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Related subject: Long Ditton, Elmbridge

I am whole heartedly against this change. Please do not split Long Ditton from Thames Ditton.

It will add no benefit for me or my family and will adversely impact my village of Long Ditton. We do NOT wanted to be separated electorally from Thames Ditton. The clue is in the title - 'The Dittons' (Long Ditton and Thames Ditton). Our two villages have been linked together since the Middle Ages. Here are some key reasons for keeping us joined:

- Stokes Field Nature Reserve & One Tree Hill in Long Ditton are used by many in Thames Ditton.
- Royal Mail identifies many addresses within Long Ditton as 'Thames Ditton' postal areas (e.g., Sugden Road and anywhere with a KT7 postcode).
- We share a Scout Group – 'The Dittons'.
- Many Long Ditton residents visit Thames Ditton shops and the Farmers Market.
- 'The Dittons Fair' takes place on Giggs Hill Green, in Thames Ditton.
- Both communities use the pubs in each other's locale (e.g., The Angel, The Limping Fox, The City Arms, The Ferry, The George & Dragon).
- The Thames Ditton & Weston Green Residents' Association 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 land recreationally (as demonstrated by the recent Village Green survey).
- The Long Ditton & Thames Ditton Residents' Association officers & members often collaborate on various issues and are fully united against this

proposed change.

- Currently, one Surrey County Councillor serves The Dittons community as a whole. The councillor is fair and shares his time and budgetary allocations equitably across both areas - Long Ditton and Thames Ditton.
- Long Ditton and Thames Ditton are not separated by any natural or man-made boundaries, the residential dwellings merge seamlessly (e.g. Angel Road, Thorkhill Road ...etc.).
- Many Long Ditton residents are patients of Thorkhill Surgery in Thames Ditton.
- We use the library in Thames Ditton, off Giggs Hill Green.

I hope this fully demonstrates how closely linked these two villages are and that splitting them and combining them with other wards is a nonsense. This has worked successfully for many years. Please don't 'fix' what isn't broken!

I am against the proposed changes. Thank you.

Attached Documents:

None attached