

Waverley Borough Council

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Comment text:

Chiddingfold Parish Council are not in agreement with the proposed Ward changes to the Central Wards and in particular the proposal to form an Alfold, Dunsfold & Chiddingfold Ward. Chiddingfold has no existing link to Alford Parish and the proposed combined Alfold, Dunsfold & Chiddingfold Ward is large in scale (14km East -West) and neither cohesive nor connected. Chiddingfold and Dunsfold parishes share a parish boundary and have an established shared ward boundary that has worked well. There are common transport connections with access to the A283 from Dunsfold running through Chiddingfold. The Parishes also have a shared NHS GP service, with the Chiddingfold surgery having a satellite in Dunsfold. Likewise, Chiddingfold shares transport and leisure connections with adjoining Hambledon Parish. Chiddingfold, Hambledon and Dunsfold are rural villages with similarities and many shared transport, infrastructure and social issues (including the Dunsfold Oil Drilling application). A similar case could be made for Hascombe. Chiddingfold and Hambledon (and Hascombe) are both largely designated AONB and what is not AONB is AGLV as is the case with Dunsfold Parish, whereas the larger part of Alfold Parish is of neither designation, as is the case with Cranleigh. Alfold and Chiddingfold Parishes have no shared infrastructure or networks. There is no direct bus connection and transport links in the area are very strongly focused on North-South connections and not East-West. On public transport, Chiddingfold to Alfold is at least 1hour 42minutes traveling a lengthy route via Guildford, for what is an 8km distance as the crow flies. Alfold and Alfold Crossways both connect into Cranleigh as the main larger settlement nearby and the parish is far more logically connected to other parishes that do the same, this does not include Chiddingfold or Hambledon. Further, the significant implications of the development at Dunsfold Park in Alfold Parish, are not felt to have been adequately accounted for in the proposals. This development has been granted permission and will significantly increase the population density at the far East edge of the proposed Ward. The natural links for this new town will be via the A281 and therefore feeding into Alfold, Alfold Crossways and Cranleigh (and onward North to Guildford and South to Billingshurst) – this does not accord with the Western settlements, including Chiddingfold. To this Council, a 2 councillor Ward comprising Chiddingfold, Dunsfold and Hambledon would be the most logical. It could be expanded to also include Hascombe. Alfold Parish (with Dunsfold Park) should retain its connection to the Eastern Surrey parishes. Submitted by Clerk to Chiddingfold Parish Council

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