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Related subject: PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES AFFECTING OXSHOTT

I strongly disagree with the recommendations of LGBCE for the way in which it proposes to treat Oxshott. As a community, Oxshott has a population of about 5,000+ people. It is a settlement that is largely defined by surrounding Green Belt with its own High Street, its own medical centre, its own schools, and its own station. There can be no justification for dividing the community particularly by arbitrarily drawing a line down a main road. And there can be no justification for the obliteration of the name of Oxshott in the LGBCE recommendations.

The recommendations accord to Oxshott an orphan status whose population can be conveniently carved up to suit LGBCE's arithmetical requirements. It sacrifices the concept of community and is disrespectful to the residents of Oxshott. I therefore urge LGBCE to revise its recommendations on a basis that properly respects the second key consideration of LGBCE of "Ensuring that the recommendations reflect community identity". In my view this can best be done by retaining the existing boundaries whereby Oxshott continues to be part of the division of Hinchley Wood, Claygate & Oxshott.

Attached Documents:

None attached