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I wish to object to the Commission's proposals in relation to Thames Ditton and the neighbouring communities.

Weston Green and Thames Ditton are - and always have been - for all practical purposes a unit. Long Ditton similarly merges with Thames Ditton on the Eastern side of Portsmouth Road: probably few residents could say with certainty where one begins and the other ends. East Molesey on the other hand feels a completely separate community.

Three simple illustrations:

- my daily walks mean that I am very familiar with Weston Green and Long Ditton - and indeed Hinchley Wood - but these walks virtually never take me as far as East Molesey;
- I regularly use shops in Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Weston Green and Hinchley Wood; never in East Molesey;
- Our annual 'Secret Gardens' event alternates between Thames Ditton and Weston Green. No-one would think of including East Molesey - too far away. That's just one example: the same is true of very many other community events.

The electoral proposals to link Thames Ditton with East Molesey, and to sever our connection with Weston Green and Long Ditton, therefore make no sense in terms of our present communities; they pay no respect to historic relationships which often go back many centuries; and they look odd and awkward on the map. I hope the Commission will reconsider.

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