

# Surrey

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## Comment text:

Good Evening,

Re Boundary Commission Proposals - The Dittons Division

I write regarding the proposed boundary revisions to The Dittons Division.

We have lived in Weston Green for the past 20 years and are therefore well placed to comment upon the proposed separation of Weston Green from Thames Ditton and its amalgamation with Hinchley Wood.

As I understand matters, the principles behind the proposal are:

Electoral Equality

My understanding is that the current Dittons Division is 4% off the Surrey CC ideal average. The proposed split of the Dittons would result in a new division 11% lower than the average.

Community Identity & Interests

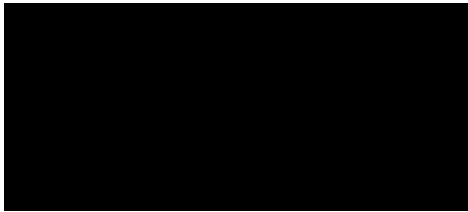
Weston Green has been an intrinsic part of Thames Ditton for centuries. The proposals would separate the two communities with Weston Green being merged with Hinchley Wood. Weston Green is intrinsically linked with Thames Ditton with both residential districts merging into each other without any physical barrier. Thames Ditton High Street is the closest local shopping centre for Weston Green residents. By contrast Hinchley Wood is physically separated from Weston Green by Portsmouth Road and the mainline railway - both act as a physical and a psychological barrier between these two separate communities. We sometimes visit the shops in Hinchley Wood but far less frequently than those in Thames Ditton. I cannot understand how the proposals can possibly comply with the principle of Community Identity & Interests when it severs a homogenous community into two and merges one with another area it has little linkage with.

Effective & Convenient Local Government

The present system works and I understand that Surrey County Council do not propose any major change. The proposal would result in two County Councillors serving a single homogenous community which seems bizarre.

In conclusion, I strongly object to the proposed revision and wish to retain the current boundaries based upon the principles outlined above.

Yours sincerely,



## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*