



Thames Ditton & Weston Green Residents' Association (Founded 1934)

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

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Dear Sir/Madam

Elmbridge Electoral Review – Proposals for Weston Green

Further to our submission regarding changes to Thames Ditton Ward, I write on behalf of the Thames Ditton & Weston Green Residents Association regarding the proposals for Weston Green. The Association, established in 1934, is a non-party-political organisation concerned with protecting the amenities and furthering the interests of the inhabitants of Thames Ditton and Weston Green. We have over 1,100 subscribing households representing some 2,360 members.

Our primary recommendation, as supported by Elmbridge Borough Council is that the Boundary Commission proposal should be amended so that the new Hinchley Wood & Weston Green Ward be further extended to take in the part of the Esher Ward known as Lower Green, north of the railway line, owing to the fact that the two communities have strong geographic, social and educational ties.

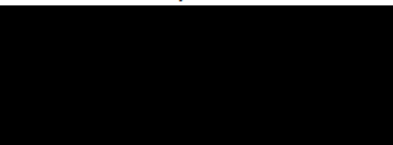
We fully support the wishes of the Head Teacher and governors of Cranmere School that the school should be in the new ward of Hinchley Wood & Weston Green following its 2016 relocation to Arran Way, Esher, so that the current valuable support and important community links, built over many years, are retained. The PTA and board of governors of this school have traditionally included Weston Green parents and residents, demonstrating its strong links to Weston Green.

Cranmere School is currently affiliated with the church of All Saints', Weston Green, and there are strong current and historical ties between members of All Saints' Weston and families in Lower Green who see Weston Green as their natural local church. Additionally, the Foodbank that operates from All Saints' Weston also serves Lower Green.

Lower Green currently shares a number of other shops, travel links, and amenities with Weston Green, and we see that a number of residents of Weston Green work in Lower Green, and vice versa.

Given these strong links between the two communities, we feel that the natural location for Lower Green would be for it to be combined with Weston Green, and placed in the new Hinchley Wood & Weston Green Ward.

Yours faithfully,



Rhodri Richards
Chairman, Thames Ditton & Weston Green Residents' Association