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Sent: 03 August 2014 16:03
To: Reviews@
Subject: Proposed new electoral arrangements for Woking Borough Council (Wards Horsell, Woodham and Sheerwater) 2014

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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

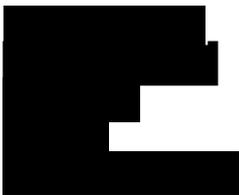
- * Representation is effective as it is.
- * No boundary name and border line changes envisaged or recommended.

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,

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14th September 2014

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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,



Porter, Johanna

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 August 2014 19:45
To: Reviews@
Subject: Woking Borough Council

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to provide some comments relating to the Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Woking Borough Council (WBC). I have lived in the Horsell part of Woking for over 40 years and have become familiar with the local area in some detail. My observations are as follows:

1) I think that the name of the ward marked as 'Sheerwater' needs to change. The boundary shows that it includes the town centre and much of the WBC part of Woodham as well of a small area currently considered to be part of West Byfleet. Woodham and Sheerwater are very different 'natural communities' and are separated by the Basingstoke Canal. There are therefore many different areas in the proposed ward which are currently known by different names and I feel that it would be better to have a more generic name than the specific one proposed. I am not sure why small parts of Horsell have been included as well (north and west of the A320 and north of Woodham Lane) but this is of lesser importance.

2) A similar issue, but to a lesser extent, arises in relation to the proposed Byfleet & West Byfleet ward. Currently the area north and east of the A245, but south of the Basingstoke Canal, would be regarded as included in West Byfleet, but that is shown as being in Pyrford or Sheerwater (as noted above). I appreciate that the reason may be numbers of electors and I don't have a counter proposal on that - the more important issue goes back to the need to re-name the proposed Sheerwater ward.

I hope that the above observations are helpful in your deliberations - if I can be of further assistance please let me know [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully,
[REDACTED]

Porter, Johanna

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: 13 September 2014 11:42
To: Reviews@
Subject: Ward Boundary Changes Byfleet, West Byfleet & Pyrford Residents' Association

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I am 78 years of age and have lived in West Byfleet since birth and although I am definitely NOT A SNOB, these changes will almost certainly affect house prices!! This in turn will affect childrens inheritance considerably.

AND ALL FOR THE SAKE OF SAVING THE COUNCIL A FEW POUNDS!!!

[REDACTED]

Porter, Johanna

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 September 2014 08:12
To: Reviews@
Subject: Ward boundary changes Woodham sheer water

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Dear Sir,

I am opposed to the proposed boundary change to take Woodham out of Horsell ward and to instead join it Sheerwater Ward The Basingstoke Canal separates Sheerwater from Woodham and has nothing to do with Woodham, there is no sense of communal interest.

The A245 the road which links Sheerwater to Woodham is always traffic jammed , and travel between these roads difficult, and understand this is under route management study.

I consider the proposals submitted to you by Woking Borough Council to maintain the link between Horsell and Woodham.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Porter, Johanna

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: 07 June 2014 13:22
To: Reviews@
Subject: Woking - Change of Boundaries

Dear Sirs

I wish to formally complain about part of the changes that Woking Borough Council have submitted with respect to the changes in the boundaries between Horsell and St Johns Wards.

The council consulted about the original plans that I had no issue with, but then changed them and submitted that to yourselves as their recommendation that I and my neighbours have not been consulted on.

In summary my complaints with the changes are

- a) Different from what was available to be reviewed and I would have objected at the time of consultation
- b) Does not follow the natural boundaries of roads, canals etc.
- c) Has changed my ward from where I was happy to be in to another that is geographically detached
- d) Will amend schooling boundaries and therefore school selections as the local schools follow the ward boundaries.
- e) Has no logical joining to St Johns
- f) Is connected via footpaths to the immediate area of Horsell
- g) The council have not advised those that it is proposing to relocate of the proposals

The area shown in the box has moved from being part of Horsell to being part of St Johns.

My property I bought because it was in Horsell not St Johns and that is another reason.



Regards

[REDACTED]

Porter, Johanna

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: 15 September 2014 19:43
To: Reviews@
Subject: Woodham to stay in the Horsell ward

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Dear Sirs,

I am against joining the Sheerwater and Maybury ward and wish to stay with the **Horsell ward.**

I back the council's **original** recommendation.

[REDACTED]

Porter, Johanna

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: 15 September 2014 19:47
To: Reviews@
Cc: wendy
Subject: Woodham to stay in the Horsell ward

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Dear Sirs,

I am against joining the Sheerwater and Maybury ward and wish to stay with the **Horsell ward**.

I back the council's **original** recommendation.

[REDACTED]

Porter, Johanna

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: 26 July 2014 14:52
To: Reviews@
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Boundaries Commission Consultation Response - The Broomhalls to Sheerwater Ward

Importance: High

Dear Sir / Madam,

I was advised by a leaflet received today that the Councils recommendation to the Boundary Commission in April 2014 of keeping Horsell West with Horsell East and Woodham to form an enlarged Horsell Ward has been rejected.

I was extremely surprised to see that 'The Broomhalls, Kingswood Court and Alwyne Court' areas will be taken out of the Horsell Ward and strangely joined instead with Sheerwater Ward.

I wish to state that I do not agree with this proposal and it makes no sense whatsoever for the following reasons: -

- We are nowhere near Sheerwater
- Horsell and Sheerwater are completely different communities with different requirements
- No interest between communities – completely different (Sheerwater is mostly comprises of a large local authority housing estate)
- We wish to remain as part of the Horsell Village community
- Sheerwater and Horsell have a completely different demographic make up
- Horsell Councillors know Horsell very well and provide excellent representation – I do not want to be represented by a Sheerwater Councillor!

I therefore very strongly object to this change to add 'The Broomhalls' to the Sheerwater Ward and wish to register my unhappiness and complete surprise with this proposed change.

I am also concerned that this information about the Boundary change and plans to add us to the Sheerwater Ward have not been made public – this was the first I heard about this proposed change when I received the leaflet this morning.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]