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Feature Annotations

Map Features:

Annotation 1: 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 so that Lynwood Road Estate is in Hinchley Wood & Weston Green Ward.

Comment text:

Our objections to the proposed ward boundary between Hinchley Wood & Weston Green Ward and Long Ditton Ward and the rationale for the above proposals are set out in the submitted document.

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13 August 2015

Dear Sirs

Subject: Proposals for ward boundaries in Elmbridge affecting Lynwood Road

The LRRA Board objects 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 our 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 our “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 that places the Lynwood Road Estate 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 the Lynwood Road Estate 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.

Our 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 the Lynwood Road Estate is in the Hinchley Wood & Weston Green Ward.

Yours faithfully

The Directors of Lynwood Road Residents Association