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Dear Commission,

I am writing about the Boundary Commission's draft proposals for Elmbridge Borough Council.

I've been a Councillor for Walton North ward since 2007 and I've lived in Fieldcommon, a close-knit community off Molesey Road, since 1992. As a resident and Councillor for my community I would like to comment on your proposal to put Fieldcommon in the new Walton North ward. In the current and proposed arrangements, Fieldcommon is separated from the rest of Walton North by the reservoir. To drive to the rest of my ward from my house I have to drive through Walton Ambleside at the moment (about a mile and a half) or via Molesey Road then Walton Road (going into Molesey South) and between the reservoirs. This separation is not good for residents or me as a Councillor. It's a ward of two unconnected halves separated by a reservoir and other wards. I don't think it's right you have to drive through another ward to get to the other part of the same ward.

This situation would not change under your proposals, with the Rydens part of the current Walton Ambleside becoming Walton South. The problems we have now would only continue and I see this as a good opportunity to make change for the better. I'd like to suggest Fieldcommon be moved to the new Walton South. Many of the issues that affect me and all Fieldcommon residents - like the nearby industrial estate and traffic and the threat of a residential development on the Green Belt next to Fieldcommon Lane - also affect the Rydens area. They don't affect the rest of Walton North in the same way as they are far from it. Our nearest convenience stores, outside of the one in Fieldcommon itself, are on Molesey Road in Walton South. The rest of Walton North has its own local shopping centres. Like the Rydens area, our nearest train station is Hershams. Crucially though we would be connected to the rest of our ward - there are no barriers of any kind between the proposed Walton South and Fieldcommon. It would be a cohesive, connected ward with Fieldcommon not out on a limb as proposed but fully accessible and included with the rest of its ward. It would be a more logical boundary that residents could identify.

I would urge you to consider moving Fieldcommon to the new Walton South for the reasons above.

Kind Regards,

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