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Comment text:

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conforms with the BC's statutory criteria reflecting community interests and identity. This proposal is also within the BC's criteria of equality of representation
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24 years. My fellow councillor (not a Conservative councillor), discussed at length how we could possibly split Liss and came to the conclusion that it would not
work. We also found that there were great advantages of being a dual member ward as if one was away or ill, the people of Liss continued to be represented.
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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
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