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Dear Sir,

I have only just heard of your proposed local boundary changes affecting The Dittons and Weston Green. I am wrting to express my total opposition to these proposals. Indeed i am shocked that such ill-considered proposals have even been put out for consultation. You appear to know nothing of the local area, which has operated as one entity for decades if not centuries (we are mentioned in the Domesady Book). Most significant today is that we have excellent and well functioning local community representation through the Thames Ditton and Weston Green Residents Association. This has provided very effective representation on both Surrey CC and Elmbrdge Councils for decades. You proposals will destroy this and for what? Your proposals will create amorphous blobs of suburban areas which have little in common and certainly no shared history and no shared local community organisation, like our Residents Association. Your proposals, linking Thames Ditton with East Molesey and Long Ditton and Weston Green with Hinchley Wood seem designed ony to break up communities which have worked well together for decades (if not centuries).

I understand that one of your objectives is to consider community identity and interests. But your proposals achieve none of this? In fact, they destroy it. You also allegedly aim for electoral equality. But we already have that, being almost exactly at the Surrey average, while your proposals make electoral equality worse. We have had effective and convenient local government with strong representation on both Elmbridge Council and Surrey CC from Thames Ditton & Weston Green Residents' Association candidates and have done for decades. Your proposals destroy this.

Your proposals do not meet your own criteria and destroy local communities and our local political cohesion for no obvious benefit at all. This damaging and pointless change must not be allowed to proceed.



Attached Documents:

None attached