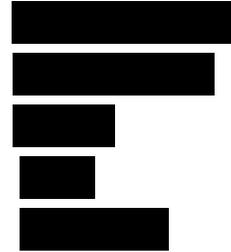


# Carpenders Park Residents' Association

The Review Officer(Three Rivers)  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
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Mrs Bobbie Wilson



Dear Sir

14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2013

As the Chair of the Carpenders Park Residents' Association I am representing the wishes of our Community in regards to the proposal by Three Rivers District Council to alter our Parish Council Boundary.

Our residents are against the proposal to divide Carpenders Park in two and thereby amalgamate our estate into wards with which we have no connection. Carpenders Park has a strong separate identity and wish to remain as a united Ward. The estate was built before the Second World War and certainly before either South Oxhey or Oxhey Hall was developed.

Carpenders Park has its own school, Church, Community Hall, shops as well as a medical centre, and even the Station is named Carpenders Park.

Three Rivers District Council, having agreed to the changing of the boundary for the election of an M.P. for Carpenders Park, appears took the railway line as a demarcation to separate the estate from South Oxhey and thus to change our representation in Parliament to come under the Hertsmere Ward instead of Watford. Now, the District Council wants to change the boundary line this time to a stream that passes through part of our estate. This makes no sense to our residents as the railway line has always been recognised as the boundary in the past.

Our Residents' Assoc. began over 70yrs.ago showing an extremely committed sense of our own identity in Carpenders Park and we wish to remain as one Ward. We want Councillors to represent the needs of Carpenders Park residents and this proposed change would negate our opportunity to oppose anything detrimental to our estate.

We have no connection whatsoever to Oxhey Hall Ward as has been stated on the document from Three Rivers District Council regarding Watford Rural Parish Area Proposal in paragraph 6. Geographically it would make more sense to unite Carpenders Park ward with the Ashridge DCG

Ward. Part of this ward was built latterly and therefore has no particular loyalty to South Oxhey. It is also in close proximity to Carpenders Park. According to the May 2012 elections we have an electorate of 4,100 combined with the Ashridge DCG ward this would give us the requisite number of electorate.

The Assoc. would also like to point out that we would not have a separate estate representative to put forward opposition to any planning applications that could well destroy our close knit community.

We feel this change to our boundary is purely a political move to maintain a continuity of Liberal Democrat control over both Parish and District Council, without considering residents wishes in this matter, as so far to date, I have had no information on this matter from Three Rivers District Council. In the past our community has proved very vocal in our opposition to various proposals put forward by District Council which we felt would be damaging to our estate, and without our own local Councillors to represent us we would be unable to protect our interests successfully.

It would probably be better for South Oxhey to amalgamate some their own Wards rather than divide a Ward that has a very strong loyalty to Carpenders Park. Our residents have responded in a complete opposition to the proposal to divide our estate into two separate Wards.

Once more I would like to reiterate that we have an electorate of 4,100. This figure is close to the number needed. If we were to be split into two Wards this would deprive Carpenders Park of their democratic right to vote on matters that relate to the estate as a whole.

I hope this letter gives you an understanding of our situation in this matter, and that you treat with sympathy our strong desire to remain as one united ward in Carpenders Park.

Bobbie Wilson  
(Chair)