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At paragraph 70, the LGBCE seeks evidence as to whether there are community links between East and West Clandon, which might justify moving East Clandon out of the Horsleys division and into the Shere division in order to improve electoral equality.

When I brought this consultation to the attention of East Clandon parish council last week, it was apparent that members were unaware of this consultation. I would urge the LGBCE to contact the East Clandon Parish Council to seek their views directly.

However, for my part, I would observe that there are community links between East and West Clandon beyond their proximity and shared interests for example in roads and footpaths. For example, the churches have the same vicar, and there are shared sports facilities including a tennis club. Whether those community links are stronger than links with say West Horsley is a matter for East Clandon Parish Council.

As well as improving electoral equality, moving East Clandon into the Shere division would give the division more coherence, as the shape of the division currently includes only a narrow isthmus between Tillingbourne and Send borough wards where it passes through West Clandon.

Including East Clandon in the division would also be an opportunity to give the division a more rational name. It is anomalous that the division is called Shere when the largest settlement in the settlement is Send.

Uniting the Clandons would enable the division to be given a name which reflects its major settlements, such as Clandon, Send and Shere; or for consistency with the borough ward names Clandon, Send and Tillingbourne.

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