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I vehemently oppose the recommendations put forth by the LGBCE regarding Oxshott. This opposition stems from the fact that Oxshott is a thriving community with a population exceeding 5,000 people. It possesses a distinctive identity, complete with its own High Street, medical center, educational institutions, and a dedicated railway station. This unique character is inextricably linked to the surrounding Green Belt, which adds to its charm.

One of the key concerns I have with the LGBCE's recommendations is the arbitrary decision to divide this community by drawing a line down a main road. Such a division serves no purpose other than to disrupt the cohesion and shared identity of Oxshott's residents. Furthermore, the proposed changes threaten to erase the name of Oxshott, a name that carries with it a rich history and a sense of belonging.

It's disheartening to see that the LGBCE's recommendations appear to treat Oxshott as an orphaned entity, its population fragmented merely to meet bureaucratic numerical criteria. This approach neglects the core principle of community and demonstrates a lack of respect for the residents who call Oxshott home.

Therefore, I kindly request that the LGBCE revises its recommendations in a manner that aligns with one of its core considerations: "Ensuring that the recommendations reflect community identity." In my perspective, preserving the existing boundaries, where Oxshott remains an integral part of the Hinchley Wood, Claygate & Oxshott division, is the most appropriate course of action. This not only maintains the identity of Oxshott but also upholds the principles of community representation and local cohesion.

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*