

## Hinds, Alex

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**From:** Fuller, Heather  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015 04:09 PM  
**To:** Hinds, Alex  
**Subject:** FW: Comment on Elmbridge Borough Council proposed boundaries

**From:** Steve Ba

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Dear Boundary Commission,

I am a serving Elmbridge Borough councillor representing the Molesey East ward. Firstly, thank you for your current proposals. I believe the proposed vertical partition of Molesey to create enlarged East Molesey and West Molesey wards are better than that which was previously suggested as they retain the two distinct Molesey communities and avoid unnecessary confusion.

My concern and reason for writing is in regards to those East Molesey streets which are proposed to move into the new Thames Ditton ward. I have been contacted by constituents who are concerned about being joined to Thames Ditton which they have little reason to visit and feels remote and distant. These residents identify as Molesey and look to Molesey town centre for their practical needs and sense of community. For those residing at Queens Reach just across the road from the Bridge Road shops it feels like a most bizarre arrangement and there is some anger from residents I have spoken to.

As the councillor I sympathise with residents concerns and share them. Furthermore, the Thames Ditton & Weston Green RA regularly polls over 70% of the vote in borough elections and is likely to continue to dominate even under the new boundaries. My residents are used to be represented by Molesey Conservatives or the Molesey RA - both Molesey focused parties. They are understandably concerned that they could be represented by TDWGRA in perpetuity and may be regarded as lower priority than Thames Ditton residents, making up the smaller part of the ward.

I would like to suggest that insofar as is possible that you include as much of the existing Molesey East streets in the new Molesey East because that is where they belong and residents wish to remain. If you are unable to accommodate this request I would like to suggest that the alternative name of Thames Ditton & Molesey be adopted in order to grant the Molesey part of the ward recognition and reassurance.

Best wishes,  
Steve Bax

Elmbridge Borough Councillor for Molesey East  
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"If you think you can do a thing or think you can't do a thing, you're right." - Henry Ford