

# Surrey

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To: Local Government Boundary Commission  
Further to my earlier email (below) I have some further, detailed comments just below.  
Kind regards  
[REDACTED]

The review of boundaries should also take account of the number of households within each division, so that each County Councillor covers approximately the same number. It would seem that this has not happened. By considering the number of LSOAs within each proposed division, it is clear that this is not the case with:

- Thames Ditton & East Molesey.
- Long Ditton & Hinchley Wood,
- Esher & Claygate,
- West Molesey,
- Cobham and
- Hersham.

There are 81 LSOA's in Elmbridge, covering approximately 52,650 households. The existing Elmbridge electoral wards, these are as follows:

Electoral Ward No. LSOAs Households

Walton Central 4 2,600

Cobham and Downside 4 2,600

Molesey West 4 2,600  
Walton North 6 3,900  
Weybridge Riverside 5 3,250  
Esher 5 3,250  
Weybridge St George's Hill 5 3,250  
Walton South 4 2,600  
Molesey East 5 3,250  
Hersham Village 6 3,900  
Long Ditton 6 3,900  
Thames Ditton 6 3,900  
Hinchley Wood and Weston Green 5 3,250  
Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon 6 3,900  
Claygate 5 3,250  
Oatlands and Burwood Park 5 3,250  
Elmbridge 81 52,650

With 81 LSOAs and 9 County Councillors, one would expect each to cover approximately 9 LSOAs. Looking at each proposed new division in turn:

Thames Ditton & East Molesey.

The proposed division includes 11 LSOAs from the 2 wards, although this is reckoned to decrease by 11%.

Long Ditton & Hinchley Wood

This also includes 11 LSOAs, 6 from Long Ditton ward and 5 from Hinchley Wood & Weston Green ward (Weston Green is also within the new boundary), and this shows no expected change.

Esher & Claygate

This includes 13 LSOAs, 5 from Esher ward, 5 from Claygate ward, but also 3 from half of Oxshott & Stoke D'Abernon ward AND an increase of 10% is expected.

West Molesey

This includes only 4 LSOAs from Molesey West ward, and an expected reduction of 10%, so woefully below average.

Cobham

This includes only 7 LSOAs, 4 from Cobham & Downside ward, plus 3 from the other half of Oxshott & Stoke D'Abernon ward, with an 8% expected increase.

Hersham

This includes only 6 LSOAs from Hersham Village ward.

This would seem to suggest that East Molesey might be better paired with West Molesey (9 LSOAs) especially as the 11% increase in East Molesey would balance the 10% decrease in West Molesey.

This would then also enable Thames Ditton and Long Ditton to be recombined, 12 LSOAs although with Thames Ditton expecting an 11% reduction.

Cobham could add ALL of Oxshott & Stoke D'Abernon ward, making 10 LSOAs in total.

Esher & Claygate (without half of Oxshott & Stoke D'Abernon) would then be 10 LSOAs, in total.

Hersham (6 LSOAs) and Walton South (5 LSOAs) would be 11 LSOAs BUT Hersham expects a 4% decrease.

This provides much closer to an average number of households per councillor, while not splitting existing communities.

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From: John Haberfield [mailto:jhaberfi@yahoo.co.uk]

Sent: 12 October 2023 14:37

To: 'reviews@lgbce.org.uk'

Subject: Boundary Commission Reviews - Surrey

To: Local Government Boundary Commission

I completely disagree with the proposals for new Surrey County Council Divisions with respect to how it adversely impacts "The Dittons".

The comprehensive submissions by both the "Thames Ditton & Weston Green Residents Association" and the "Long Ditton Residents Association" provide detailed evidence as to how the proposed boundary changes (a) are at odds with the Commission's own criteria and (b) are detrimental to the historically unified community of Thames Ditton, Long Ditton and Weston Green.

By contrast, the proposals, as well as not even being supported by Surrey County Council, are proposed without any explanation or justification. I urge you to reconsider these proposed changes for the reasons stated.

Regards

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## Attached Documents:

*None attached*