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I totally reject the recommendations of LGBCE for the way in which it proposes to treat Oxshott. No good reason for change has been given.

As a community, Oxshott has a population of about 5,000+ people. It is a cohesive 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 removing the name Oxshott from the resulting wards.

The recommendations accord to Oxshott an orphan status whose population can be conveniently carved up to suit LGBCE's arithmetical requirements despite the fact that your own commentary recognises that there is no electoral imbalance to deal with in the ward in which Oxshott is based. It completely the concept of community and is disrespectful to the residents of Oxshott. The closest to any justification for this community vandalism is the issue of location, which is of questionable relevance as a consideration anyway and ignores the fact that the three settlements are co-located as adjacent stations on the only railway line and joined by footpaths.

LGBCE should revise its recommendations on a basis that properly respects the second key consideration of LGBCE of "Ensuring that the recommendations reflect community identity". 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