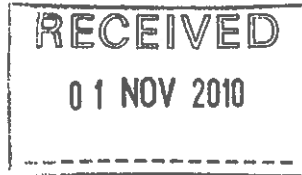


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The Review Officer (Surrey),
Local Government Boundary Commission for England,
Laydon House,
76-86 Turnmill Street,
London EC1M 5LG.

Dear Sir,
Re Addlestone and New Haw in Runnymede

I note from the report in the current issue of the "Surrey Herald" that in the forthcoming review of constituency boundaries, that apart from the numbers in each ward etc. you will also be considering 'local community identities' and 'where new boundaries should be drawn'. I am very pleased to be able to comment on this – a matter which has concerned me for a decade or more.

I have lived at this address in Liberty Lane for 40 years and for almost all that time have been registered for voting purposes in the Addlestone St Paul's Ward. Some ten years or so ago though I found myself registered as being a resident in New Haw Ward and consequently required to vote in local elections for a New Haw councillor rather than one who will have Addlestone's needs more in his/her mind than New Haw's. To this extent I regard myself as disenfranchised so far as local Council elections are concerned and I have in fact given up voting in them.

Precisely when this change was made I do not now recall, but it was done so far as I can remember without any notification and I personally object to it. Examination of the Registers shows that the old Addlestone St Paul's Ward has been abolished (fine if that was necessary for some reasonable purpose) and the roads put into adjacent wards. Thus Liberty Lane has been ridiculously split down the middle so that the north side (even numbers) is in Addlestone Bourneside, but all the odd numbers (the south side), together with a significant number of roads to the south - Sayes Court, Sayes Court Farm Drive, Orchard Way and all the roads on the Sayes Court estate up to Templefield Close at the top of the hill - are now apparently deemed to be part of New Haw which geographically and in all other respects, it quite simply, is not. We are quite separate parts of the Borough with no community of interest, at all.

In my opinion this is an affront to a substantial area of Addlestone and its residents and I believe it should be corrected. I shall be glad to learn that on looking at the map you will agree with me. That my neighbours on the other side of the road can vote for an Addlestone Councillor whilst I am represented by one whose prime interest is, of necessity, in an adjacent village is arrant nonsense.

Yours faithfully,



V. E. Gale.