw the Council's ward boundaries.

I, and the other residents in the roads east of the Portsmouth Road, see Thames Ditton as the heart of my community for everything (library, children's centre, doctor's, shops). We consider Giggs Hill Green to be Thames Ditton's village green and the houses around it have always been part of Thames Ditton. To move all the houses on one side of the green into Long Ditton is deeply worrying.

I truly believe that removing the 940 electors from the Thames Ditton ward will negatively impact community involvement and reduces our involvement in the democratic process.

The houses around Giggs Hill Green and Angel Road belong to Thames Ditton. There is no Long Ditton Conservation area which can provide us with the protection which we presently enjoy.

I am deeply against this proposed change.

Regards

Lorenza Secretan
Hinds, Alex

From: Fuller, Heather
Sent: 17 July 2015 17:01
To: Hinds, Alex
Subject: FW: Hersham Ward Boundary Changes - Objection email / letter

From: Roger Seggins
Sent: 17 July 2015 16:48
To: reviews
Subject: Hersham Ward Boundary Changes - Objection email / letter

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

Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to object to the proposed change in local government boundaries which I consider will adversely affect Burwood Park. The grounds for my objection are:

1) Burwood Park shares a postcode with Hersham village and is directly linked to it by Burwood Road. The natural orientation is to Hersham village for post office, shops, schools, doctors' surgery, and recreational facilities. Oatlands is separated by the railway, which is a natural boundary between it and Burwood Park.

2) Burwood Park lies within the parish of St Peter's church.

3) Oatlands is a residential area with no natural centre while Burwood Park is a rural and rustic area. There is a risk that future planning issues will be considered in a residential context rather than the rural environment of Burwood Park. Amongst the various estates in the area, Burwood Park is unique in its countryside appearance with its lakes, trees, and walks. Oatlands is a manicured suburban estate in considerable contrast to Burwood Park. The Hersham local councillors understand this very well and support the interests of the residents of Burwood Park.

4) If such changes were made Burwood Park would move from the Esher and Walton Parliamentary constituency into that of Weybridge and Runnymede. No Elmbridge Borough wards currently cross Parliamentary boundaries and to create any such crossovers would add to the complexity for residents to pursue and obtain support for specific local issues. It would be highly inefficient to have to deal with a Member of Parliament in one constituency and local government councillors and officials from another.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Roger Seggins
Elmbridge District

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Postcode: [REDACTED]

Organisation Name: [REDACTED]

Comment text:

I want to register my opposition to the proposal that my ward is changed to Weybridge St. Georges. My interests are more closely aligned to Weybridge Riverside than St Georges, the boundary should be the railway line, this is a natural barrier and would act as one between me and my poling station. Mr D.R. Shaw,

Uploaded Documents:

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From: David Shearing
Sent: 20 July 2015 14:28
To: reviews
Cc: Amanda Shearing
Subject: Hersham Ward Boundary Changes - Objection Letter.

The Review Officer (Elmbridge)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
14th Floor, Millbank Tower
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Dear Sir / Madam

My wife (copied) and I own and reside at [Redacted], Hersham. We wish to object to the proposed boundary changes to the Hersham Ward on the following grounds:-

1. The proposed boundary changes move Burwood Park from an orientation to Hersham Village, with which it shares a postcode, to Oatlands from which it is physically separated by the 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 gravitate towards and utilise the facilities of Hersham Village for shopping, the library, the doctor’s surgery and Burwood Park lies within the parish of St Peter’s Church. The proposed new Wards are therefore not recognising the reality of the area.

3. There is a risk that future Burwood Park planning issues will be considered in a residential context rather than the rural environment that it is associated with today. The current Hersham local Councillors understand and have demonstrated full 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 that cross Parliamentary boundaries. This division will inevitably add complexity for residents to navigate and hamper our ability to garner support for specific local issues.

We urge the Review Officer to re-consider the boundary changes and retain Burwood Park and the surrounding roads in the Hersham Ward as proposed by Elmbridge Borough Council.

Your consideration will be greatly appreciated.

David and Amanda Shearing
To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Hersham I feel that the proposed boundary change moving our beloved library into Esher ward is a dangerous mistake. It is a wonderful resource for me and my two young daughters and we fear it would once again be targeted for closure if moved as Esher already has a main library of its own.

By running the boundary to include the library in Hersham I feel we might better protect this precious resource. For those without access to transport to travel to Walton library (low income families and the elderly) to lose the library would be devastating.

Thank you for taking the time to take in the views shared by myself and many of my neighbours, Sincerely Rebecca Sheen

Sent from my iPhone
The Review Officer (Elmbridge)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
14th Floor, Millbank Tower
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Dear Sirs

Elmbridge Electoral Review - Proposals for WESTON GREEN

Following publication of your recommendations for the Borough on 30 June 2015 I am writing with regard to the proposal for Weston Green Ward.

As a former Mayor of Elmbridge and a Weston Green Ward Councillor for 16 years (stepping down in 2008 due to family commitments), I am dismayed that it will not longer be a Ward with two Councillors but is being combined with Hinchley Wood to form a new three councillor Ward. Hinchley Wood and Weston Green are two very distinct communities with their own identities separated by major roads and railway boundaries. Nevertheless I am pleased that the proposed new ward will include all those households currently in the Weston Green Ward. Weston Green is a very strong thriving community sharing strong links to local facilities including All Saints' Weston Church, Cranmere Primary School, local shops etc., and I believe it is important that these be kept intact.

In respect of Elmbridge Borough Council's amendment passed at Full Council on 22 July 2015, I strongly SUPPORT their amendment to include Lower Green households, north of the railway line, into the new Hinchley Wood and Weston Green Ward. These households have strong geographical, social, faith and educational ties with Weston Green.

Weston Green and Lower Green share the facility of Cranmere Primary School which is attended mainly by children from Weston Green and Lower Green rather than the wider area of Esher. All Saints' Weston is nominated by the Guildford Diocese as the church to provide pastoral care for the school. The school traditionally holds their services and events at All Saints Weston Church and the school has recently requested that they have a page in the Parish Magazine. Many of the families from Lower Green are members of the congregation participating also in the various activities that take place at the Church and seeing it as their natural local church. The Food Bank that operates from All Saints' Weston also serves Lower Green.

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The Drive School closed in 1992 (due to insufficient pupils), however, it was re-opened in September 1996 and re-named ‘Cranmere School’ of which I became a Governor alongside Lord Ronald Dearing choosing not only the first Head Teacher but the name of the school, with an intake to rise over five years to approximately 300 children. Due to its success in September 2016, Cranmere Primary School will move to a new building off Arran Way which will have a capacity to take 630 children plus an extra 26 in the nursery. There will be new challenges to face both for Weston Green and Lower Green - children's safety, increased traffic and parking created by the new school - challenges to be addressed by both Lower Green and Weston Green working together which is a reason why the school should be in the new Hinchley Wood and Weston Green Ward in order that the current valuable support and important community links, built over many years are retained.

Over the years the Board of Governors and the PTA have included Weston Green parents and residents and the present Chairman of Governors, who is retiring this year, came from Weston Green whilst the new proposed Chairman for September 2015 is also a Weston Green resident.

Elmbridge Borough Council have sponsored a Youth Video and Photography Project, specifically for the young people from Weston Green and Lower Green to showcase the two communities thereby demonstrating the ties already known to exist between the two areas.

The Surrey Police Authority already consider Lower Green and Weston Green as one area, the Community Officers who patrol Lower Green and Weston Green are the same and their panel meetings combine these two areas together.

The nearest Council children's playground and sports field for Weston Green is situated in Lower Green.

A bus route links the two areas and access to the nearest railway for Lower Green is via Weston Green and when the new Co-Op is completed, on the Hampton Court Way, Weston Green and Lower Green will have a shared local supermarket.

As I have already mentioned, I am a former Ward Councillor for Weston Green and would advise that on numerous occasions during that tenure had difficulties in resolving matters appertaining to both Weston Green and Lower Green which could have been easily determined and resolved had they been in the same Ward.

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As a Resident of Weston Green since 1984 and President of Thames Ditton & Weston Green Residents' Association, I sincerely hope that you will take all the above into consideration when making your decision and note that the shared community links between Weston Green and Lower Green are strong and that you will agree that the EBC Amendment to take Lower Green into the new Hinchley Wood and Weston Green Ward be ACCEPTED and AGREED by you.

Yours faithfully

M. S. Sheldrick (Mrs)
The Review Officer  
LG Boundary Commission  
14th Floor Millbank Tower  
London SW1P 4QP  

Dear Sir  

Re: Elmbridge – objection to splitting up Thames Ditton  

As residents of [Redacted] for nearly 20 years we feel very strongly that we are part of the Thames Ditton community especially as our parish church is St Nicholas in Summer Road Thames Ditton. We have very positive contacts with the Thames Ditton community e.g. Residents Association councillors, village hall, library and also the beautiful cricket green bordering Portsmouth Road. We urge the Commission not to split up the well established Thames Ditton community and to accept that it is inappropriate to transfer so many properties from that community to the ward of Long Ditton.  

Yours faithfully  

Angus & Jennifer Sherriff
Dear Review Officer (Elmbridge),

I am writing to formally object to the Government's Boundary Commission's proposals to change the boundary for Thames Ditton. I have lived at [redacted] since Dec 2013 and previously to this at [redacted] since Feb 2009. I very much wish that we are currently part of the Thames Ditton community. To feel a connection to my community (I commute to London for work), I volunteered my time to become the Honorary Treasurer for the Thames Ditton and Weston Green Residents Association whilst living at Weston Road. I very much enjoy being part of the Association which has led to many friendships and meeting even more people in the Thames Ditton community.

When we were looking for a larger property, it was so important to me that we fell inside of the Thames Ditton boundary to ensure that I could remain a part of the Association and also be represented by our councillors. The proposal to move the boundary is of course very personal to me as not only would we no longer be represented by such an active and dedicated Residents' Association, it is likely that it would make sense for someone else to take my role as Treasurer.

Our road runs just behind Portsmouth Road where Giggs Hill Green can be found. This Green represents a large part of Thames Ditton to me and I enjoy taking part in exercise including running on the green. I also enjoy running through the village to keep up with all of the recent improvements. We also look to Thames Ditton High Street for our postal services, hairdresser and shopping. This is our local village high street, despite the fact we live on the "other side" of Portsmouth Road. We are also registered for the doctor at Giggs Hill Green.

I urge you to consider the proposal with great care and not re-draw the Thames Ditton ward boundaries. Thorkhill Road and other roads near us very much feel a part of the Thames Ditton community and it would be a shame to lose this connection.

Regards
Christa Silverthorne
My wife & I would like to register our objection to the proposed re-drawing of the Council's ward boundaries. We are very pleased with the way that the present boundary is established. We use the Thames Ditton high street shops and facilities with regularity and would be very saddened if our present relationship with this lovely village is altered. We like the fact that our property has the address of Thames Ditton and prefer to maintain it as it is. Moreover, the parish and the community at Thames Ditton has served us well whilst we live here and, again, we wish to maintain it as it is.

Finally, if I can put it that way, our side of Thames Ditton has a particular charm that I very much fear would be eliminated if that name and all that it entails, would be changed to Long Ditton.

Thank you

Mr Carlos & Mrs Margaret Simas
For the attention of the Review Officer (Elmbridge)

Dear Sir,

We in Weston Green are seeing the proposed changes and the splitting up of the above Ward with great trepidation. The changes proposed by your committees may have limited administrative advantages the details of which we do not have to hand, but which advantages in our view must be greatly outweighed by the wrenching apart of a community which has a history and identity going back for centuries. Weston Green has no connection with Hinchley Wood, commercial nor social. The residents of Weston Green have always considered themselves part of Thames Ditton.

Looking at ‘Appendix A, Table A1: Draft recommendations for Elmbridge Borough Council’, it can be seen that Thames Ditton has the smallest number of electors. Whereas the proposed new Hinchley Wood Weston Green has almost the largest. This suggests that Weston Green could continue to be part of the existing ward arrangement of Thames Ditton and Weston Green without upsetting your proposed plans.

Alternatively a minor realignment of your proposed border would be to include with Thames Ditton that relatively small wedge area East of Hampton Court Way and North West of Portsmouth Road. This would not increase much the Thames Ditton electorate. In fact it would improve the balance.

This is a short email to put on record our serious concern. We sincerely hope that a satisfactory solution can be found for all.

Kind regards
Edward Simmonds
To The Review Officer (Elmbridge),

I am writing to object to the proposed change of ward for our address in Thames Ditton to Long Ditton as this will deny me the opportunity to select a representative for the community that I have actively supported for the past 20 years.

I am an active member of the community with two children that have attended both Thames Ditton infant School and Junior Schools. They have also attended girl guides and Thames Dittons scouts and Ajax Sea (4th Thames Ditton) scouts.

I have also helped to raise over £100,000 for the Thames Ditton Scout groups by organising scout fairs on Giggs Hill Green and Esher Green for the past 10 years. Supported by my wife and children this has been both a demanding and rewarding experience that has raised much needed funds for these volunteer led groups.

As you can see I am an active member of the Thames Ditton community and feel I have done my fair share raising funds to benefit some great causes in the community and as a result feel strongly that my interests are best served being able to help select a councillor for the ward to which I have contributed so much.

Please do not change the ward boundaries as this will detach me from the community I have supported for the past 20 years.

Thank you.

Kevin Simpson
From M. H. K. Skull

Dear sir/madam,

I am writing to inform you that I want Douglas Road to remain as it is, in the Esher Ward.

Yours sincerely,
Elmbridge District

Personal Details:

Name: Andrew Smith
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]
Organisation Name: [redacted]

Comment text:

I am delighted that the Boundary Commission has maintained the number of councillors in its proposals at 48 rather than the excessive number of 60 that we have now. Larger local authorities in Surrey have fewer councillors than Elmbridge currently and, in these austere times, we need to do the same. Although a resident of Walton, I am happy to see Claygate over-represented if it means that its ward can reflect a coherent local community rather than a made-up ward that has just been designed to "make the numbers fit". After all, if you say "Elmbridge" to most people outside Surrey, they haven't a clue where you mean anyway. Overall I am impressed by the latest proposals as they show that you have been listening to local residents e.g. about the name of the Weybridge St George's Hill ward.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded
Dear Sir/Madam,

As residents of Thames Ditton who live within the area you propose should join the Long Ditton Ward we write to you to object in the strongest possible terms. The proposals do not take into account our community identity or provide for effective and convenient local government for the people of Thames Ditton.

We have lived in Thames Ditton for the passed three years. During that time we have been warmly welcomed to the community of Thames Ditton which is now the focal point of our lives. To give you some specific examples we use Thames Ditton station to commute to work, Simply Fresh in the centre of Thames Ditton is our local shop which is also our local post office, and Thames Ditton high street houses our local coffee shops and sandwich bars. Our local gym is Collets in the centre of Thames Ditton which is where our first born child will also attend nursery and we enjoy fireworks night. We are in the catchment area for Thames Ditton Infant and Junior schools which are also our first choices. Giggs Hill Green Surgery is our local doctors.

Giggs Hill Green and the Thames Ditton Cricket Club are the real centre of Thames Ditton. Our front door is 12 meters from Giggs Hill Green where we enjoy the cricket, running and cycling events and a quiet walk every evening after dinner. Our residents association AGM and our NCT classes are both held in the cricket club which we currently attend on a weekly basis.

Giggs Hill Green is also home to our memorial to the fallen soldiers of Thames Ditton. We attend Remembrance Sunday there each year alongside the rest of our village. As a soldier myself it would be upsetting to feel that that memorial was in some way a little less mine.

My wife and I have driven through Long Ditton many times. It seems like a very pleasant place to live, work and raise children. However, that community is not ours. Our home both physically and psychologically faces towards the centre of Thames Ditton. We do not turn our back to it and look to Long Ditton.

The people of Thames Ditton need to speak with one voice for the matters that affect our community. How can dividing that community provide for effective and convenient local government? Maybe it would in the eyes of our councillors. But it certainly wouldn't in the eyes of the people who have elected you and whom you serve.

We urge you to reconsider.

Yours faithfully.

Christopher & Gillian Smith
Elmbridge District

Personal Details:

Name: Elizabeth Smith
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]
Organisation Name: [REDACTED]

Comment text:

I think Hersham library should stay in the ward its already in and not Esher ward. we need our library in hersham not all of us can get to Walton or Esher so we need our local library to stay where it is . we do not want any more houses or flats we have got enough .And S Sit will create more traffic which we don't need .SO LEAVE THE LIBRARY WHERE IT IS.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded
Martin Smith

Hello,

I am a relatively new resident of Esher and I was surprised to hear from a neighbour that we might be re-designated to the Hinchley Wood and West Green ward.

Since we are closely located to Esher Station, the main Esher high-street, and Sandown Racecourse, I strongly believe we belong in the Esher Ward. Therefore, I strongly oppose the redesignation of the Lower Green area of Esher to Hinchley Wood.

I would appreciate being informed of the outcome of this Boundary Commission decision.

Thank you and best wishes,

Martin Smith
To whom it may concern:

I have been a resident of Esher and Claygate since 1986. I was disappointed to read that we might be about to lose a small part of our Lower Green area to Hinchley Wood. I would like to understand the basis for the re-designation of the Lower Green area of Esher to Hinchley Wood and hereby submit my opposition to this move until it is fully explained to the electorate.

Regards

Michael Smith
Hinds, Alex

From: Fuller, Heather
Sent: 03 August 2015 09:16
To: Hinds, Alex
Subject: FW: Elmbridge - objection to Thames Ditton proposals

From: PETER SMITH [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 August 2015 10:13
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Subject: Fwd: Elmbridge - objection to Thames Ditton proposals

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: PETER SMITH [REDACTED]
Date: 2 August 2015 at 09:50
Subject: Elmbridge - objection to Thames Ditton proposals
To: reviews@lgbce.org.uk

Dear Sirs,

Your proposal to change electoral boundaries has come out of the blue and it is not, in my opinion, justified. I have lived in Thames Ditton since 1943 and feel that our current split between Long Ditton and Thames Ditton is absolutely appropriate. Also I have no wish to extend in the direction of Molesey.

Areas such as Giggs Hill Green - the Village Green - should be surrounded by Thames Ditton, whereas you are now proposing that one side of it will become Long Ditton.

I think that if you asked ALL THE CURRENT THAMES DITTON RESIDENTS if they wish to lose some of their number to Long Ditton, you would get an overwhelming vote to maintain the status quo.

Finally, I object to finding out about these changes by chance - you should have sent information to all people in the Wards affected.

Yours Peter Smith, [REDACTED]
Hello,

I have been a resident of Esher for the last few decades and I was surprised to hear from a friend that we might lose a small part of our area, particularly an area that possesses some nice parks and dog walks -- the Lower Green Area.

I strongly oppose the re-designation of the Lower Green area of Esher to Hinchley Wood.

Thank you and best wishes,

Patricia Smith

Surrey, U.K.
Dear Sirs,

We refer to the proposal which will see our street, The Mount moved from Oatlands Ward into Walton Central Ward and we wish to object to it.

We were unaware of any proposal to change the ward boundaries for this area so the publicity for it has clearly failed to reach the target audience and one wonders therefore how much serious consultation actually took place before these proposals were published.

The Mount is part of the Oatlands community. It is where our local shops are, the local infants school is in St Marys Road and it has the recreation ground we instinctively regard as serving this community with its annual fete and other events. If we have to go further afield we are more likely to look to Weybridge town centre than Walton.

There is no obvious geographic feature that suggests The Mount should fall in one ward rather than another. It is a cul-de-sac surrounded by a 6 foot brick wall, historically the boundary of a single house with the street sign for Oatlands on the footpath at the road junction with Oatlands Drive.

The Street contains 15 Households so the number of voters affected is not sufficient to make any significant difference to total voter numbers in the two affected wards both of which are among the smaller Elmbridge wards.

The existing arrangements for The Mount serve this community well and we would urge you to leave them exactly as they are rather than changing them to no good purpose.

Yours faithfully

Roger, Jane and Kathryn Smith
**Elmbridge District**

**Personal Details:**

Name: Susan Snowball  
E-mail: [Redacted]  
Organisation Name: [Redacted]

**Comment text:**

I understand that in your proposals for the reduction of Elmbridge Borough Councillors you have suggested moving my local ward from Weybridge South to Weybridge St Georges. I want to register my opposition to that change. It seems obvious to me that our interests are closer aligned to Weybridge town and the new Weybridge Riverside ward. St Georges is separated from us by a railway line and has an entirely different community with entirely different ward issues. Susan Snowball

**Uploaded Documents:**

None Uploaded
17 August 2015

Dear Sir or Madam

Change of Ward: Hersham Village (currently Hersham South) to Oatlands Park.

My wife and I live in Hersham, which is our postal address. We regularly shop in Hersham; use the local Post Office, the local pub, and attend St. Peter’s Church. We have no connection with Oatlands.

The railway line has always been considered a natural boundary, which separates Hersham from Oatlands. The local polling station is within walking distance at present. As there are no suitable venues for a polling station in the group of Roads, including Westcar Lane, to be hived off, we may be forced to drive to a Polling station in Oatlands to vote in future, if the change goes ahead.

Finally, Oatlands is in a different Parliamentary Constituency from us in Esher and Walton. We currently have no Elmbridge Borough Wards that cross parliamentary boundaries. If the proposal does go ahead, the selection of candidates for councillors and general administration will become more tedious.

We strongly oppose this change and would request that our own road, and the others listed in the proposal, remain within the new Hersham Village Ward.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]
-----Original Message-----
From: Rosie & David Sowter  
Sent: 11 August 2015 18:03  
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>  
Subject: Boundary commission  

As members of Thames Ditton & Weston Green Residents Association my husband and I are in favour of the proposals to create a new ward called Hinchley Wood & Weston Green.  
Rosemary and David Sowter.

Sent from my iPad
To: The Review Officer (Elmbridge) 21 August 2015
Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Dear Review Officer

Elmbridge Electoral Review - objection to proposals for Thames Ditton Ward

Community Identity

The roads east of Portsmouth Road between Thorkhill Road and Claygate Lane have been included in the Thames Ditton ward since 1895 when the first local council (the Esher and the Dittons Urban District Council) was established, the area already having been part of the Parish of Thames Ditton for centuries. People living in this area regard Thames Ditton as the centre of their community, a feeling strengthened by the existence of the community magazine “Thames Ditton Today” produced by the Residents' Association.

The adjacent Giggs Hill Green, where Thames Ditton Cricket Club has played since 1833, is the Thames Ditton village green providing leisure space for the local community. It is also a conservation area which includes the Portsmouth Road side of the green and extends into Angel Road.

The present proposal to transfer these roads to the Long Ditton ward seems to run counter to one of the Boundary Commission's main considerations "to reflect community identity".

Effective and Convenient Local Government

The Thames Ditton and Weston Green Residents' Association is an active organisation serving the whole of the existing Borough wards of Thames Ditton and Weston Green, and producing the above mentioned “Thames Ditton Today”. This association plays an active part in local democracy and to remove 940 electors from an organisation which represents them, working on their behalf in matters such as parking, shops, services etc. would be bound to diminish community involvement and make it more difficult for people to know who to lobby about matters of local concern.

There is no Long Ditton Conservation Area or Advisory Committee that could replace The Thames Ditton Conservation Area Advisory Committee with respect to the Giggs Hill Green Conservation Area.

The proposal to transfer these roads to the Long Ditton ward seems contrary to one of the Boundary Commission's main considerations "to provide for effective and convenient local government."

Yours sincerely
Faith M.Speller
Dear Sirs

As residents of Weston Green Ward, we are writing to ask that the Boundary Commission proposal for the new Hinchley Wood & Weston Green ward be amended and extended to take in the part of Esher Ward known as Lower Green, north of the railway line, for the following reasons:

- The two communities have strong geographic, social, faith and educational ties.
- Many residents in both Weston Green and Lower Green are supportive of this.
- Elmbridge Borough Council is recommending this change too.
- The electorate in Weston and Lower Green share many of the same goals and problems.
- Cranmere School serves both Weston and Lower Green families and for a number of reasons needs to be retained in the expanded Hinchley Wood & Weston Green Ward after its 2016 relocation to Arran Way, Esher.
- The Head Teacher has written to the BC and other governors agree that the school (when relocated) should be in the new ward of Hinchley Wood & Weston Green so that the current valuable support and important community links, built over many years, are retained.
- The PTA and board of governors have traditionally included Weston Green parents and residents, demonstrating its strong links to Weston Green.
- Both the long-serving, retiring Chairman of Governors and the candidate that has been asked to stand as her replacement from September 2015, are both Weston Green residents as are other governors.
- Cranmere is linked with the church of All Saints’ Weston in Weston Green and is nominated by Guildford Diocese as the church to provide pastoral care for the school.
- The school has asked to have a page in the All Saints’ Weston Parish Magazine demonstrating its affiliation.
- There are strong current and historical ties between members of All Saints’ Weston and families in Lower Green who see Weston Green as their natural local church.
- The Foodbank that operates from All Saints’ Weston also serves Lower Green.
- An Elmbridge sponsored Youth Video and Photography Project is under way, specifically for young people from Weston and Lower Green to showcase the two communities.
• Once the new Co-op opens, Lower Green and Weston Green will have a shared local supermarket.

• People from Weston Green work in Lower Green and vice versa.

• The bus route links Weston Green and Lower Green and access to the nearest railway station for Lower Green is via Weston Green.

Yours faithfully

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

21st August, 2015.

Dear Sirs,

Proposal to Carve Up Thames Ditton
My husband and I have lived in Thames Ditton for many decades, and we have grown to know and love the place. As such, we feel that it is very important to maintain that sense of local identity, which contributes so much to the feeling of home and community.

We also remember the proposal to divide our neighbours in Weston Green, by changing the boundary so it followed Hampton Court Way. Whilst this might look neater on a map, we now understand the distress such proposals cause, and why they reacted so strongly against it. No doubt Portsmouth Road seems an equally attractive boundary, even though such a division would carve off a significant part of Thames Ditton and assign it to Long Ditton. In fact, the change proposed would leave only half the village green fronted by Thames Ditton - a ridiculous prospect, and just the situation that would have confronted Weston Green.

Weston Green was helped by the Thames Ditton and Weston Green Residents’ Association, without whom we would have remained in ignorance of the changes you now propose to wrought on us. Being resident in Thames Ditton, we are naturally enough members, and benefit from the efforts of the excellent councillors who are re-elected year after year. The proposed boundary changes would wreck these established arrangements, which is also intolerable.

Although we understand the claim that the proposed boundary changes only effect electoral districts, my husband and I are old enough to have witnessed the type of changes proposed being only the beginning of an inexorable process of rationalisation that leads to finding oneself in another parish, or indeed another county. It can also lead to the extinguishment of such communities, even of a county as large as Middlesex.

In summary, we oppose the proposed changes, and wish to remain a part of Thames Ditton in every respect. Apart from writing to you directly, we shall send a copy of this letter to our councillor, trusting in them to continue representing our views effectively.

Yours faithfully,

Mr & Mrs M. J. Stanley
The Review Officer, (Hemel Hempstead)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
14th Floor, Millbank Tower
London
SW1P 4QP

11 August 2015

Re: Proposals for new ward boundaries

Dear Sir,

I fully agree with the Herne Bay South Councillors' suggestion for a new Herne Bay Village Ward.

Not only have I lived in Herne Bay (Greenwich Road) for more than fifty years and feel no affinity with Oaklands, I would need public transport to get there (possibly even two buses) of polling stations would also be in that ward.

I hope the Commission will re-consider.

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs) G. H. Starling
Starkie, Emily

From: Fuller, Heather
Sent: 24 August 2015 16:41
To: Hinds, Alex
Subject: FW: Elmbridge - objection to Thames Ditton proposal

From: Katy Stead
Sent: 24 August 2015 14:53
To: reviews <reviews@lbce.org.uk>
Subject: Elmbridge - objection to Thames Ditton proposal

For the attention on the review officer.

I am writing to object to the Boundary Commissions proposal to re-set the boundary for the Thames Ditton ward. Our grounds for objection are as follows.

We live in one of the roads affected and have done so for 10 years. All of the roads listed in your proposal are very much a part of the community of Thames Ditton. Our daughter has always and still does attend school in Thames Ditton and is a member of the guide unit there, and this alone makes us very much a part of the community there. In addition to this we use all the facilities of our village including doctors, dentist, local shops and businesses. All three of our children attend after school clubs and activities in the village. As a result all of our social activities and community involvement takes place in Thames Ditton.

Secondly, Giggs Hill green is at the heart of our village, and is a place where we as a community come together many times a year to attend all of the events that take place here, whether that be cricket matches or village fetes. All events that make us realise we are all very much a part of Thames Ditton. The roads you have listed in your proposal are all a part of the immediate vicinity of the green.

Some of the roads you have listed are currently part of the Giggs Hill Green Conservation area which is overseen by the Thames Ditton Area Advisory Committee. Long Ditton has no such Committee that could take this on. Furthermore Thames Ditton also has a very active Residents association who we have always supported for re-election because they are effective in what they do and are part of the culture of Thames Ditton.

If what I have read is correct then my understanding is that while removing us from the Thames Ditton ward you would replace us with residents from the East Molesey ward, this seems to make no sense at all.

We have no affinity with Long Ditton, no connections with them and use none of the facilities there. We do not wish to be represented by councillors who will not be familiar with Thames Ditton residents or the issues that affect us. Therefore we urge you to reconsider your proposal as your own criteria states that: wards should reflect the interests and identities of local communities and that electoral arrangements should provide for effective and local government. This would not be the case with your proposal.

Finally, we were also disappointed that none of the residents affected have been notified directly by the Government Boundary Commission of the proposed changes. We were notified by the Thames Ditton residents association, which just goes to highlight my previous point about their effectiveness and efficiency in looking after their Thames Ditton residents, and that they see us very much as part of Thames Ditton community.

Yours Sincerely
Katy & Tony Stead
As a local resident that will be affected by the proposed changes, I would like to lodge an objection to the proposed changes.

Residents of Thames Ditton feel a historical bond and Pride that they live within an area (and on roads) that can be clearly identified in the Domesday Book boundaries.

Residents in these roads look to Thames Ditton as the centre of their community for shops, doctors, schools, village hall (now Vera Fletcher Hall), St. Nicholas Church, village green (Giggs Hill Green) Thames Ditton Centre for the Community, Girl Guides etc.

Thames Ditton ward councillors respond to local residents re: improving/campaigning for High Street shops, doctors' services, leisure services eg. at Giggs Hill Green.

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. The Thames Ditton ward's boundary has included them since the first local council (the Esher & the Dittons Urban District Council) was established in 1895.

I strongly object to the proposals.

Regards

Alex Steedman
Elmbridge District

Personal Details:

Name: Catherine Stewart
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name: 

Comment text:

I feel strongly that the proposed Hinchley Wood and Weston Green ward should include the part of Esher ward that is Lower Green, i.e. north of the railway line. There are numerous reasons for this including: the ward's school is moving location and would finish up outside the HWWG ward if this amendment doesn't happen; the school has links with All Saints church in Weston Green, and there are strong ties between families in Lower Green and the church, so all should remain in the same ward; the Borough Council and many residents support this change, because they known of the close links and that the urgent proposal is an unnatural split.

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded
To: The Review Officer (Elmbridge)

In response to your documentation & Government Boundary Commission’s proposals to考量
"Thames Ditton", I strongly feel that it should be left as it is... do not email but hope this written note will be acceptable? I cannot see the gain in altering what has worked for a very long time? I

Why cannot it continue to stay the same?

Yours faithfully,

(Cris)

P.T.O.
In short — I totally object to the proposals.
ELMBRIDGE ELECTORAL REVIEW – OBJECTION TO PROPOSAL TO REDRAW BOUNDARIES OF THAMES DITTON WARD

The Thames Ditton ward boundaries have prevailed since 1895. We strongly object to the redrawing of these for the following reasons:

- The redrawing of the boundaries with the associated reduction in the number of councillors and loss of association with the Thames Ditton and Weston Green Residents Association would make it very difficult for the views of the effected residents to be considered in matters concerning Thames Ditton village, the centre of our local community.
- We have lived in Thames Ditton for nearly 30 years and belonging to it is part of our identity. Our doctor’s surgery, community centre, library, and most importantly our parish church (which we attend every week) are located within Thames Ditton. We would be most upset about being placed outside their boundary.
- The reduction in opportunities for residents to express their views and concerns would be the consequence of the Boundary Commission’s plan. We do not consider this as the price to be paid for administrative convenience.

Mr and Mrs M J Studholme
WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW
IN ELMBRIDGE, SURREY

Hersham library is an essential part of Hersham village life. I therefore request that the proposed redrawing of the boundary to run in front of the library is moved behind the library premises.

Mrs J. E. Styles
Dear Sir/ Madam

We write to you with regard to the Commissions recommendation that Burwood Park and environs would be merged into Oaklands Park Ward in the forthcoming boundary changes.

We have lived in Burwood Park since 1981 and consider ourselves very much part of Hersham Village Ward where we use the Centre to shop daily, use Village Hall facilities, doctors surgery and healthcare facilities, St Peters church, all part of being in the community of Hersham.

Burwood Park is a green and rural environment whilst Oatlands Park is very residential and our planning issues on keeping our environment green and rural are understood and supported by our present councillors and could be effected in the future by being included in a higher density area with different parameters. Our postcode is shared with Hersham, not Oatlands.

This change would also mean a parliamentary boundary change to put us in the constituency of Weybridge and Runnymede. We have been represented by Esher and Walton MPs past and present for many years and would not like to see this change either.

Whilst we appreciate there is a case for less councillors on the Council we do not believe that this is the right way to do it.

We urge the Review officer to reconsider these boundary changes and to retain Burwood Park and environs in the excellently run Hersham Ward as was the proposal of Elmbridge Borough Council itself.

Yours Faithfully

Mr and Mrs Samir Takla
To whom we concern,

I understand that in your proposals for the redaction of Ewellbridge Borough Council, you have suggested moving my local ward from Weybridge South to Weybridge & Egham. I want to register my opposition to that change.

It seems obvious to me that our interests are much closer aligned to Weybridge Council itself and the new Weybridge Riverside ward. SE Georges on the other hand is separated from us by a railway line, has an entirely different community and has entirely different ward issues.

20 August 2015
As a resident on the [redacted] overlooking Giggs Hill Green, I strongly object to the proposal to redraw the boundaries affecting my area of Thames Ditton.

The village has always had a clear community identity which residents such as myself belong to, and it is crucial to maintain the interests of my historic community, rather than carving it up for bureaucratic convenience. This is not the way to develop a cohesive and caring community who look after their own residents and their local environment.

I consider the centre of my community to be the village of Thames Ditton and particularly Giggs Hill Green, the library, shops, station etc. I belong to the active Residents Association and believe it is important that all residents, especially around Giggs Hill Green have a right to belong to the village.

Jacqueline Thomas
We object to the proposed re-drawing of the Thames Ditton ward boundary insofar as it excludes the eastern side of Portsmouth Road and its immediate environs for the following reasons:

1. We have lived at [redacted] (which is proposed to be taken out of Thames Ditton ward) for over 30 years.

2. We and other residents on the ward on this side of Portsmouth Road are part of the Thames Ditton community and identify ourselves as such. It is where we do most of our local shopping, eat out, go to the library (Watts Road), commute from (Thames Ditton station) and engage in communal and recreational activities (eg at the Vera Fletcher Hall, the Christmas Fair, the fairs on Giggs Hill Green, TD cricket club, Colets, St Nicholas CoE and TD UR churches).

3. We subscribe to and wish to continue to be represented by the Thames Ditton Residents Association.

4. The new boundary would treat Portsmouth Road as a new boundary/no-man’s land between two wards when this thoroughfare and the properties facing it are is an integral part of Thames Ditton and need to continue to be treated as such in the interests of the whole community.

5. Our part of the existing Thames Ditton ward has much closer ties to Thames Ditton than other parts which are not proposed to be excluded (particularly, the part in East Molesey across the Hampton Court Way which is essentially severed from the village and forms part of the Hampton Court station community).

6. Whilst it appears that the rationale for the proposed exclusion is the desirability of securing the retention of 3 councillor wards:

(a) this is but one of the required statutory considerations;
(b) the other considerations are expressed in terms of 'need' (equality of representation, identity and convenient local government), which is a high standard, as opposed to 'desirability', which is suggestive of a lower standard;
(c) the proposed change will breach long and well-established local ties;
(d) insufficient regard has been given to this and the other statutory considerations;
(e) retention of 3 councillor wards, if it can be safely concluded that this really must happen, can be achieved by other means;
(f) the earlier apparent dismissal of proposals for maintaining the existing ward boundary in our area because the Commission was not persuaded that there is sufficient evidence for moving away from 3
councillor wards is fundamentally flawed. The onus must be on the Commission to make the case for change to ward boundaries and to explain what is deficient in proposals for retaining existing boundaries. Saying it is not persuaded without giving reasons is not a reasoned response but merely an attempt to avoid giving grounds for challenge.

We also think it is quite disingenuous to consult on proposals that show the proposed new boundaries without showing the old ones (either they are not shown at all or, at least, we have great difficulty in identifying them in your consultation material). All this can do is to prevent local community members from appreciating exactly what is proposed.

Please acknowledge receipt of this objection.

Thank you

Paul and Jacquie Thompson
10, Frith Knowle.
Westcar Lane,
Hersham
Surrey KT12 5EW

August 18th 2018

Dear Sir,

I write to inform you that I wish to stay in the new Hersham Village Ward. I have lived in Hersham very happily for many years and have no wish to be attached to Oatlands. Oatlands is not near to me, I never go there or have any need to go through it so it makes no sense to be joined to it. My Hersham councillors have always served me well, and I wish to remain in their ward.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. M. Figwell.
From: joy tilbury  
Sent: 11 August 2015 13:27  
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>  
Subject: Boundaries with Lower Green

With reference to the boundary changes as indicated on the website and map I would like to register my strong belief that Lower Weston Green should be a part of the new W.Green/H.Wood ward since its interests will best be served within this community. This is as per the Elmbridge Council submission of 22nd July.
I am personally involved in community work within Weston Green which is why I wish to register my opinion.
Sincerely
Joy Tilbury
Elmbridge District

Personal Details:

Name: Pamela Tiller
E-mail: 
Organisation Name: 

Comment text:

I am writing to support the Elmbridge Borough Council Review Working Group proposal, that the proposed new Hinchley Wood and Weston Green Ward should include the Lower Green area, north of the railway line, which is currently part of Esher Ward. There are many community connections between the area, one of the strongest being Cranmere School which takes children from Weston Green and Lower Green, and in the present proposals, when re built in 2016 will find itself in the Esher ward. This would damage the community links between the school and its local neighbourhood, and would weaken the support given by the area nearest to it. Cranmere School and All Saints Church Weston Green, are also closely linked, with connections established over many years of support and involvement. There are joint community projects with the people of the Lower Green Area, and the foodbank that serves both communities, is based at All Saints Church. It would benefit both Weston Green and Lower Green to be connected by means of being placed in the same ward, as recommended by Elmbridge Borough Council.

Uploaded Documents:

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please amend your proposal so that the new Hinchley Wood and Weston Green Ward is extended to take in the part of Esher Ward known as Lower Green.

The links between Weston Green and Lower Green are strong and have existed for many years. For instance Cranmere School - now part of Weston Green is being rebuilt 200 metres away still on the same site but in Lower Green. Its community links including the school chaplaincy and local councillors are with Weston Green. This should continue.

The foodbank based in Weston Green serves Weston Green and Lower Green.

Public transport in the area operates serving both Weston Green and Lower Green communities together.

Lower Green has been "neglected" by Esher over the years. Joining it with Hinchley Wood and Weston Green makes sense geographically and pastorally.

Yours faithfully,

Peter J Tiller
Hello

I live at [redacted].

I can confirm that I want our Ward - Esher - to remain. and not to be moved to the New Ward of Hinchely Wood and Weston Green as recommended by the Conservative Administration of Elmbridge Borough Council.

Please let the Boundary Commission know of my wishes.

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

By email to: reviews@lgbce.org.uk

Dear Sirs,

I am a resident of Thames Ditton and have considered the Commission’s Draft Recommendations for the Elmbridge Electoral Review, and more particularly the current proposals for the boundary changes to the Thames Ditton Ward. I herewith submit my concerns and objections to the proposal to remove all residents on the roads east of the Portsmouth Road to the Long Ditton ward.

As proposed, the new division of the Thames Ditton and Long Ditton wards does not meet your own stated criteria that boundary changes should (i) reflect interests and identities of your area’s communities and (ii) promote effective and convenient local government.

The removal of all residents on the roads east of the Portsmouth Road to the Long Ditton ward is inevitably an arbitrary arrangement. There are strong community links of said area to Thames Ditton whereas the railway line east to the area, which represents the current boundary parameter, is a historic and significant divider between the residential roads east of the Portsmouth Road and the residential areas east of the railway line. The transport links of this area are mainly with Thames Ditton, most notably the A307 (Portsmouth Road) and the railway station in Thames Ditton. There are also bus lines serving Portsmouth Road. Residents in the affected area east of the Portsmouth Road look for Thames Ditton for local amenities, such like the shops on the High Street, the library across Giggs Hill, the GP surgery on Giggs Hill, the village hall and local youth groups. The current proposal only seek to provide a convenient line on a map which will have a longer term effect of reducing this community’s representation on Elmbridge Borough Council.

The residents on the roads east of the Portsmouth Road have been part of the parish of St. Nicholas and the community of Thames Ditton for centuries. For good historical reasons, the community has formed part of the first local council representation since the end of the 19th century.

It would be arbitrary to remove residents along the Portsmouth Road (and adjacent residential roads) that shares a boundary with Giggs Hill Green to the Long Ditton ward. Giggs Hill Green is a true indicator of community life and spirit, and has always been at the heart of Thames Ditton. Local sport groups like the Thames Ditton Cricket Club have used Giggs Hill Green for decades as their local village green. This is not perceived to be Long Ditton’s village green, it is undoubtedly Thames Ditton.

The local Residents Association has represented the interests of the community east of Portsmouth Road since its foundation in 1934. The Association is very active and currently has three Councillors representing the interests of Thames Ditton residents, including those of the affected area, on Elmbridge Borough Council. The current ward boundaries enable the Association’s councillors to keep abreast of all matters in Thames Ditton and retain close and effective links with Elmbridge Borough Council. Removing the residents east of Portsmouth Road to Long Ditton ward will divorce this historic link of representation and would therefore be contrary to the Commission’s criteria of promoting effective and convenient local government.
Furthermore, the proposed division of the ward allocation around the Giggs Hill Conservation Area, which runs along the Portsmouth Road and into Angel Road, would dilute the ability of the Thames Ditton Conservation Area Advisory Committee to represent all residents in the Giggs Hill Conservation Area. This also infringes the Commission’s aim to allow effective local government.

I therefore invite the Commission to reconsider its proposals and to maintain the current effective and historic representational arrangements between Thames Ditton and Long Ditton.

Yours faithfully,

Florian Traub
From: Dan Trelford  
Sent: 02 August 2015 14:43  
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>  
Subject: Boundary commission changes to Thames Ditton

FAO The Review Officer (Elmbridge)

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you regarding the recommendations by the Boundary Commission to redraw Elmbridge Borough's ward boundaries, and specifically the changes to current areas of the Thames Ditton ward.

As a resident affected by the proposed changes, I am writing to object to the proposal to remove the roads east of the Portsmouth Rd between Thorkhill Road and Claygate Rd from the Thames Ditton ward and into the Long Ditton ward.

My objections to the proposed changes are based on the fact that the changes will adversely affect our local community's strong sense of identity. The roads in question are closely connected to the heart of the Thames Ditton ward, namely the public space of the local village green, Giggs Hill Green, and we use the public amenities around this green on a daily basis - from the cricket club and the green itself to Thames Ditton village. We feel a strong affinity to the issues that affect all these areas, an affinity which strongly informs our involvement in all forms of local democracy.

I also feel we are well served by our current connection to the Thames Ditton and Weston Green Residents Association, and removal from the Thames Ditton area would lessen our involvement in the issues that impact on the area, from traffic management and parking to street lighting and environmental issues.

yours faithfully

Dan Trelford and Trine Adler
The Review Officer (Elmbridge)
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17th Aug 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

Hersham Ward proposed Boundary Changes- Letter of Objection

Reasons for objection:

1. Burwood Park has a strong affinity with Hersham Village. We have a shared post code and our St Peters Church, doctor's surgery, library, supermarket, post office, local shops and restaurants are all conveniently close by. These facilities are widely used and supported by Burwood Park residents.

2. Oatlands lacks a number of the above mentioned facilities and has no centre. It is remote from Burwood Park and is separated by the railway line.

3. Hersham local councillors understand and fully support the needs and concerns of Burwood Park Residents.

4. The proposed boundary change will result in a change of parliamentary boundary. This is confusing and unpopular.

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

In anticipation, we thank you for your consideration, understanding and support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr & Mrs D M Trotman
This is to let you know that I am happy with the current draft in which Walton South does not appear to be split.

I live in [redacted] and I would not like to see the Ward split and would request that under the new proposals, Walton South remains intact, with [redacted] being part of Walton South.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Trueman

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Comment text:

If democracy is about choice, then we need to vote on these proposed boundary changes. Having already placed my vote for an MP and Councillor this year why is it even legal to force that decision to be changed if the boundary changes mean I’m in a different Ward (Councillor) and different District (MP) from the one I just voted for? Dictatorship should not be in our way of life, and making these ward and boundary changes without a vote by those impacted is in effect dictatorship. Allow us to vote on this matter. Keeping the boundaries and wards are they are, or to change to the new proposal. Just don’t dictate. some obvious questions arise, will this mean I no longer live in ElmBridge area? Will I no longer live in Weybridge (but in Walton)? Will this impact my Council tax band? (If so, what is that impact)? Will this impact the services I currently receive (what impact)?Will it impact the value of my property?

Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded
Dear Sir,

**Electoral Review of Elmbridge – Hinchley Wood**

As a resident of the Hinchley Wood Ward I am grateful that the Boundary Commission has rejected the Borough Council’s suggestion the ward be split in two half linking with Long Ditton and the other half with Western Green.

But in spite of this, I still think there is a case for an exception to the rule that wards should be of such a size that they require three councillors, and that Hinchley Wood should be one of these exceptions for the following reasons:

1. From the governance point of view, linking Hinchley Wood with Western Green could mean two quite different types of communities having councillors with little affinity with one group or the other, as Hinchley Wood is an almost uniquely a 1930’s development with mainly commuter residents, while Weston Green is an older establishment with a more varied type of resident.

2. Residents living on the Lynwood and Woodfield estate would be come under councillors from Long Ditton in spite of them being within the Hinchley Wood area for their transportation (rail station), church, schools and shops.

3. Our only recreation ground, the scout and guide headquarters, and our most popular allotments would be outside the Hinchley Wood Ward.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Roy Turner