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I fundamentally reject the recommendations of LGBCE for the way in which it proposes to treat 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 High Street, its own medical centre, its own schools, and its own station. The proposed division appears to be a precursor to building on the green belt either between Oxshott and Claygate or Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon. While this might not be the intention at present, but the pressure for new housing in this area is such that I do not trust the ongoing Council.

There can be no justification for dividing the community particularly by arbitrarily drawing a line down a main road. And there can be no justification for the obliteration of the name of Oxshott in the LGBCE recommendations.

The recommendations accord to Oxshott an orphan status whose population can be conveniently carved up to suit LGBCE's arithmetical requirements. It sacrifices the concept of community and is frankly disrespectful to the residents of Oxshott. I therefore politely request LGBCE to revise its recommendations on a basis that properly respects the second key consideration of LGBCE of "Ensuring that the recommendations reflect community identity". In my view this can best be done by retaining the existing boundaries whereby Oxshott continues to be part of the division of Hinchley Wood, Claygate & Oxshott.

I have lived in Oxshott for over 40 years and have seen the increasing urbanisation of the area and loss of cohesion amongst inhabitants. Oxshott is a large village and future generations might appreciate such a village community.

Attached Documents:

None attached