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Dear Sirs/Madam,

On behalf of the Molesey Residents Association and myself as an interested resident of East Molesey and the current West Molesey County Councillor, I note your proposal to make the East Molesey & part of Thames Ditton/Weston Green as a 2 Division electoral area for County Council purposes.

I would respectfully suggest that this is unsatisfactory to us. Previously, East & West Molesey were one Division, then this was arbitrarily changed to a slightly enlarged West Molesey Division and East Molesey was farmed off to be shared with Esher, an area to which East Molesey does not adjoin and to which we have no real community ties other than Esher being the HQ of the Elmbridge Borough Council.

Our view is strongly to support one Division for East Molesey which can contain parts of Weston Green/Thames Ditton which are anyway, shared with Thames Ditton/Weston Green for the purposes of Elmbridge Borough elections.

Since you state that the proposed 2 member Division would be within 6% of the optimum number, there is clearly scope to divide the proposed 2 member Division into 2 separate Divisions, without having to allow voting numbers to reach numbers outside acceptable limits.

We would further state, that trying to arrange satisfactory election arrangements, concerning personnel and policy objectives for a combined situation, will present us with an additional task during electoral periods which we do not wish to have to deal with. Of equal or perhaps more important concern, is that we are sure that the local populations of both East Molesey & Thames Ditton, would find a 2 member Division confusing and would have no understanding of why this is so,

Attached Documents:

None attached