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Related subject: Oxshott

I profoundly reject the recommendations of LGBCE for the way in which it proposes to treat Oxshott. 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. It also has its own Village Hall, Church and numerous clubs, including Scouts and Guides, Bowls, Tennis and other sports, all which show it has its own community. 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. Oxshott has been around for hundreds of years, has its own history and charm. It also has its own Village sign that was chosen and erected by the Oxshott community, so I have no understanding on how you can just erase it away or divide the actual high street into two different towns. The thought of it makes me extremely angry.

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 very 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 retaining the existing boundaries whereby Oxshott continues to be part of the division of Hinchley Wood, Claygate & Oxshott.

What also deeply concerns me, is that it is by chance that I have just been made aware of this proposal and I wonder how many other people would like to have their 'say' if they knew. I have seen no communication to the public regarding these proposals which is also very concerning as

it will affect the village and the community as a whole.

Attached Documents:

None attached