Local resident submissions to the Woking Borough Council electoral review

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Woking District

Personal Details:

Name: C Tann
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name: Resident

Comment text:

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Dear Sir/Madam

Submission made in response to consultation on the Woking Boundary Review

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<td>Transport links – are there good links across the ward?</td>
<td>Not met. Infrequent bus service through Sheerwater from A245, used to get to Woking Town Centre if required.</td>
<td>Met. Natural walking routes join the three streets in question to West Byfleet Station, not to Sheerwater.</td>
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<td>Is there a community Group presenting the area?</td>
<td>No – not part of the Sheerwater community.</td>
<td>Yes. Residents Association covers Three Villages of Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford with a strong community identity and mutual support structure.</td>
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<td>Does ward reflect where local people go for shops, medical facilities, leisure etc?</td>
<td>No – there is no need for three avenues to use facilities further away when West Byfleet’s are walking distance.</td>
<td>Yes. West Byfleet Medical Centre, comprehensive range of shops, services, library, eating and drinking.</td>
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<td>What issues bind the community together or separate it from other parts of area?</td>
<td>High separation. Sheerwater is an urban high density environment, the three avenues are not. Councillors representing Sheerwater will have a very important set of priorities as it is improved through the Regeneration project. The three avenues from West Byfleet would be at risk of being overlooked.</td>
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<td>Are there natural or constructed strong boundaries for the ward?</td>
<td>Not supported. The railway line cuts through existing community of West Byfleet and should not be used to further divide Old Avenue from its community neighbours. Hollies and Woodlands Avenues, being on other side of A245 from Sheerwater are not part of it either.</td>
<td>Any natural or constructed boundary should only be used when it supports other causes for separation. The draft report has already stated that the Council’s view is that M25 and Wey navigation are no barrier to the connection of Byfleet and West Byfleet (para 52). Hence can see no objection to Old Avenue remaining with West Byfleet. A245 forms appropriate boundary in relation to Hollies and Woodlands.</td>
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Electoral Equality

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Alternatively the roads could be split between West Byfleet and Pyrford – (option 4).

Option 2 is my preferred option but all of the above options would meet electoral equality and community identity better than Option 1, the LGBC draft proposal, and I object to the current draft proposal.

Yours sincerely

Catherine Tann
Woking District

Personal Details:

Name: Greg Taylor
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]

Organisation Name: [REDACTED]

Comment text:

As we have more in common with Horsell we prefer that Woodham join with Horsell to form a three councillor ward. Andrew, Susan and Greg Taylor

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Personal Details:

Name: john taylor
E-mail: 
Postcode: 

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

There is a natural barrier the basinstoke canal which seperates Woodham from Sheerwater with only a bridge at ether end heavy congestion would be inevetable if woodham were to use facilities in Sheerwater. Woodham is an area of low density housing Sheerwater high density with a transient population and government funded housing. Culturally the two areas have nothing in common and it is doubtful that in future exchange would take place. Woodham has everything in common with Horsell nothing with Sheerwater it would make more sense for Sheerwater to be joined to maybury and westbyfleet. The value of houses would fall if woodham ceased to exist I am sure the BC will make up the shortfall. The BC should stop making remote descions that affect local areas and let woking councils proposals prevail. This is nothing but a crude attempt to enhance the new sheerwater regen scheme pls leave it alone I vigorously oppose it and will seek compensation if it goes a head

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Dear Madam / Sir,

I am a resident of Woodham in Woking Borough and am writing to tell you that I strongly object to the proposal of merging the community of Woodham with that of Sheerwater as part of the electoral boundaries review.

Sheerwater is one of the most deprived areas in Surrey, whereas Woodham is not. Both areas have their unique problems, aspirations and local issues.

Merging the two areas into one electoral unit will inevitably favour one of the opposing local agendas over the other, or end up in unstable and ineffective local representation over time.

Merging Woodham with the Horsell ward makes a lot of sense to me.

Kind regards

Roland W Tegeder
Dear Sir

We have taken an active interest in the proposed boundary changes for Woking Borough Council and were satisfied with the Council’s original proposals for our particular area. We reside in [redacted] which is currently in Horsell West. The area in which we live has always been in Horsell - it is north of the canal, has a Horsell postcode (and is in the parish of St Mary’s Horsell. We have been well served over the years by our local elected Councillors from both Conservative and Liberal Democrat and our neighbourhood is similar to that found in the rest of Horsell.

We were, however, dismayed to find that the Boundary Commission decided to override the sensible approach that WBC took when looking at changes to ward boundaries - keeping like areas together. We now find that the Boundary Commission has placed our area in Sheerwater - a neighbourhood which is not geographically linked to ours and has no synergies with ours - in an effort, it appears, to balance the numbers, very much in the way that straight line boundaries were drawn up in the nineteenth century in Africa where no thought was taken into account of historic synergies. In effect the Boundary Commission will be disenfranchising the people in the Broomhall, Ferndale, Grove area as these areas have nothing in common with the Sheerwater area, so representatives elected by the proposed new Sheerwater ward will not be in any way representative of the Broomhall, Ferndale, Grove, which are so clearly a part of Horsell.

We hope the Boundary Commission will reconsider and see the sense in keeping the Broomhall, Ferndale and Grove areas in the Horsell ward and if numbers need to be ‘balanced’, they should come from areas which are closer geographically to Sheerwater and similar in nature, so better reflecting the area as a whole.

Yours faithfully
Christopher and Mary Temple
Woking District

Personal Details:

Name: Hetty ter Haar
E-mail: oldavenue@gmail.com
Postcode: KT14 6AE

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

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Postcode: [redacted]
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Personal Details:

Name: Jane Thompson
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

It has been proposed that Woodham should be removed from Horsell and joined with Sheerwater to make numbers more equal. I think this has not been carefully thought out by anyone with knowledge of the area. We have so much more in common with Horsell, both geographically and socially. Sheerwater is separated from us by the canal, whereas Horsell is often more convenient even than Woking town centre for shopping. Sheerwater is one of the least privileged areas in the South East outside London, so their needs and ours cannot be met by the same local government plan. They have a significantly higher crime rate, which may unfairly bias our insurance premiums. I hope this will be reconsidered and sense will prevail.

Jane Thompson, [REDACTED]

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Dear Sir,

I wish to register my objection to the proposed boundary change for Woodham. I believe that Woodham should stay with Horsell. Sheerwater should be a separate ward or attached to Maybury, the needs of Sheerwater are completely different to those of the Woodham area. The canal is a natural boundary. The regeneration of Sheerwater will not change the social problems of Sheerwater and instead of wasting public money on the boundary change, I believe the money should be used to support the people of Sheerwater.

Kind regards,
Margaret Thompson.
To: The Review Officer (Woking)
The Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Layden House
76-786 Turnmill Street
London EC1M 5LG

Re: Borough Boundary Review Consultation
In particular for Boundary Changes to Horsell West in October 2014

From ........................................................................................................

Address ..............................................................................................

The Boundary Commission for England are proposing to re-align the Boundaries to existing Wards with for the purposes set out in the Boundary Commission Policy Doc.

I/we wish to strongly object to the proposal to remove the part locally Listed and Conservation Area of the Broomhalls and part Brewery Road area from the existing Local Horsell West Ward and include the area into the proposed Sheerwater (Canal Side) Ward. The area requested currently lies within the existing boundary to Horsell West.

The Proposal is contrary to the Boundary Commissions intentions as set out in their policy document.

Here is a summary of some of the reasons for my/our objection:-

- Our area is of little significance in terms of electoral numbers BUT would make a vast difference to us who have lived in the area for generations as part of the local Horsell Village, it would destroy the sense of Village Community in the area.
- We would lose the Village cohesion that is part of the Heritage and Heritage of Horsell eg. children & parents attending the same school or Church for generations.
- In this area we help with organising Horsell Village Events and use the facilities within area above as part of the Horsell.
- Residents use local Horsell Shops and other local services in Horsell
- Our sense of character of the area has evolved with generations living for over 150 years & belonging to Horsell Village.
- In this area we help organise Horsell Community Events eg. Safari Gardens, Fund Raising for Horsell Village Hall, Scout & Girl Guide organisations, the annual Horsell Village Fair etc..
- We meet together at Horsell Schools, Doctors, Dentist, Churches & services - all central to our sense of Village Community.

- Horsell Village area and Sheerwater area do not share the same Geographical, Social, Economic or Political backgrounds.
- Horsell Village area and Sheerwater area do not share the same Heritage.
- Horsell is separated geographically and economically by the Light Industrial Units of Maybury & Sheerwater along the Canal.
- The number of residents in the Broomhall & part Brewery Road area is INSIGNIFICANT with regards to the overall numbers required for the proposed Ward
- There are no Community Associations with Sheerwater or the proposed Canal Side Ward.

Signed.................................................................Date 27/9/2014

Name printed........................................................................................................

PTO
Our letters of objection do matter. The letters of objection need to be received by The Boundary Commission before the

6 October 2014.

Please urgently complete the above and either/or:-

1. Scan and sign this letter and email to: reviews@lgbce.org.uk
   or 2. Use the context of this letter and adjust for your own objection letter & submit.
   or 3. Sign this letter & hand deliver to
   or 4. Post direct to The Boundary Commission at the above address.

Let's TRY & keep Us in Horsell!

Kathy McCloskey & John Bingham.

tel
email:
Woking District

Personal Details:

Name: Roger Thompson
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

I have attempted to redraw improved boundaries to the proposed Sheerwater ward on your map. In summary, the area to the north of the Basingstoke Canal is replaced with one to the south of the railway, following the present Maybury and Sheerwater boundary. The area to the north of the Basingstoke canal is completely separated from the area to the south except at the extreme ends, and because of this, has little sense of identity with the area to the south. The area to the south of the railway has much more interaction with the area immediately to the north, despite the single access through the railway bridge. This can be observed on a daily basis, and is reflected in the Maybury and Sheerwater ward boundary.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to strongly oppose the proposal to break up the present West Byfleet Ward and in particular the proposal to place Old Avenue, Hollies Avenue and Woodlands Avenue in the new Sheerwater Ward.

I am a resident of and identify with the West Byfleet community, not Sheerwater. I do not believe that the interests of Old Avenue, Hollies Avenue and Woodlands Avenue residents would be fairly represented or adequately met within the new Sheerwater Ward, we would be a disparate minority.

Like many residents of Old Avenue, Hollies Avenue and Woodlands Avenue I use many of the services and businesses in West Byfleet, namely;

- West Byfleet Railway Station
- Taxi Services
- Health Centre
- Local Shops - food and other
- Post Office
- Local Businesses i.e. Solicitor
- Restaurants and Cafes
- Library
- Health Club
- Banks
- Church
- Petrol Station
- Veterinary Practice
- Recreation Ground

I do not use any of the Sheerwater services.

Although the map view may suggest a natural boundary encompassing Old Avenue, Hollies Avenue and Woodlands Avenue this is definitely not the case when viewed from the ground. The Sheerwater Estate is a clearly defined area, both geographically and architecturally. Built post war, it will undoubtedly benefit from the Sheerwater Regeneration Scheme but at the same time it will become a more urban and more densely populated area with the addition of 500 new homes. In comparison, Old Avenue is a quiet tree lined "no through road" with some original Arts & Craft style houses, Woking Borough Council recognise it a being an area of local conservation.

I see no reason why the Sheerwater Estate should not be a separate ward;
- there is a strong and easily identifiable boundary,
- there is a local community in terms of shops, churches, a school, transport links, businesses, health services and community groups etc,
- the electorate will increase considerably with the addition of 500 new homes under the Sheerwater Regeneration Plan.

I'm sure the interests of the Sheerwater community would be better served by local government if a Sheerwater Ward is created but Old Avenue, Hollies Avenue and Woodlands Avenue are not part of that community and we would be better served by remaining in the West Byfleet Ward.

Yours faithfully,

Carolyn Thornton
Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to ask you to reconsider your plans for Woodlands Ave to be included in the Sheetwater Boundary. We are part of the three villages of West Byfleet, Pyrford and Byfleet and wish to remain so. We are nothing to do with Sheetwater. I am in my eighties and have lived in Woodlands Ave for over 58 years. I have never used any facilities in Sheetwater or had any reason to. My church, health centre and all amenities I use are in West Byfleet. To take the three roads of Woodlands Ave, Hollies Ave, and Old Ave, such a small area and decide us from the rest of West Byfleet is unthinkable. I would prefer to be represented by Borough Councillors who have a major interest in West Byfleet and all its concerns.

I feel so strongly about this. I'm not very good at putting into words how I feel. Please, I want to lodge my objection and ask once again for you to leave us as we are. We are and always will be West Byfleet.

Yours faithfully,

(Mr's)
Electoral arrangements for Woking Borough Council.

Dear Sir/Madam

We wish to submit our objection to the proposed electoral boundary changes relating to the area KT14 6AP.

This area is served well by West Byfleet and its local councillors

These properties have easy access to West Byfleet, its Health Centre, the Library, the churches of different faiths and their community halls.

The Recreation Park next to the Primary School supports local sporting facilities and clubs as well as regular Parish events.

The area also has an active Residents’ Association which includes West Byfleet, Pyford and Byfleet.

We request that the area remains in the ward of West Byfleet.

Yours faithfully,

Alan and Janet Thorpe.
We wish to submit our opposition to the proposed boundary changes affecting the postcode [redacted].

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We request the Electoral Boundary remains as West Byfleet.

Alan and Janet Thorpe
Dear Sirs,

Re:- Woking Borough Council New Electoral Arrangements

We have recently received and studied the map for the above and object to these boundary changes very strongly.

We believe that the roads to the north of Sheerwater Road should be within the Byfleet & West Byfleet District. These include Hollies Avenue, Woodlands Avenue, Old Avenue, Silver Birch Close and Holm Close.

We understand that one of the reasons behind these proposals is to even out the number of voters per ward. However, there are major demographic differences between Sheerwater and West Byfleet. Sheerwater is a high density social housing estate consisting mainly of terraced houses and blocks of flats built in the 1960s whilst the affected roads in West Byfleet mainly consist mainly of 1930s detached houses and bungalows with those in Old Avenue being of particularly high value. The areas are like two different worlds.

As West Byfleet residents, we are more concerned about what happens in our own town than in Sheerwater. Therefore, if we come under the Sheerwater ward, we will not have any input into what goes on in West Byfleet. We also do not believe that the residents of Sheerwater would like those in West Byfleet to have any input into what happens in their area. We also believe that the changes would have a negative effect on the value of our property as well as our car and home insurance premiums.

We are regular voters and take great pride in voting in all local and national elections. We feel very connected to our town and to our elected representatives as they represent the town in which we live. If we have to now vote for Sheerwater ward, we do not believe that we would be represented as well by and feel as close to those representatives as 95% of their ward would be the Sheerwater estate and we don't live there.

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Yours faithfully

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Yours faithfully

Mr S Thrussell & Miss C Mulvihill
Woking District

Personal Details:

Name: John Tiller
E-mail: 
Postcode: 

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

I strongly disagree with the proposals in the way they treat West Byfleet. This is the second largest centre outside Woking itself, and yet for the sake of administrative tidiness it is being split into three. The proposals should be amended to ensure that West Byfleet is a single ward.

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Review Officer (Woking)
The Local Government Boundary Commission
Layden House
76-86 Turnmill Street
London EC1M 5LG

30th September 2014

Dear Sir

**Proposed Changes to Woking Ward Boundaries**

We write to object to the proposals to include The Grove and Ferndale Road within the Sheerwater Ward.

This proposal does not consider the loss of our identity and the strong community ties and relationships that we have with Horsell. Relationships that have been bonded over many years and in many cases, over generations. Not to mention the fledgling relationships that our children have formed at pre-schools, schools, clubs and social circles ....... all in HORESELL.

The Grove and Ferndale Road are part of the Wheatsheaf Conservation Area which has a strong relationship with other parts of Horsell both architecturally, historically and socially. There is no such relationship with Sheerwater.

We appeal to you to recognise the huge importance of these LOCAL TIES. We have a strong community here. Please do not break it up.

Mr & Mrs Tomlin
Dear Sir

May we object in the strongest possible terms to your proposal to take Woodham out of the Woodham and Horsell East ward and putting into a new larger Sheerwater ward.

Your own criteria suggests this is a ludicrous proposal on many fronts and using your headings:

1. There are no transport links between Woodham and Sheerwater - the areas are separated by the Basingstoke canal with crossing points only at the extreme ends of the wards.

2. There is no, and never would or could be, combined area representation or any sense of neighbourhood in any context. The residents in Sheerwater are in a totally different socio-economic group.

3. Residents of Woodham would never shop in Sheerwater. Local purchases would be made in either Horsell village or West Byfleet, with larger needs being met in Woking town centre. Leaving aside the poor quality of the shops in Sheerwater, all of the foregoing locations are more convenient.

4. See 2 above re difference in socio economic groups.

5. See 1 above re division of your proposed new ward by the Basingstoke canal.

You refer to electoral numbers. An arithmetical analysis of your numbers indicate that keeping the status quo results in no, or very little, imbalance.

In addition, are you aware that there is a major regeneration scheme planned for Sheerwater, with a large number of new residences planned which would affect electoral numbers?

It is self evident from your own documentation and the contradictions contained therein, that your proposal is ill thought out and should be revisited.

On a personal front, we object to the possibility of having the same Councillors as the residents in Sheerwater, with whom we have nothing in common,

Yours faithfully

Christopher and Jill Towlson - long standing Woodham residents.
Dear Review Officer,

My name is Simon Trick and I am writing on behalf of myself and my wife, Mrs Farnaz Trick. We live at

We should like to express the view that Woodham should stay with Horsell Ward and not be put into Sheerwater Ward.

Our reasons are as follows:

1) There is a natural barrier between Sheerwater and Woodham: the Basingstoke Canal. This Canal keeps Woodham on the same line or geographical side as Horsell. The Canal is only crossed at the far ends of the proposed ward of Sheerwater/Woodham. There is no such barrier with Horsell and Woodham.

2) The two communities (Woodham and Horsell) are demographically very similar and so the communities have a lot in common; Woodham and Sheerwater are very different so the two communities have nothing to unite them and there is no sense of neighbourhood between them. Woking Council agrees that to have Woodham and Horsell together would provide a cohesive locality, with broad demographic and geographic similarities.

3) It is also an unfortunate fact that the crime rate in Woking is high in Sheerwater, whereas in Woodham and Horsell it is practically non-existent. We were, however, once the victims of crime by some individuals from Sheerwater who damaged our property and that of a neighbour on Priory Close.

4) Sadly, due to the aforementioned point, people will, if Woodham is joined with Sheerwater, associate our area (Woodham) with an area that is known for criminal activity and that will certainly have a negative effect on prices of houses in our area.

These are our views and we sincerely hope that you take them into consideration, along with the many other Woodham residents who share our opinions.

Yours faithfully,

Simon and Farnaz Trick
To Whom it May Concern,

As a resident of Old Avenue Close, I am writing to strongly object to the proposals to move the boundary line to include us in Sheerwater.

I have been a resident of West Byfleet for the last 17 years. When we moved house 4 years ago we deliberately chose a property that was within West Byfleet. The address was and still is very important to us and helps to maintain the value of our property. We are regular visitors to West Byfleet village for the shops, the station, the library, the doctors surgery etc. My 3 children all attended the West Byfleet infant and junior school. It has been part of our identity for many years and I would like it to remain so.

I believe that the council represents our interests as a community and identifies with us. The newly proposed Sheerwater council would need to represent a much broader community and I believe our interests would therefore not necessarily be properly represented.

Yours faithfully

Lucy Trustam
Dear Sir or Madam,

I write to you as a concerned resident of .

I am alarmed at the proposal to join Woodham with Maybury and Shearwater. Whilst I appreciate the need to balance numbers of electors in the ward, there simply is little commonality between these communities. This applies to most issues that would be dealt with at a local level. Whilst the communities are geographically close, the Basingstoke Canal forms a natural division.

I maintain that the interests of Woodham would be better served by the original proposal to join with Horsell, and that the interests of Maybury and Shearwater would also better better served by not being diluted by a group with very different interests. If there is to be any value from local councils and councillors then they must the representative of their communities, and making such a diverse grouping as Woodham, Maybury and Shearwater does not serve that purpose. Residents of Woodham, like me, would feel disenfranchised.

I hope you will take this view into account.

regards

Dr R F Tucker
Starkie, Emily

From: Sarah
Sent: 28 September 2014 14:44
To: reviews@lgbce.org.uk
Subject: Proposed boundary changes woodham/sheewater

" <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I write to you as a resident of who is concerned about the proposed boundary changes.

I am alarmed at the proposal to join Woodham with Maybury/Shearwater. There is little or no link between these communities. This applies to most issues that would be dealt with at a local level. I never visit Sheerwater, nor indeed do I drive through it, however I visit Horsell regularly and therefore the local issues of the Horsell area could greatly affect me.

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I hope you will take my view into account when relooking at these boundary changes

Yours

Sarah Tucker
**Woking District**

**Personal Details:**

- **Name:** Claire Turner
- **Email:** [REDACTED]
- **Postcode:** [REDACTED]

**Organisation Name:**

**Comment text:**

I am a Woodham resident and have been for the last 25 years. I am concerned to see the proposal to change the ward boundaries so that Woodham is removed from the Horsell ward and joined with Sheerwater. Woodham and Sheerwater are separated by the Basingstoke Canal which is only crossed at the extreme ends if the ward. These two communities are vastly different. I understand that Sheerwater is one of the most deprived parts of Surrey with a large ethnic community. Woodham comprises a more affluent area of housing and population with a vastly different demographic. Surely the needs and views of these two communities are poles apart. I am strongly opposed to Woodham joining Sheerwater to form a 3 councillor ward.

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I am also against the removal of the name Woodham from the proposed names of the new wards.

The Basingstoke Canal separates Woodham from Sheerwater which is crossed only at the extreme ends of the ward and as a result there is little or no communality of interests and no sense of neighbourhood between the two areas.

The A245 between Woodham and Sheerwater is a major route which suffers from heavy traffic particularly at peak times and is one of the roads that is a part of a route management study. Travel between the two areas is therefore difficult.

There are many community affinities between Woodham and Horsell as both are predominantly prosperous, residential leafy suburbs containing mostly detached housing with many private roads.

I consider the proposals submitted to you by Woking Borough Council to be sensible, particularly as they make a real attempt to retain the natural cohesion between the historic areas of Horsell and Woodham.

Yours faithfully,

Deirdre Turner
Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you today because I am opposed to the amendment made by the Local Government Boundary Commission to take Woodham out of the Horsell Ward and instead adjoin it with Sheerwater to form a three councillor Sheerwater Ward. I am a 20 year old female who has grown up in Woodham. It is very much a community of its own and for this reason I feel its name should not be removed from the proposed names of the new wards. I think that would be erasing its status as an established residential area in its own right.

I am not going to drone on about the boundaries between Sheerwater and Woodham which I am sure you are well aware of – but I do want to stress that there is literally no sense of of neighbourhood between the two areas, simply because there is no overlap geographically! It seems bizarre to just adjoin these two very separate areas when in comparison there is a natural cohesion between the historic areas of Horsell and Woodham.

I hope you will bear in mind my thoughts.

Yours faithfully,

Josephine Turner

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Yours faithfully,

Michael Turner
Chairman
Woodham Waye Resident’s Association
**Woking District**

**Personal Details:**

- **Name:** Alicia Turone
- **E-mail:** [redacted]
- **Postcode:** [redacted]

**Organisation Name:**

**Comment text:**

I live down [redacted], West Byfleet and really shocked and upset that you want to make us Sheerwater. A few reasons why. : We regularly go to the local catholic church in west byfleet. Which my daughter attends the Marist school which again is in west byfleet. : I go shopping in west byfleet using all the local shops as I am local and want to support my local community. : We go to the local doctors west byfleet health centre. Also not happy we have a lovely 4 bedroom detached house which cost us a lot of money. We will loose as our house will devalue leaving in sheerwater. As sheerwater is mostly full of council houses and people leaving on benefits. My husband is very hard working we support our local community and do not wish to be part of sheerwater. Many thanks Alicia Turone

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Personal Details:

Name: Jackie Tyrrell
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name:

Feature Annotations

Map Features:

Annotation 2: Pyrford or Byfleet and West Byfleet

Comment text:
I live in West Byfleet and see that the current proposed ward boundaries for my road place us in Sheerwater Ward. I wish to dispute this boundary placement and have suggested that both Hollies and Woodlands Avenue are aligned with Pyrford or West Byfleet Ward. We live 6 minutes walk from West Byfleet station and currently use all the local facilities for West Byfleet and Pyrford, whether it be local shops, library community centres churches or health and dental centres. We strongly identify with the local communities for both Pyrford and West Byfleet knowing many local people and business owners. I do not use any Sheerwater local facilities as they are too far away - they are not within walking distance and fail to understand how being placed in Sheerwater ward for borough elections will represent our voice or identify us in any way with the Sheerwater community in an cultural, ethical or commercial way. Please take these points into consideration when deciding the placement of Hollies Avenue

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to protest at the decision to move Chobham Road into the proposed Sheerwater Ward instead of keeping the area in Horsell. Anyone who knows the area would realise that the proposed change is irrational and gives no recognition to local circumstances. In addition to the significant physical barrier posed by the canal and the Victoria Way dual carriageway separating Chobham Road from the town centre and Sheerwater the characters of the two areas are also totally different.

Yours faithfully - John Urwin
Woking District

Personal Details:

Name: Christine van Breda
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

As a resident of The Gateway, I object to the proposal to take Woodham out of the Horsell Ward to be joined to the Sheerwater Ward. Woodham is separated from Sheerwater by the natural boundary of the Basingstoke Canal and there is little sense of community between the two areas. Furthermore, the demographic is markedly different between the areas, highlighted by the plans for the Sheerwater regeneration. This shows that the needs of the two areas would be best served by councillors dedicated to the areas particularly during this period of change. Woodham has been well served as part of the Horsell Ward and I see no reason to separate it now.

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**Woking District**

**Personal Details:**

**Name:** Marco van den Berg  
**E-mail:** [redacted]  
**Postcode:** [redacted]

**Organisation Name:**

**Comment text:**

Hello, Hereby I object against the proposal of merging Woodham and Sheerwater together. As a resident of Woodham ([redacted]), we are disconnected from Sheerwater completely by the Basingstoke Canal and we would either go to Horsell or Woking for our daily shopping, interaction, public services (i.e. trains etc) and see no economical, social or political benefit or overlap in merging these two. Kind regards, Marco van den Berg

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I refer to the draft recommendations and Summary Report July 2014.

I have chosen to respond to the bullet points listed on the last page of the Summary.

A GOOD PATTERN OF WARDS

* While every effort is made to provide equality for voters and Council representation, a variation + or - % will always occur but not markedly, hopefully.

* Sheerwater, in its origin, has a more recent identity than the more historical Horsell area and neither have an identical match.

* The Basingstoke Canal is a distinctive divide on the map and on the ground, jointly accessible only at each end of the boundary map area.

* The Woking Borough Council is quite capable already of delivering effective and convenient Local Government.

ELECTORAL EQUALITY

* A variation of say 10% either way is acceptable.

COMMUNITY IDENTITY

* Through Woodham, a bus transport link exists for the few who use it, contrary to the greater need and frequency of use through Sheerwater.

* There is a Parish Council that serves to represent at least two C of E Churches located in Woodham and Sheerwater.

* On the whole, shops, medical services, schools and leisure facilities in Sheerwater are not used by persons living in Woodham/ Horsell. For obvious reasons, the Woodham community instinctively relate for first choice to the same services offered in the Horsell district. My wife has personal experience of teaching at a school in Horsell for over 12 years and has come into contact with many parents living in the area, thus able to express a first hand view on feelings.
* There are no interests or services which usefully link Sheerwater with Horsell/Woodham. And hence no community joint identity are known or wished for.

EFFECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

* Representation is effective as it is.

* No boundary name and border line changes envisaged or recommended.

GENERAL COMMENTS

* The loss of the "Woodham" identity with Horsell is not acceptable.

* Horsell and Sheerwater have two different historical identities.

* Representation 'as one' on local issues will be difficult to manage.

* The geography "on the ground" to suit the joint proposal is difficult to relate to "as one".

* The affinity and geographical content of Woodham and Horsell are more synonymous than Woodham and Sheerwater.

* The Church of England Parish Council is the only known activity that comes to mind which crosses the threshold, as mentioned.

With respect to Sheerwater and its own identity, there appears no practical reason for Woodham to be split away from Horsell and be integrated with Sheerwater; the proposal is not recommended.

Yours Faithfully,

R.M. van Dissel

Robert van Dissel
**Woking District**

**Personal Details:**

**Name:** Sandra van Osch  
**E-mail:** [redacted]  
**Postcode:** [redacted]

**Organisation Name:**

**Comment text:**

Hello, It has come to my understanding that your proposal includes that my street ([redacted]) alongside the Kingswod Court and Alwyne court will be joing with the Sheerwater ward. This makes absolutely no sense at all! Not only is there and entire green area, including the canal between us, there are also two roads out of which one major one that separates us from Sheerwater. We use the local shops and pubs in Horsell and I cannot even remember ever even having been to Sheerwater! There is no communality of interest between where we live and Sheerwater, so how can they represent us? Please reconsider your response and leave us within the Horsell ward. We are not just a few lines on a map, we are real people that are part of a community! Thank you!

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14th September 2014

Review Officer (Woking),
LGBCE,
Layden House,
76-78 Turnmill Street,
London
EC1M 5LG

Dear Sir,

With reference to the proposed Ward Boundary Changes in the Woking area.

I wish to register my disagreement with my above address being included in the Pyrford Ward under the proposed changes.

Being located only a matter of about 250 yards from the centre of West Byfleet this does not seem to follow any logical reasoning. Neither of the stated criteria of "community identity" and "strong easily identifiable boundaries" for the new wards appear to have been taken into account in this case.

We have no day-to-day connection with the remote Pyrford community. Also the main A245 Old Woking Road surely provides a strong identifiable boundary between West Byfleet and Pyrford. Indeed the area north of the A245 Old Woking Road and east of the A245 Sheerwater Road are surely considered to be a substantial part of the West Byfleet community.

I trust that my feelings and comments on this matter are taken into account before final decisions are made.

Yours faithfully,

John C. Vears