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Hinchley Wood Residents' Association

(Founded 1932)

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

Dear Sir

Elmbridge review

Hinchley Wood Residents' Association (HWRA) represents a significant proportion of the present ward's electorate and sponsors 2 Borough Councillors.

We are pleased the Boundary Commission responded to letters from our residents and recognizes that, within its well defined borders, Hinchley Wood is indeed a tightly knit community, but are disappointed to note that a similar logic did not apply to "Lynwood Road and adjoining roads" which area will be transferred to Long Ditton ward. On behalf of the residents of those roads we hope that the Boundary Commission might reconsider this issue.

One effect of this latter decision is that Hinchley Wood will lose, not only a significant area of open space, but:

- its only Recreation ground with children's play area
- an Allotment Association and
- the Scout/ Guide movement meeting place,

to a ward which already boasts examples of such community assets. As these facilities are accessible to local residents by footbridges and used regularly by the community, we ask the Boundary Commission to consider designating these socially important resources as within Hinchley Wood & Weston Green ward (#14), by adopting the extremities of the open space bordering Lynwood Road as the ward boundary, rather than the railway. This proposal does not necessitate upsetting the warding pattern proposed.

The proposed extension of the western boundary of the former Weston Green ward along Douglas Road as far as Arran Way to accommodate the retention of Cranmere School within the ward, is acceptable to HWRA, but HWRA is opposed to the proposal to include the bulk of Lower Green in the new warding arrangement, this community having been, for many years, part of Esher ward.

Yours faithfully

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(Chairman)

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