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Related subject: Oxshott

I have lived in Oxshott in Surrey for nearly 14 years. I object strongly to the recommendation to split Oxshott in half down the main road with the Oxshott name disappearing and part becoming part of Cobham part falling into Esher.

Whilst the review is to consider fairness in electoral issues it is said that a key consideration is to reflect community identity. The removal of Oxshott as an electoral area will harm community identity in the area. I have always considered myself and family as residents of Oxshott not Cobham or Esher and believe that is the case for numerous others.

In Oxshott, there are many residents and the area is physically defined from Oxshott and Esher. There is a medical centre, village hall, sports club, schools, train station and a High Street.

During the Covid pandemic I felt that community spirit grew with a delivery service of essentials early on particularly for vulnerable residents with people coming together to help their community. The offering on the High Street greatly improved and we now have amongst the offering a thriving butchers, deli, hairdresser and village shop including the pharmacy which residents keenly still support. There are two pubs and a restaurant which are also popular with residents and those living further afield. The positive community spirit has been built on since the pandemic with events like the Christmas lights turning on street party.

In short, there is a strong community in Oxshott that has existed for many years and grown in strength in recent years. It is contrary to community

spirit and severely detrimental to the area to eliminate Oxshott for electoral reasons.

Attached Documents:

None attached