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Comment text:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Today I learned that the Boundary Commission are proposing new Surrey County Council Divisions, so that where I live, in Weston Green, will be moved to a different division and away from the Thames Ditton parish and community of which we have been part since the 12th century. I understand that Surrey County Council did not recommend this and indeed did not include any changes to the local area so I am unclear where this has come from.

I believe the changes recommended by the Boundary Commission would damage the strong sense of community which has existed between Thames Ditton and Weston Green throughout history. Today it remains a valuable partnership which benefits those living within it as there is a strong sense of identity and shared interest. It would be devastating to break up this arrangement and such an act may cause people to feel unsettled and disengaged from the community they have known and supported over their lifetimes.

The Thames Ditton and Weston Green Residents Association is an important part of our lives. It was formed in 1934 and is, I believe, the second oldest in the country. It is the focus of a strong cohesive community, with active membership which brings support to thousands of residents who enjoy the benefit of 'belonging'.

I looked up the role of the Boundary Commission and I am pleased to see that your stated objective is 'to consult local people and organisations and help produce proposals'. In 'How We Work' you details first and foremost that 'we are an independent organisation that relies on input from local people and organisations to do our job effectively'. I was relieved to read this as I am sure the local people of Thames Ditton and Weston Green will speak as one voice on this matter so our input will be clear and you will be able to now produce proposals which the local community

will support.

Yours sincerely,

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Attached Documents:

None attached