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Review Officer (Elmbridge)  
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Hinchley Wood Ward (at present)

Dear Sir

First and foremost I would like to thank you for proposing that Hinchley Wood should remain as one, and not split between two other wards, we are a strong community, with good transport links, schools, shops, and local Church, what more could one wish for. As the local councillor for the past 21 years I have seen many changes in the growth in our village.

In 2000 the LGBC decided to reduce Hinchley Wood by 1/3 and reduce our councillors for 3 to 2. The effects on our village were quite substantial as it meant that 1/3 of the parish of Hinchley Wood was placed in Long Ditton. I know this is not your problem but the general public do not understand the difference between parish, ward, and village boundaries.

Our local Church has only just recovered and is now on the road to recovery, this was very much due to the fact that we have had 2 new large developments built, one of which is Lynwood Road Estate, these residents have merged well within the village, and yet again you are planning to put this area into Long Ditton.

This mystifies the residents and I am also very very concerned.

Part of this area is home to our local Scouts, Guides, and Brownies, also our local allotments and our recreation ground, If this area goes into Long Ditton this will mean that Hinchley Wood is without these facilities and Long Ditton will have 2 of each of the for mentioned. ( If there were any problems or concerns in these area it would be the Long Ditton's councillor responsibility, this does not make sense as it is in the middle of Hinchley Wood )

The Lynwood Estate sits right next to Hinchley Wood station and this is why it is very popular with the commuters that live on this estate, it also is very near to the Hinchley Wood Schools, both of these facilities are a footpath 5 minute walk away, no need for cars. !!!

There are approximately 384 residents on this estate, and it was very much designed I remember to include social cohesion with the village of Hinchley Wood and being very close to all the local facilities, it does not make sense to put it into Long Ditton with the centre of their village a mile away.

The other part of the bubble is Brooklands Road ,Paget Place, Brunswick and Portsmouth Roads, these roads total some 120 residents, these residents in essence are nearer to Thames Ditton and in fact have a Thames Ditton address .

I am very much aware of that the population number in Hinchley Wood is higher than the surrounding villages, but this is because of the railway links with London are so good , and people do not have to use a car. (in fact we do not have a car park so people have to walk ) Hinchley Wood was planned this way some 85 years ago.

I know it is a lot to ask but could you please look at this BUBBLE AREA again, our village is very important to us and so are the residents, this is why we have such a large turnout at election time.

Yours truly



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Hinchley Wood Ward