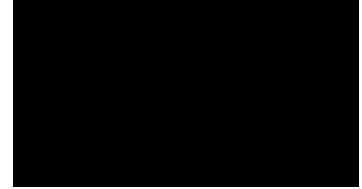




ST GEORGE'S HILL INDEPENDENTS

The Review Officer (Elmbridge)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England
Layden House
Turnmill Street
London EC1M 5LG



26th March 2015

Dear Sir

THE PRESENT ST GEORGE'S HILL WARD

We write on behalf of the St. George's Hill Independents (established in 1995).

We strongly support that the new extended Ward should continue to be known as St. George's Hill and the Ward boundaries should be those suggested by the Residents/Independent Councillors to Elmbridge Council on 16 March 2015 and subsequently forwarded to you.

These proposals deliver electoral equality for voters and reflect the interests and identities of our local communities. They also minimise the disruption caused to local electors by moving them from one Ward to another or changing the name of their Ward.

We strongly object to the Elmbridge Council's proposal to change quite unnecessarily the name of St. George's Hill Ward to Weybridge Brooklands Ward, a proposal which was only passed by a narrow majority. This change would remove an electoral association of almost 100 years with the name of St. George's Hill. The St. George's Hill Ward was made into a separate Ward of the old Weybridge Council in 1921, following a petition from the residents to the County Council in 1920. It was then given two councillors increasing to three for the new Walton and Weybridge Council in 1933. The bulk of the Ward sits on St. George's Hill which has been called that since the 16th century. The private St. George's Hill estate comprising only 400 houses is situated on the top of the hill. This is surrounded by some 2400 houses on the hillside below it.

Brooklands is a museum and business park on the edge of Weybridge, not a residential area nor an established local community and the name should not be attached to a new Ward designation.

Yours faithfully

Charles Refoy
Leader and Nominating Officer
St George's Hill Independents

Attached: extract from history of Walton and Weybridge District Council 1895-1973

SEVENTY EIGHT YEARS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SOME ACCOUNT OF THE URBAN DISTRICT OF
WALTON AND WEYBRIDGE, SURREY
FROM 1895 - 1973



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APPENDIX 2

Members of the First Councils in 1895 (27)

Walton: (15) Walton Ward S. Cresswell, T. Miskin Senior,
S. Foote, E. Power, Rev. T. McCowan,
S. Summerson Junior.
Hersham Ward H. Harris, E. Martin,
B. Ingram, B. Mills, F. Lee,
R.V. Somers-Smith (Chairman).
Oatlands Ward E. Hume (Vice-Chairman),
J. Lemon, W. Brown.

Weybridge: (12) W.A. Bilney, W. Dale, G. Jarvis,
W. Rowland, E. Brown, T. Dix,
Dr. J.J. Powell, E. Till (Chairman),
G. Chambers, Dr. A.R. Graham, W. Reed,
W.F. Ward (Vice-Chairman).

Members of the First
Walton and Weybridge Council 1933 (27)

The new District was divided into nine wards, each with three Councillors. St. George's Hill Ward was the only new electoral division since 1895. It was made into a separate ward in 1921 following a petition from the residents to the County Council in 1920. It was then given two Councillors.

Hersham North: E.J. Allsop, G. Soper, P.D. Capon.
Hersham South: C.G. Brewer, W. Saunders, J.P.
(Chairman), Mrs. V.V. Pennefather.
Oatlands Park: J. McM. Brooks, G.B. Crowder,
A.R. Vaughan.
St. George's Hill: H.K. Briscoe, Admiral G.H. Borrett,
J.M. Hart.
Walton Central: A.W. Jack, F. Warner, G.H. Froude
(Vice-Chairman).
Walton North: R. Reeves, P.J. Huckins, J. Edwards.
Walton South: J.R. Leggett, P. Roden, T.J. Smith.
Weybridge No. 1: H. Killick, H.J. Luxford,
Commander A.E. Godfrey.

Weybridge No. 2: Brig.General W.C. Walton,
H. Stebbing, J.E. Purdie.

Members of the Last
Walton and Weybridge Council 1973/4 (27)

Hersham North: P. Thorpe, P.E. Vanson,
F.R. Awcock.
Hersham South: R.S. Bromhead, K.E. Harmsworth,
G.B. Greenwood.
Oatlands Park: D.J.B. Cockshutt, M.R. Bygraves
(Vice-Chairman), Mrs. A.R. Osborne.
St. George's Hill: N.L. Osborne, W.G. Edwards,
H.J. Tait.
Walton Central: Mrs. D.M.W. Miller, S.D. Farmer
(Chairman), N.J. Brady.
Walton North: A.K. Curran, R.J. Crook,
J.T. Pickles.
Walton South: J.A. Prichard, Mrs. F.E. Heath,
M.A. Baatz.
Weybridge No. 1: Mrs. A.H. Scott, Mrs. E.M. Hart,
G.H. Wheeler.
Weybridge No. 2: B.J. Sawyer, K.A. Kendrick,
B.F.F. Ely.