

East Hampshire District**Personal Details:****Name:** LAETITIA PIENAAR**E-mail:** **Postcode:** **Organisation Name:** EHDC**Comment text:**

I am writing as one of two District Councillors for Liss ward. I am in favour of the ward boundary following the lines of the Parish boundary (ie including Liss Forest), as proposed by the Boundary Commission. I do not support the inclusion of Greatham within the Liss ward. The proposal for Greatham to be included in a ward with Whitehill Hogmoor is more feasible. 1. Liss Forest fits naturally with Liss, as it falls within the Liss Parish Boundary and it conforms with the BC's statutory criteria reflecting community interests and identity. 2. This proposal is also within the BC's criteria of equality of representation being +7% more than average. 3. Providing for effective and convenient local government, this is a reasonably compact rural area, perfectly manageable for a dual member ward. I also support the retention of a dual member ward. Liss and Liss Forest does not split conveniently or fairly - whilst individual resident's concerns can be easily dealt with, there are larger issues - like flood risk management and speed limits - which are constantly being reviewed within the community and where a joint approach is needed. These types of concerns require a community effort and typically generate a lot of work for the people involved, including the District Councillors. In my experience of sharing the patch, this workload is more easily and more conveniently managed when the concerns are divided between the two councillors so that both Councillors do not have to attend all meetings, for example. EHDC is now proposing that Greatham be added to Liss (and Liss Forest) and I object to this idea for the following reasons:

- This suggested ward would be +20.7% above the average on the Commission's 2023 projected numbers;
- In addition, the numbers for 2023 allow for virtually no growth in either Liss Forest or Greatham, whilst in Liss it allows for an increase of a mere 124 electors; whilst the Liss Neighbourhood Plan (recently approved by electors in Referendum with only one last hurdle to clear) provides for 150 green field dwellings and 136 windfalls - the developers are already hard at work towards realising the proposed developments.
- Such an increased ward would result in great competition within the communities for the councillors' time and resources (for example Council grant funding budgets). Contrary to the statutory criteria of administrative convenience.
- It would also include a second parish council within the ward, again increasing councillors work load. Should Greatham be removed from Hogmoor ward (as proposed by EHDC), it would make that ward much too small and not accord with the criteria. It would also be to the detriment of Liss.

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