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Related subject: Ash, Shalford, Worplesdon

I would like to thank you for the chance to submit my views on the proposed boundary changes relating to the division I'm privileged to represent.

There are 9 parishes within Shalford Division with a large amount of community cohesion between the areas.

Starting in Ash, the District Ward of Ash South has strong ties to Tongham (the ward used to be called Ash South and Tongham) as the local facilities are based in Tongham with the local bakery, hairdressers, convenience store, butchers and brewery amongst others all based here. Surrey County Council is currently consulting on expanding St Paul's school to cater for the local children of both Ash South and Tongham. Therefore maintaining the boundary of the A323, I believe it would be wise to retain this existing part of the division as it currently is. In terms of Surrey County Council's proposal for Wanborough, I fundamentally disagree with its removal to Worplesdon. We have only recently conducted a Guildford Borough Council boundary review which has established Wanbrough parish as part of the Pilgrims Ward. I agree with the Electoral Commission's proposal of retaining Wanborough as part of the current Shalford Division to maintain coterminosity with borough ward. The local school is in Puttenham and Wanborough shares much of its border with Puttenham. In addition the local pub is in Puttenham which many in Wanborough use. The local charities, plus community groups also cover both parishes.

Therefore the community cohesion between the parishes of Wanborough and Puttenham are strong. Just like the ties between Tongham, Seale and Sands and the ares South of Ash Vale are with Puttenham and Wanborough.

Lastly, to the Commission's view on uniting Shalford Parish into one division. I would agree with this proposal but the numbers do not work. Unlike the other villages which I have covered, which have a large amount of community cohesion together, plus coterminosity with the district boundary and interaction with each other for services and community events.

Shalford parish can stand independently, it has quite a few local amenities, with pubs, restaurant, pharmacy cafe, schools and established public transport links with a much stronger link towards Guildford town rather than to the parishes to the West.

If the Commission wishes to unite Shalford Parish then it would have to go into another Division of Shere or Guildford South East.

Attached Documents:

None attached