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I fundamentally reject the recommendations of LGBCE for the way in which it proposes to treat Oxshott. I don't want two councillors from two different wards representing our village. It's hard enough to enact change as it is, but as a village, we have made significant and successful road improvements to the whole village in the last year. This was facilitated by there being a single representative for our ward.

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 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 either retaining the existing boundaries whereby 100% of Oxshott continues to be part of the division of Hinchley Wood, Claygate & Oxshott, or 100% of Oxshott becomes part of Cobham (& Oxshott).

Attached Documents:

None attached