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Comment text:

Dear Sir/Madam

Our Residents' Association (formed in 1934 and the second oldest in the country) considers that the proposed boundary changes are unwarranted and that they would detract from the long-established cohesiveness of our communities. It also goes against the recommendations of Surrey County Council and Elmbridge Borough Council.

The Manor of Weston Green was mentioned in the Domesday Book as part of Thames Ditton and we have been linked throughout history. When the first local council was established in 1895 (the Esher & District Urban District Council) we became part of the same Division and this has continued to this day.

The Residents' Association is the focus of a strong and cohesive community, with an active membership and with volunteers who deliver the quarterly magazine (Thames Ditton Today). They have a website and hold regular events, including the annual Secret Gardens (which alternates between Thames Ditton and Weston Green each year) and the Nature & Climate Festival, which is now in its second year. Weston Green residents feel part of Thames Ditton - the community theatre, local shops, primary and nursery schools, Community Centre and library are all there.

Thames Ditton and Long Ditton are also closely linked and are mentioned in the Domesday Book. There are many connecting roads, forming a natural unit at the north-eastern edge of Elmbridge.

There is a real sense of community within the Dittons, enhanced by being served by a single County Councillor and the two Residents'

Associations work closely together. Splitting the two areas would be artificial.

I therefore feel that these proposals will divide our community and weaken our voice in local government and I beg the Boundary Commission to abandon these proposals.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted Signature]

Attached Documents:

None attached