

Mole Valley District Council

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I wish to comment on the proposed boundary changes affecting Bookham North & Bookham South which will become 'The Bookhams' with some of the existing portion of Bookham North moving into an expanding Fetcham. In my opinion Bookham and Fetcham are separate 'villages' (albeit Bookham (North & South) is quite a large 'village' with a population of around 12,000). They have separate identities and each has issues unique to itself that need to be addressed, whether this is proposed development on the Green Belt, or possible merging as a result of significant development of the Howard of Effingham site, or the future of the Fetcham Springs area and flood mitigation. Therefore, I do not support the proposed boundary change. Councillors will face a significant challenge in maintaining awareness of the issues affecting the new wards, many of which have some associated history. Whilst historical development of Bookham and Fetcham may give the appearance of a single entity as a result of the apparent merging, this is not the case. The effect of the proposed boundary introduces some peculiarities, such as the village church moving from Bookham to the Eastwick Park ward. Also, the main street on which most of Bookham's local shops are located will be divided in two, with shops on one side of the road being in the Eastwick Park ward, with those on the other side of the road being in The Bookhams. I also find the size of the revised Leith Hill ward astonishing. This too seems entirely unreasonable to expect the relevant councillors to perform their expected role, cover such a large area.

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