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Related subject: Gerrards Cross and Fulmer

I am deeply concerned at the Commission's latest draft proposal of separating Gerrards Cross and Fulmer and believe the outcome is at complete odds with the reality of living within this community. Whilst I understand how the Commission might have arrived these draft boundaries as a means satisfying secondary objectives, I believe it to be a flawed compromise. Gerrards Cross and Chalfont St Peter are two distinct entities, even if the boundaries might be blurred in some residents eyes. In clear contrast, Fulmer Village has, as long as I can recall, been a part of the wider Gerrards Cross community, albeit more akin to that of a 'younger sibling'. This is reflected in a number of shared community, cultural and sporting institutions, the most prominent of which is St James Church of England - or to give it its proper name - Saint James, Gerrards Cross & Fulmer. Both villages have long been served by this shared communal connection - even if Gerrards Cross is now deemed a town. Our boys/sons enjoy the 1st Gerrards Cross & Fulmer Scouts (a separate entity from 1st Hedgerley) and our girls/daughters the Gerrards Cross Girl Guides, also notably separate from Denham Girl Guides. The thriving Gerrards Cross and Fulmer Football Club (GXFFC), established in 2002, is based at King George's Field (KGF) in Fulmer Common, and also trains in West Common, Gerrards Cross. Catering for 5-17 year olds, it is feed by junior schools from both. Notably GXFFC is part of the Fulmer Sports and Community Association, further demonstrating the close ties between both communities.

Gerrards Cross & Fulmer is a well-established and recognised local identity at the heart of the wider community. I would sincerely hope the Commission, in reviewing its final proposal, would seek to reflect the reality of residents daily lives and not the convenience of arbitrary boundaries.

Attached Documents:

None attached