Local resident submissions to the Woking Borough Council electoral review

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Re. The Proposed Change of our Voting Ward

Dear Sirs,

We write to inform you of our opposition to the proposed change of our voting ward from West Byfleet to Sheerwater. We wish to remain and vote where we are, thus enabling us to continue to have our say in events/actions and policies that concern our/this locality.

Yours sincerely,

Melvin L. Wallis

Susan D. Wallis
Woking District

Personal Details:

Name: Esther Waplington
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

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Significant social and community differences and priorities between Sheerwater and Woodham: The Basingstoke Canal separates Woodham from Sheerwater which is crossed only at the extreme ends of the ward. This separation is more than geographic; there is little or no communality of interests and no sense of neighbourhood between the two areas. Homes in the Sheerwater area range from terraced properties to large blocks of flats, many of which are council owned. Houses are mostly two and three storeys high and have provided a source of small and cheaper accommodation. By contrast, Woodham consists of privately owned, high value properties, many of which are grouped within private estates. The interests of the residents in these two areas are completely distinct and cannot fairly be represented by shared councillors. Sheerwater contains the largest concentration of industrial areas in the Borough. Woodham is a wholly residential area. The Surrey Strategic Partnership, of which Woking Borough Council is a member, has identified the ward of Sheerwater as a CSS 'Priority Place and parts of Sheerwater have been identified as the most deprived area in the county for health deprivation and disability, income and employment'. The crime reporting level in Sheerwater is more than ten times the crime reporting level in Woodham (source Police.uk). Twenty percent of this reported crime is criminal damage and arson, violence and sexual assault. This type of serious crime has not been reported in Woodham. Again, Sheerwater residents deserves councillors who will address their area's very real concerns and challenges which are not shared with residents in Woodham. Sheerwater is facing a huge planned re-development which is naturally causing significant concerns forresidents. These concerns are not, however, shared at all by residents in Woodham and so should not be grouped together.

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. Natural similarities between Woodham and Horssell: 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. There are also many community links between Woodham and Horsell.

Residents of Woodham frequent the shops and leisure amenities located in Horsell. The Sands, The Red Lion and The Cricketers are our local public houses. Horsell common is frequented by dog walkers and many members of The Horsell Preservation Society live in Woodham. Residents associations use the facilities in Horsell for AGM meetings and social events. Crime levels are low and are comparable. In summary, 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. Individual councillors can fairly represent the interests of residents in Horsell and Woodham. This would not be possible for individual councillors representing Sheerwater and Woodham; the areas are too distinct in their identity and the interests that need to be represented are too diverse and at times, conflicting.

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**Personal Details:**

**Name:** Jason Waplington

**E-mail:** [Redacted]

**Postcode:** [Redacted]

**Organisation Name:**

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Dear Boundary Commission

My neighbours, Mr and Mrs Balfour have kindly shared their email regarding their opposition to the proposed Boundary changes where Horsell West Ward would become part of the Sheerwater Ward.

Like Mr and Mrs Balfour we agree that Horsell West should stay within the Horsell Ward.

Although I am relative newcomer to Horsell, having lived here only eight years, I share their concerns. My key concerns as as follows:

1) I believe this Consultation is invalid
The billboard information provided by the church in the centre of Woking clearly shows our neighbourhood remaining in the Horsell Ward. (I checked this on Sunday 3rd August 2014).

I don't understand how this Boundary change can be proposed while there are posters showing a different Boundary on public display? Perhaps you can clarify this.

I believe the posters should be changed so all residents have a fair opportunity to respond to the Consultation, as currently the Consultation on public display is misleading.

2) We are clearly part of the Horsell community
As Mrs Balfour highlights our social and financial connections are with the Horsell community. I believe the proposed merger with the Sheerwater Ward will split us from the Horsell community.

If this change goes ahead we will no longer have the political opportunity to contribute to the future of our community, and this will prevent us from being part of the social, economic and environmental fabric of the area we live in.

3) Segregation between town and village
I agree with the need to develop Woking town centre, as this Woking represents a great satellite into London and is an economic opportunity for Surrey.

However, the Basingstoke Canal represents an important landmark separating Horsell from the Woking town centre. We need to protect and invest in the 'green spaces' of Horsell for the future of our community. I believe incorporating our community into Sheerwater would begin to chip away at this separation.

I believe the Boundary Commission has an obligation to reinforce this protection and to prevent the 'creep' of the town centre beyond the canal.

4) Metrics for Decision Making
I understand this decision is based on balancing voting numbers between Wards. I really cannot see how this is the best metric for decision making.

I believe there are other key metrics which define communities, which I hope we have clearly communicated.

5) Community Voice
Finally, perhaps you can suggest how our voices can be heard in this matter, especially as the public information available in Woking is no longer accurate.

I have copied in my neighbours who may also want to build on my comments.

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards

Alison Ward

From: Mette and William Balfour,
Date: 3 August 2014 18:41:19 BST
To: "reviews@lgbce.org.uk" <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Subject: FW: Horsell West Ward

To The Boundary Commission

We are very much opposed to the proposal by the Boundary Commission to transfer part of Horsell West Ward to form part of the Sherwater Ward. We live in Broomhall Lane and would be part of that transfer.

We have lived here for 43 years. We shop in Horsell Village, and access the village by a footpath through Horsell Common. We belong to the Horsell Residents Association and feel very much part of the Horsell Community. We have nothing in common with the Sheerwater Ward, separated by the Basingstoke Canal and by a totally different environment and community.

We firmly support Woking Council recommendation that we stay with Horsell West and be joined by Horsell East and Woodham to form an enlarged Horsell Ward with three councillors.

We hope the Boundary Commission will reconsider the Councils recommendation.

Mette and William Balfour,

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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

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to Horsell West.

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document.

Here is a summary of some of the reasons for my 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 loose the Village cohesion that is part of the Heritage and Heritage of Horsell eg.
children & parents attending the same school or Church for generations.
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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.
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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: 8th October 2014

Name printed...
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The Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Layden House
76-786 Turnmill Street
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Re: Borough Boundary Review Consultation
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From: Barbara and Jeff Warren (Part owners of)

Address:

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

- The Basingstoke Canal forms a natural boundary between the proposed Horsell and Sheerwater wards in central Woking. It makes little sense to include the “Broomhall enclave” NW of the canal that includes the new WWF building, Broomhall Road, Alwyn Court, Ferndale Road, The Grove and parts of Brewery Road, Chobham Road and Broomhall Lane into the proposed Sheerwater ward.
- The proposal would remove the conservation status of this area, and would allow large property developments that would have a negative effect on the prices of existing properties.
- The number of residents in the Broomhall & part Brewery Road area is INSIGNIFICANT with regards to the overall numbers required for the proposed Sheerwater ward.
- The area is of little significance in terms of electoral numbers BUT would make a vast difference to our family and other residents.
- There would be a loss of the village community that is part of the heritage of Horsell eg children & parents attending the same school for generations.
- The sense of character of the area has evolved over generations and this would be destroyed if the proposal were implemented.
- The “Broomhall enclave” and Sheerwater do not share the same geographical, social, economic or political backgrounds. They have little or nothing in common.
- The “Broomhall enclave” has a shared history with Horsell, but no shared history with Sheerwater.

Signed:........... Date: 3 October 2014

Name printed: Barbara Warren

Signed:.... Date: 3 October 2014

Name printed: Jeffrey Warren
Subject: Boundary objection: new proposed St John's Ward

To: The Review Officer Woking
The Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Layden House
76-786 Turnmill Street
London EC1M 5LG

From:      Jeff Warren and Barbara Warren
Address:

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We wish to strongly object to the inclusion of Janoway Hill Lane into the New proposed St Johns Ward.
The properties in this small area which includes Firbank Lane and a few other nearby roads should all be in the proposed Heathlands Ward.
The Heathlands ward is more aligned with the beautiful valley in which Janoway Hill Lane is situated and the tree lined hillside of Firbank Lane and Beacon Hill is more aligned with Heathlands ward as well.
Socially, economically, geographically and politically our area is more aligned with the proposed Heathlands ward.
The Janoway Hill Lane area has abundant wildlife and the character is not town like with pretty detached houses, Woking being included in the Eastern sector of the St Johns ward and St Johns at the western end with supermarkets, shops, garages, light industrial premises and pubs, thus very different in character.

How this proposed change will affect our properties has not been indicated, but the councillors of St Johns ward and Heathlands ward would have different types of priorities.

Thank you.
We would appreciate your help.

Kind Regards,

Barbara and Jeff Warren
Woking District

Personal Details:

Name: Julian Warren
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name: 

Feature Annotations

1: Area which should remain as a part of Horsell

2: A more fitting boundary between the proposed Horsell and Sheerwater wards

Map Features:

Annotation 1: Area which should remain as a part of Horsell
Annotation 2: A more fitting boundary between the proposed characters

Comment text:
The residential area around Broomhall Road, Brewery Road, Ferndale Road and The Grove has for a long time been associated with the village of Horsell and shares close community ties with it as well as physical continuity. As such the needs and interests of its residents are best served by being included within the Horsell ward. I believe that wherever possible ward boundaries should be drawn around existing communities rather than dividing them. As a local resident I can state that the Basingstoke canal marks a physical and historic division between two very distinct areas within the Borough of Woking, which would make it a much more fitting boundary between the proposed wards of Horsell and of Sheerwater.

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By email only: reviews@lgbce.org.uk

11th September 2014

Dear Sirs

Re: New Boundary proposals for Woodlands Avenue, West Byfleet

We write to vehemently object to our residential road being included in the boundary of Sheerwater. Woodlands Avenue has properties from the 1920s and 1930s which were in place long before the Sheerwater estate was built. The Woodlands Avenue area is steeped in history.

We as residents use all the amenities of the village of West Byfleet on a daily basis including the railway station, doctors surgery, opticians, local shops and banks. We have nothing to do with the Sheerwater area for transport systems, local shops or leisure facilities. We do not use the Sheerwater schools as West Byfleet has its own extremely good schools. We fail to see how Woodlands Avenue, West Byfleet, which has been in existence for many years, can suddenly not be part of West Byfleet – there is absolutely no logic to this proposal.

We also fail to see where the “strong, easily identifiable boundary” (as stated on your leaflet) lies which cuts Woodlands Avenue off from the rest of West Byfleet; the road has the railway station servicing the community at the end of it and is approximately 5 minutes walk from the heart of the village.

We have a strong community in West Byfleet supported by an active parish council, a residents association and a neighbourhood watch, all of which include Woodlands Avenue.

The West Byfleet residents are bound together with a huge community spirit which on many occasions lately has been displayed. For instance the West
It is absolute fact that properties on Sheerwater sell for a lot less than properties in West Byfleet. We paid and are still paying for a modest family home in a good area; Sheerwater unfortunately is no comparison.

We do not wish our property to be linked to the Sheerwater area in any shape or form for any reason, it would be detrimental to our entire financial situation which seems wholly unfair when we chose to buy in West Byfleet for exactly that reason. West Byfleet is a very good area to own a home and has always provided us with an opportunity to downsize and release a decent amount of equity for our retirement when the time comes without having to rely on the Government to keep us. If our property becomes part of Sheerwater, it’s value will undoubtedly depreciate and we will not be in the position of having funds to keep us in our later years.

We would request that our strong objections are taken into consideration, we are sure we are not the only residents of Woodlands Avenue who are unhappy with this proposal.

Yours faithfully

Mr & Mrs Warwick
The Review Officer (Woking)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Lyden House
76-86 Turnmill Street
London
EC1M 5LG

15th September 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Current stage of the Review consultation on Ward pattern for Woking Borough Council

We purposely moved to West Byfleet in 1970 to be part of this village community, not to be part of Sheerwater Estate.

It is our belief that there are to be a further 500 houses built on the estate. Surely that would be sufficient for Sheerwater to constitute their own Ward without including roads which are now part of West Byfleet village.

Have you thought what effect your proposed move would have on property prices in Old Avenue or are you not concerned?

Another of our great fears is that sometime in the future Old Avenue would be opened up at the Far End making it a through road from Sheerwater Estate, not only making it a busy thoroughfare, but also destroying our present security now being a cul-de-sac.

We repeat, we did not move to West Byfleet village only to become part of Sheerwater Estate. Bothy my wife and I strongly object to your proposals.

Yours faithfully

[Name redacted]

Roy E.A. Webb

[Name redacted]

Pamela E. Webb
I am writing to inform you that as a resident of Woodham for the past 22 years I strongly oppose the idea of the commissions proposal to remove Woodham out of Horsell Ward and to join it with Sheerwater. I also strongly oppose the removal of the name Woodham from the proposed names of the new wards.

Over the years HORSELL and WOODHAM have enjoyed many community similarities and I truly cannot see why this should change.

The proposals submitted by to you by Woking Borough Council are the most sensible and practical. We simply must retain the historic areas of Woodham and Horsell.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Webster
Woking District

Personal Details:
Name: Keith Martin Weekley
E-mail: 
Postcode: 

Organisation Name: 

Feature Annotations

Map Features:

Annotation 1: 

Comment text:
I do not agree with the statement 'Electoral Equality' there are currently regeneration proposals submitted for Sheerwater that will increase the population. The figure currently being suggested is an additional 300 families that contradicts the Electoral Equality balance. I also do not agree with the Community Identity Statement. Sheerwater has a completely different identity to the community to the east of Sheerwater Road. This is clearly apparent when walking round the areas. The locality of local shops and services that Serve the community to the East of Sheerwater Road is West Byfleet village not Sheerwater.

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Personal Details:

Name: Inge Weiss
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

How strange that Horsell should lose part of the Chobham Road area, and land north of the Basingstoke Canal. This would mean we lose the WHEATSHEAF PUB, the LIVING PLANET CENTRE (after Horsell residents have had to put up with nearly 2 years of inconvenience while the centre was being built) and the car park underneath. These are all vital elements of the Horsell community and should be left in that District's boundaries. Inge Weiss Horsell

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**Personal Details:**

Name: karen whatling
E-mail: [redacted]
Postcode: [redacted]

**Organisation Name:**

**Comment text:**

I am opposed to Old Avenue, Hollies Avenue and Woodlands Road being changed from West Byfleet to Sheer water. These roads are part of a strong West Byfleet community, the parish and 3 village community. Children from these roads attend the West Byfleet schools and churches. The residents have close ties with West Byfleet retailers, medical facilities and are part of West Byfleets residents association and neighbourhood watch schemes. The suggested new ward of Sheerwater would not reflect the needs of these 3 roads. In summery I feel these 3 roads would be better represented if kept in the ward of West Byfleet, the new boundary seems to have been drawn up following the railway line with no thoughts for the needs of individual roads. With thanks Karen Whatling, [redacted]

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Re: Boundary Changes to Pyrford Ward -

Dear Sir,

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I consider this proposal to be undesirable, unnecessary and ill-considered and wish to register my OBJECTION.

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- it will inevitably cost money to change the boundaries and I would sooner see this go into community benefits - libraries etc

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Ian White
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Kathleen White
To: The Review Officer (Woking)
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Signed: [Redacted]
Date: 28/9/14

Name printed: [Redacted]

Name printed: [Redacted]
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 Broomhall Lodge, Chobham Road, Woking, GU21 4AL (see map)
or
4. Post direct to The Boundary Commission at the above address.

Lets TRY & keep Us in Horsell!

Kathy McCloskey & John Bingham.

tel: [redacted]
email: [redacted]
Mr Caller

I have read the draft recommendations for changes to ward boundaries for Woking BC published in July and the considerable local press comment that they have generated.

Given that among your stated aims that a good pattern of wards should reflect community interests and be based on strong, easily identifiable boundaries, I find your idea of combining Woodham with Sheerwater completely illogical and, frankly, ridiculous.

The natural boundaries in this immediate locality are essentially the Basingstoke Canal (E-W) and the A245 Sheerwater Road (N-S). These also, in broad terms, form the boundaries between the KT and GU post codes and between the 01932 and 01483 telephone codes, a relevant factor. There is no direct vehicular or pedestrian access between Woodham/ Horsell and Sheerwater and one does not need to travel through Sheerwater to get from West to East: Old Woking Road or Woodham Lane offer better routes. Nor would anyone in Woodham or Horsell shop in Sheerwater or visit doctors/dentists there. We, in Woodham, use West Byfleet shops and Horsell residents use shops there or in Woking. The same applies to school catchment areas and youth organisations such as Scouts and Guides.

The two communities are very different in character and have little or nothing in common. North of the canal the property is owner occupied, mainly detached and predominantly right leaning politically. Sheerwater (originally a LCC overspill estate) has a mixed population, much local authority rented accommodation and light industrial estates. Chalk and cheese you might say.

To brigade us together will reduce the likelihood of either community having the council representation of their preference. You need to think again.

I have no objection in principle to a reduction in the overall number of councillors: that may even lead to some welcome savings.

An alternative, perhaps better, approach to ward changes might be to brigade that part of Woodham North and East of the canal and A245 with West Byfleet. That would be entirely consistent with community interests and sensible boundaries, including school catchments and post (KT) and telephone (01932) codes.

Our address, Silver Birch Close, is a cul-de-sac on an E-W axis off the A245 with a KT15 postcode. Since the houses were built after the Woking/Runnymede BC boundary was established, we have the curious situation of the inner part of the close being in Runnymede and the outer part in Woking, leading to twice the number of visiting dustcarts! Would you care to take a fundamental look at this anomaly?

I shall be grateful for an acknowledgement of receipt of this communication.

I am copying this to Michael Smith and Anne Murray, Horsell East and Woodham Borough Councillors.
Yours faithfully,

Peter J White.
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Address...

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Wards with for the purposes set out in the Boundary Commission Policy Doc.

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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 loose 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.
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- Horsell Village area and Sheerwater area do not share the same Geographical, Social, Economic or
Political backgrounds.
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- 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... 28/9/14

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6 October 2014.

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Let's TRY & keep Us in Horsell!

Kathy McCloskey & John Bingham.

tel [redacted]
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Dear Sirs,
I am surprised and concerned that the Commission’s proposal goes against the recommendation of Woking Borough Council and reallocates my area of residence, Woodham, to Sheerwater rather than to Horsell.

In terms of the Commission’s own published criteria for community identity, the case for NOT joining Woodham with Sheerwater is overwhelming. I speak as someone who has lived at the same address for thirty years. Woodham is almost completely physically divided from Sheerwater by the Basingstoke canal; only at the two extremities is there a physical connection. The bus transport links reflect that as do the community associations and facilities which are utterly separate. There is absolutely no synergy whatsoever between the two areas.

I strongly urge the Commission to review this issue most carefully and, hopefully, conclude that the Borough Council’s recommendation is the better way forward for all concerned.

Paul Whittle
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Starkie, Emily

From: Rebecca Wilcox
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To: Reviews@
Subject: Ward Boundary Review

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Rebecca Wilcox |
I live in West Byfleet. The proposal is that this becomes part of Sheerwater. On the map this is a bit that sticks out into the Byfleet & West Byfleet area. That is because the current proposals have drawn the line where there is no road or natural boundary, whereas the obvious place to draw the boundary is on Sheerwater Road which is the real natural boundary of Sheerwater.

I live on Woodlands Avenue and do all of my shopping in West Byfleet village centre. I commute from West Byfleet train station. Apart from the odd walk down the canal I do not visit Sheerwater.

Woodlands Avenue was built in the 1930s as a street running down from West Byfleet station. It belongs with the rest of West Byfleet.

Diane Williams
Woking District

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Organisation Name:

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Boundary between Sheerwater and Byfleet and West Byfleet has a more natural fit on Sheerwater Road. West Byfleet is a village with a village centre and a station. The current boundary removes some of the original West Byfleet houses on Woodlands Avenue and Hollies Avenue from that natural village, which is where the residents have their shops, doctors' surgeries and commute from. There is no natural link with any Sheerwater facilities.

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Proposed boundary changes: Woking Borough Council, Surrey

While the criterion of electoral, numerical equality is met by the proposed inclusion of the Woodham area in the Sheerwater ward, neither the need for community identity, strong, identifiable boundaries or effective and convenient local government are met.

Sheerwater is bounded on one side by the Basingstoke Canal and by the main railway line on the other. Access is only at either end of a road than is over a mile in length. Woodham merges seamlessly into the Horsell ward through the continuation of what was Henry VIII’s crown land and is now Woodham, Horsell and Chobham Commons. The wooded area runs through Woodham. Woodham is artificially cut off from its other part which is included in Runnymede Borough Council boundaries. The main road link is Woodham Lane, which is not in the current Sheerwater ward.

For the residents in Woodham, the West Byfleet shopping centre, with its supermarket and medical centre, plus a variety of needed retail outlets, is nearer than the less well-served shopping centre, which lies in the centre of Sheerwater. There is no supermarket in Sheerwater. West Byfleet has a number of restaurants of varying ethnic origin, which prove popular with Woodham residents.

Woodham is predominantly owner-occupied, larger detached and semi-detached homes of, overwhelmingly, a minimum of 3 bedrooms. Properties are well-established. Sheerwater is the subject of plans for massive rebuilding and regeneration. It lies in the bottom 14% of deprivation in the country: Horsell does not. As a result, the issues binding the bulk of the present Sheerwater ward are very different from those of Woodham. It would be difficult and problematical for a councillor to represent such diametrically opposed interests. The Woodham contingent would be numerically very small in comparison to the residents of the current Sheerwater ward. For many years, the interests of Woodham have been well served by inclusion with East Horsell.

The preferred solution from Woking Borough Council is that Woodham should join with Horsell to form a 3 councillor ward. There are many broad similarities, both of a demographic and geographic nature in the combined wards, not to mention the historical connections. The natural and manmade boundaries of the Basingstoke Canal and railway line enclose Sheerwater in its entire length. Woodham is outwith these identifiable boundaries.

June and Martin Williams
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Current Stage of the Review Consultation on Ward Pattern for Woking Borough Council**

We are writing to explain why we are strongly opposed to some aspects of the new ward boundaries and names proposed in July 2014; also to propose some sensible changes.

**SUMMARY**

West Byfleet is a village with a strong geographical and community identity and nearly all services and facilities for daily living. To split the village between three new wards is bad for local democracy. We and many people we speak to in Woodlands Avenue, Hollies Avenue and Old Avenue do not wish to be included in the proposed Sheerwater Ward. The case is made for the three Avensues to be part of the Byfleet and West Byfleet Ward or, failing that, some or all of us be put into the Pyrford Ward, so at least we are part of the historic Three Villages. If numbers of electors are still a problem, then an option is set out for changes to Mount Hermon and Heathlands Wards but we hope these will not be necessary.

**REASONS AND DETAILS**

Since 1992 we have lived in Hollies Avenue in the parish of West Byfleet. West Byfleet is a village with its own strong identity. It has many shops, including Waitrose, over a dozen restaurants and cafes, large health centre, banks, post office, library, offices, mainline railway station with fast service to Waterloo, well attended Anglican and Roman Catholic churches, schools, recreation ground, allotments and many other services and amenities. In fact West Byfleet is recognised by Woking Borough Council as its second most important centre after Woking town itself.

**Our Connection to West Byfleet**

We use many of West Byfleet's facilities in our day-to-day lives. We frequently walk to the village via the railway station's pedestrian underpass used by many hundreds of people each day. Many people with prams, shopping trolleys or electric buggies and cyclists use the underpass too. We can walk to most facilities in West Byfleet in ten to fifteen minutes from our home. There is a pleasant alternative walk via Madeira Road. Our polling station is in the hall of the parish church. For people in Hollies Avenue the railway line is no barrier to our belonging to West Byfleet. It is surely the case that we have a strong connection to West Byfleet. The canal north of Woodlands Avenue would be a suitable ward boundary instead or, more accurately, The Old Rive Ditch which is the borough boundary here.
Our Connection to Sheerwater

We rarely visit Sheerwater. Occasionally we go by bus into Woking and the bus goes through Sheerwater, but we have no reason to stop there. Our connection to Sheerwater is almost non-existent compared to our connection to West Byfleet. The Sheerwater Road is a logical boundary separating West Byfleet from Sheerwater. It is reasonable to suppose that the same is true for most of our neighbours.

Representation

In view of our strong connection, we want to be represented by Borough Councillors who have a major interest in the community of West Byfleet or whose main focus is on Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford, often known as the Three Villages, which often link together in significant ways (e.g. The Residents Association, the recently formed Neighbourhood Forum and Churches Together in Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford). It is a fact that those councillors representing Sheerwater will have a very different set of challenges and priorities to address and we want them to be 100% focussed on dealing with those issues.

So we are extremely dismayed by the July 2014 proposals, which split West Byfleet between three wards and to find that Woodlands Avenue, Hollies Avenue and Old Avenue are an appendage to a new Sheerwater Ward. As we have almost no connection with Sheerwater, we cannot imagine that Sheerwater councillors would have but little interest in West Byfleet. We want effective representation when issues come up about our village. If the July 2014 proposals go ahead as they stand, we may well cease to vote in Borough Council elections.

Changes in Ward Boundaries and Numbers of Electors

Because we and our neighbours have a strong connection to West Byfleet please would you consider changing the proposals in one of the following ways, which we note below, including approximate effect on numbers of electors:

(A) Transferring Hollies Avenue, Woodlands Avenue and Old Avenue into the Byfleet and West Byfleet Ward; involving we estimate a transfer of about 500 electors, changing the Sheerwater Ward 2019 electorate to 7494 and that of Byfleet and West Byfleet to 8473, variances from average changing to -4% and 8.6% respectively; or

(B) If, due to numbers of electors in Byfleet and West Byfleet being judged by you too high, proposal (A) is not acceptable, then put, say, about 360 electors from Woodlands and Hollies Avenues into Byfleet and West Byfleet Ward and about 140 electors from Old Avenue into Pyrford Ward so that variances from average would change to about 7% and 2% respectively. Sheerwater would remain at -4%, but with proposed development over the next ten years or so, we understand that numbers of electors there will increase substantially anyway; or

(C) We strongly hope that one of Proposals (A) or (B) are acceptable to you but, if they are not, then we propose all the above three avenues be transferred into Pyrford Ward. This was proposed in WBC’s Warding Pattern Submission but has now been changed. Such a transfer of (we guess) about 500 electors into Pyrford Ward, would increase numbers of electors to about 8300, the variance becoming 6.4%. If even this is unacceptable to you, then we propose the following changes to the wider pattern for the Wards detailed under (D) and (E) below:

(D) Add into Mount Hermon Ward some or all of the area southwest of West Byfleet Golf Course bounded by Balmoral Drive, Princess Road and Alpha Road and adjoining sites with, say, about 800 electors. This area has little or no existing connection with Pyrford. It includes the Maybury Estate and is surely part of Maybury which is in the proposed Mount
Hermon Ward already. Mount Herman Ward would increase up to 8654 electors and Pyrford Ward decrease to 7500, the variances becoming 11% and -4% respectively.

(E) As this makes Mount Hermon Ward too large, then all or most of its western appendage bounded by York Road, Guildford Road and Wych Hill Lane could be added to the proposed Heathlands Ward, which could take more electors anyway. Assuming about 800 electors transferring to Heathlands Ward, Mount Herman Ward would revert back to 7854 and Heathlands increase to 8155, the variances becoming 1% and 4.6% respectively. This is in line with WBC’s original proposals for the new wards, which had this area in a ‘South Woking’ ward (which has now become Heathlands). Of course, an objection is Mount Herman Ward would lose Mount Herman Road. But WBC’s January 2014 Ward Proposals did not contain the Mount Herman name. There is possibly historic attachment in some quarters to the Mount Herman name. But it is not a community or a village. There seems little to justify keeping this name. Mount Herman Ward could be renamed perhaps South Central or, better perhaps, Woking Heathside since it contains Heathside Road (linking to Maybury), Heathside Crescent, Heathside Park Road, Heathside Gardens and Heathfield Road, besides being a name of general application. Even better perhaps would be the name Maybury Heathside Ward reflecting the two main areas of the ward.

We enclose a map marked up as a reference to the several changes we propose.

In conclusion, we would ask that you place far greater emphasis on retaining the well-established community of West Byfleet as the basis for adjusting ward boundaries in this area rather than seeking a near perfect balance on electorate numbers across wards. Whilst we accept that the principle of fairness in electorate numbers is very important, in our view the sense of belonging to a long-established community with dedicated councillors far outweighs statistical perfection. Including Hollies Avenue, Woodlands Avenue and Old Avenue in this proposed Sheerwater ward is not good for our community and we will not get the focussed support we need from our elected representatives.

Please would you give full consideration to these proposals.

Yours faithfully

Phil Wilson
Summary of our recommendations
We have considered all of the submissions we received during the previous phase of consultation.

The Commission has developed proposals for 10 three-member wards based on a combination of submissions received during consultation. In general, we have based our draft recommendations on warding patterns proposed by the Council subject to a number of modifications to provide for improved levels of electoral equality and to reflect the evidence received relating to community identities. Our proposals will provide good electoral equality while reflecting community identities and transport links in the borough.

You can read the full report on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk.

Overview of draft recommendations for Woking Borough Council
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Move Woodlands, Hollies & Old Avenues either all into Byfleet & W.Blythe Ward or part into Byt & W. Bly Ward and part into Pyrford or all into Pyrford

Byfleet & West Byfleet

Hopefully not needed but it may make sense to Move as much as necessary of area bounded by Belmear Drive, Princess Road, Albera Road, the railway line and Linkway into Mount Hermon Ward (preferably renamed)

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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 also against the removal of the name Woodham from the proposed names of the new wards. For the following reasons:-

This amendment is a variation to the proposal made by Woking Borough Council in the Boundary Review 2013-2016. This amendment is based on a visit to the area by the commission and does not follow the recommendation of the Woking Borough Councillors who are familiar with the geography and demographics of the area. This amendment reads “We are concerned that this area (Woodham) does not share sufficiently clear transport links with the communities in Horsell” There is no mention of community in the report or the strong local characteristics that associate it with Horsell. Electoral Equality The Horsell and Woodham Ward is forecast to have 8,298 Electors in 2019 compared to the target of 7,867 required to meet the Boundary Commission guidance. This is 5.5% above the target but reflects the likelihood that the ward will attract well below average development over the local plan period to 2027.

Geographic Considerations 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. Woodham has few facilities and transport links and has no direct bus route service to Sheerwater. Community identity (Woodham and Horsell) 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. There are also many community links between Woodham and Horsell. Residents of Woodham frequent the shops and leisure amenities located in Horsell. The Sands, The Red Lion and The Cricketers are our local public houses. Horsell common is frequented by dog walkers and many members of The Horsell Preservation Society live in Woodham. Residents associations use the facilities in Horsell for AGM meetings and social events. Crime levels are low and are comparable Community identity (Woodham and Sheerwater) There are many demographic opposites which hinder a sense of community. Houses in the Sheerwater area range from terraced properties to large estates. Houses are mostly two and three storeys high and have provided a source of small and cheaper accommodation. Sheerwater contains the largest concentration of industrial areas in the Borough. The Surrey Strategic Partnership, of which Woking Borough Council is a member, has identified the ward of Sheerwater as a CS5 ‘Priority Place and parts of Sheerwater have been identified as the most deprived area in the county for health deprivation and disability, income and employment’. The crime reporting level in Sheerwater is more than ten times the crime reporting level in Woodham. (source Police.uk) Twenty percent of this reported crime is criminal damage and arson, violence and sexual assault. This type of serious crime has not been reported in Woodham. Summation 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.

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To Whom it may concern,

I write with extreme concern for my community on the clarification of the proposed boundary changes in the Woking Borough that are being put forward by the local government boundary commission I wish to object on all areas of the consideration that is given by the commission.

1) **Electoral Equality** - I do not believe that the amalgamation of the two wards of Byfleet and West Byfleet amounts to any form of electoral equality and the annexing of the other half of West Byfleet into the Sheerwater district in order to enlarge this ward. At best this looks like a pretty obvious attempt at Gerrymandering in order to influence the impact of the demographic political persuasions of the proposed “new” members of the Sheerwater Ward. Furthermore it is splitting the community on artificial physical lines and creating big divisions on the effective are of where citizens a) feel where there political influence takes affect and b) the identity of where they feel they belong. I haven’t spoken with a single person who was concerned in the first place about Ward boundaries, we have a clearly defined physical curtilage by way of surrounding roads, proximity to facilities and where we spend most of our time – clearly something that is only concerning the councillors themselves and the viability of the voters to keep certain political representations in power. This dilution of our fundamental right of democracy which is to have an equal and fair say on the political make up of the governing body that locally represents us is one of the key principles that are being undermined in this borough with these proposals.

2) **Community identity** – It is clear when looking at the map that the existing West Byfleet ward has several very clearly defined and more importantly, well established indicators of where the community feels it belongs. Firstly it has an obvious centre around the shopping area and playing field which if an approximate 1 mile radius is drawn around its existing boundary formulate a clear and established curtilage to the vicinity. At one side you have the M25 signalling the end of West Byfleet, at the other side you have Sheerwater road, the Albert Drive intersection is the end of West Byfleet and the start of Sheerwater as is the canal that borders and encapsulates the Dartnell Park estate and the Parvis road. It is absolutely preposterous to draw a new boundary line that has one of the worlds busiest motorways dissecting the heart of its community- the centre line of this ridiculous plan is an eight lane motorway not a church a playing field or a row of shops. How will the community get together? At the Oyster Lane Roundabout (no community infrastructure) on the M25 Motorway bridge to do some pollution measurement? (no community infrastructure) or shall we use the layby opposite the first turning to Dartnell Park? (no infrastructure except the summertime cherry seller). And this is the entire point- why remove the heart from a community by moving its axis to a place that has no relevance to either the Byfleet or West Byfleet current communities. We have an obvious heart to our community, a logical centre, a place where we belong, places that can be reached easily by foot and interests common to all. The Wildlife on the canal, the traffic disruption on Parvis road, the West Byfleet medical centre, taylors coffee shop, a commuter hub in the form of West Byfleet train station and a rare thing called a playing field. To remove these from the people that live less than a stones throw from them in the interests of “Electoral Equality” seems like its missing the very essence of what binds people together- the feeling, participation and identity of where they are from. I will never “stroll down to Sheerwater” its not in a logical direction its not on an obvious radius of infrastructure and there are certainly no facilities there. If you want to create bigger ward then you can include Byfleet into the existing West Byfleet. Its clear that its Sheerwater and st johns are the areas that give you the most problems as they are long thin wards with no centres. Don’t ruin our community to Gerrymander your plans through.
3) **Effective and Convenient Local Government** - I don’t think the proposals address any interests other than a political one. The Sheerwater, Horsell, Woodham, and the creation of St Johns boundaries are where the problems and conflicts arise.

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Edward Winfield
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Regards,

Richard Wood
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Kathy McCloskey & John Bingham.

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Dear Review Officer,

Having lived in Woodham for over 40 years, I feel very strongly against its identity loss. I am against a Sidewater link as the two amenities are as different as chalk and cheese. A Horsey + Woodham link makes a more sensible proposal.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted]