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Good afternoon,

I am writing on behalf of Mickleham Parish Council regarding the local government ward boundary proposals.

As a parish council we would like to put forward 2 alternatives to the current proposals.

Our first choice would be to form a 2 councillor ward to include Mickleham, Westhumble, Headley and Boxhill. Geographically we are suitably located to continue and enhance community links and have similar goals and interests. We already share boundaries and have previously worked alongside and supported members of these communities. From speaking extensively with members of our village communities, Mickleham, Westhumble, Headley and Boxhill are a part of our daily experiences in a way that the larger settlements of Fetcham and Great Bookham generally are not.

Our second choice, is to form a ward to include Boxhill, Westhumble, Pixham, Westcott, Leith Hill and Wotton which would form a 3 councillor ward. This is our second choice rather than first as geographically the various villages are quite spread out. However, the ward would be made up at least of smaller villages, some or which are a similar size to us, therefore likely to face similar issues, again, where larger settlements would differ.

It is really important to us that we feel a sense of community with the other settlements with which we share councillors, and that the villages of Mickleham and Westhumble are able to contribute meaningfully to the functioning of the ward.

On a more general level we would like to point out that that we find the whole idea of being forced into having larger wards deeply unattractive and not conducive to good local government, we strongly believe that local government should be local.

Kind regards,

Kayleigh Hunter

Sent from my iPhone