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Subject: Elmbridge Review

Dear Sirs,

Ref: Elmbridge Review, Surrey

I am, and have been, the Surrey County Councillor for Walton on Thames from May 1997 to 2005 and again from May 2013 to date.

I have also been an Elmbridge Borough Councillor representing the Walton North Ward from May 2006 to date.

I have always represented the Community known as Fieldcommon since 1997 and am very familiar with their issues and the area's concerns in general, both on borough and county matters.

With regards to your allocation of Fieldcommon to the new Walton North from May 2016 I find it very difficult to understand particularly after referring to your own guidelines.

Fieldcommon has always been a close knit community and at some times considered themselves alienated being part of Walton North but divided by the reservoirs. I have worked for many years to include Fieldcommon residents in all I do for the major area of my ward as it is the right thing to do, however, for this boundary anachronism to continue following a modern review I find difficult to understand.

Within the proposals the suggestion is to keep this community in the new Walton North Ward although, in all cases, to travel to it from another part of the Ward it is necessary to leave the Ward and travel to it via another Ward, in this case the proposed new Walton South Ward.

Fieldcommon is most definitely a community strongly connected to the Rydens area with similar issues as well as geographical location.

I would strongly recommend that the community of Fieldcommon is moved to the new Walton South Ward and create a more consistent boundary both geographically and demographically.

I will continue to represent this community on Surrey County Council but if my recommendation is acceptable to the Commission any present or future borough councillor would not have Fieldcommon within their remit. I believe this change for Fieldcommon is in the resident's best interests.

In conclusion I have looked up the electoral ward numbers and the move is acceptable within your guidelines.

With kind regards

Rachael I Lake  
SCC Walton on Thames  
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