

# Surrey

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## Comment text:

**Related subject:** Oxshott

I utterly disagree.

I fundamentally reject the recommendations of LGBCE with regard to redefining Elmbridge and completely obliterating the concept of Oxshott. As a community, Oxshott has a population of about 5,000+ people. It is a settlement that is largely defined by surrounding Green Belt with its own increasingly vibrant High Street, its own church, medical centre, schools, Scout hut, men's' club, sports club, and its own station.

Much effort has been made to revive the High Street by James Davis et al ([https://youtu.be/6GSVxT1k79c?si=r8RH5k\\_9WOBnR4\\_9](https://youtu.be/6GSVxT1k79c?si=r8RH5k_9WOBnR4_9)), and a walk through the village on any weekend will attest to a vibrant culture with improved amenities. The speed reduction to 20 mph achieved through local initiative is a testament to the strength of feeling the locals have for maintaining the high street and the community.

The adjoining eponymous Heath where the Oxshott Scouts hold their annual fun run there as a district-wide event. The community's church, St Andrews, holds its annual memorial service there, near the Oxshott Memorial statue located at the top of the heath for the fallen of Oxshott. Losing Oxshott as an entity makes a mockery of all of these vital community establishments and homogenises the constituency by diluting it into a larger cohort. Recently, a large decorative Oxshott sign was erected at the corner of the medical centre, the artwork having been drawn and chosen by the community, in order to celebrate the centenary of the village. Likewise, funding has been granted for a Community Hub on Waverly Road which essentially replaces the old scout hut. Why on earth would the Council see fit to fund these initiatives and then withdraw the delineated boundaries they celebrate and stand within?

The boundary to my property abuts Oxshott Heath. In fact my driveway straddles the boundary between Oxshott Heath and my land. If this proposal is successful, my property becomes half in one jurisdiction and half in the other. Clearly this is untenable and slightly mad.

I've lived here over twenty years, and I cannot fathom any justification for dividing the community particularly by arbitrarily drawing a line down a main road without any considerations for its residents. Have you asked Oxshott if this is what it wants?

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*