

Mole Valley District Council

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Comment text:

I do not agree with the proposed establishment of a new Eastwick Park Ward by splitting Bookham into Eastwick Park and the Bookhams. The Bookhams - Great and Little - have a strong and coherent voice in the community, based on its unified geographical area. Fetcham and Bookham do blur together, but soon so will Bookham and Effingham, thanks to over development in the area, and the boarder-hugging developments in neighbouring Guildford Borough. Eastwick is a vaguely remembered and long ago demolished minor stately house, with a school (on the former site) and some local roads named after it. There is no 'Park', and Eastwick is not a geographical area in the way Bookham and Fetcham are, nor is Eastwick a recognised "community". The proposed creation of an Eastwick Park Ward will diminish the influence of a united Bookhams voice, both in the community and in the Mole Valley Council Chamber. To carve out a part of Bookham in to a new ward that is not identified as being part of Bookham will also diminish the social identity and cohesion of the area. These impacts will be to the detriment of all residents in Bookham. I understand that your review is driven by the ideal of having wards with three councillors each representing roughly equal numbers of voters. However, both the current Bookham North and South wards have three councillors each, which already meets your objective with no change needed. If you must rearrange Bookham's boundaries then please retain the key identifying feature of the area i.e. the word Bookham in the new ward's name. Wards called Bookham East and Bookham West, for example, would be acceptable.

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None Uploaded