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Dear The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE),

This statement is to **oppose** the Surrey Draft Proposal to split Oxshott in two, being absorbed by Cobham and Esher & Claygate. As a homeowner and resident of Oxshott, I strongly disagree with the recommendations made by the Boundary Commission.

Firstly, the proposal would result in the annihilation of a historical village – Oxshott, established in 1912. A name that commands historical significance and an area that is famous for its village feel, leafy green belt areas, and upmarket houses. Oxshott is an established village with a high street, its own medical centre, schools, church, sports club, public houses, and its own train station. This would result in the complete loss of community identity. There can be no justification for dividing a historical community and the obliteration of the Oxshott name.

Secondly, this will have a significant detrimental impact on real estate values within Oxshott, where a premium is commanded to neighbours Cobham and Esher & Claygate. The name “Oxshott” is renowned for its large and desirable properties.

Thirdly, the claim that the division of Oxshott would enable good electoral equality is false. Modifying the boundary is blatant gerrymandering – constitutes intent to create undue advantage for a party.

Lastly, the proposal will not help our council discharge its responsibilities effectively. The Oxshott peoples’ voices will be completely lost and our government members absorbed into a larger platform that will not focus on the local Oxshott communities’ issues and needs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards

