

# Surrey

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**Related subject:** Long Ditton

The proposed changes would separate Long Ditton from Thames Ditton which have been strongly linked for centuries. The communities share many communal links such as schools, social contacts and geographic proximity.

The Stokes Field Nature Reserve in Long Ditton is used by many in Thames Ditton

- We share facilities like the Scout Group – The Dittons
- ‘The Dittons Fair’ takes place on Giggs Hill Green, in Thames Ditton
- Many Long Ditton residents visit Thames Ditton shops and the Farmers Market etc.
- Both communities use reciprocal pub facilities
- The TDWGRA made a significant financial donation supporting the Village Green campaign in Stokes Field and One Tree Hill, Long Ditton
- Many Thames Ditton residents use the Long Ditton Green Belt
- LDRA & TDWGRA officers often collaborate on issues and are united against this proposed change
- Currently, one Surrey County Councillor serves The Dittons community as a whole
- Long Ditton and Thames Ditton are not separated by any boundaries, the residential dwellings merge seamlessly.

The Boundary Commission’s role is to consider three main criteria:

- Electoral equality
- Community identity and interests
- Effective and convenient local government.

I feel the proposals are at odds with all three of the Commission's own criteria.

I believe this change will lead to more costly expenditure, upheaval and wasted administration to fix a problem that does not exist in the Dittons.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*