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I totally reject the recommendations of LGBCE for the way in which it proposes to treat Oxshott. The proposals have no merit and are not acceptable to Oxshott residents. 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. There can be no justification for dividing the community particularly by arbitrarily drawing a line down a main road and the removal of the name Oxshott from resulting wards .

The recommendations accord to Oxshott an orphan status whose population can be conveniently carved up to suit LGBCE's arithmetical requirements, as reflected in your own assessment that there is no pressing electoral imbalance to address in Oxshott's current ward. It sacrifices the concept of community and is disrespectful to the residents of Oxshott. The only justification given is the relative locations of the three villages in the current ward, an argument that seems to have little merit as a consideration but always ignores the fact that the three villages are adjacent stations on the only railway line and are connected by footpaths.

LGBCE should revise its recommendations on a basis that properly respects the key consideration of LGBCE of "Ensuring that the recommendations reflect community identity". Patently this can best be done by retaining the existing boundaries whereby Oxshott continues to be part of the division of Hinchley Wood, Claygate & Oxshott, an arrangement that serves all important considerations well.

Attached Documents:

None attached