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Dear Sirs,

I am opposed to the break-up of The Dittons division to form parts of two new divisions – Thames Ditton & East Molesey and Long Ditton & Hinchley Wood.

The component areas of The Dittons have links going back to medieval times, and they retain strong links today. Thames Ditton and Weston Green are obviously connected and fall within the remit of one Residents' Association – active here for over 90 years. The eastern part of Thames Ditton merges naturally into Long Ditton, so it makes sense to have the three areas constituting a single division.

Thames Ditton and East Molesey have much less of a natural connection, and if made into a single division the size will be further from the Surrey average than the existing Dittons division.

Likewise, Weston Green has no natural connection with Hinchley Wood, the two communities being entirely separated, particularly by the main-line railway.

The two proposed divisions would therefore straddle prominent boundaries and result in new unnatural ones that would separate existing communities. As such, they make no sense and should be abandoned in favour of retaining the existing Dittons division with nothing more than minor boundary adjustments – as suggested by Surrey County Council.

Regards,

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Attached Documents:

None attached