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Dear sir,

Please find attached a cover letter and full response to the Local Government Boundary Review Commission for England's consultation within Waverley Borough. Please can you confirm receipt by return email at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Julie Flenley
Clerk to Hambledon Parish Council

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24th November 2021

Review Officer (WAVERLEY)
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Dear Sir,

Re: Council ward boundaries consultation – Waverley Borough Council, Surrey.

Hambledon Parish Council has already submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission its response to the proposed changes to Waverley Borough Council Ward boundaries, as part of the public consultation, but would like to add some further points, which are enclosed in the attached letter, and have been duly copied to the individuals and entities listed beneath.

I would be most grateful if our response is given full consideration by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England and Waverley Borough Council.

Yours faithfully,

Julie Flenley
Clerk to Hambledon Parish Council

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Hambledon Parish Council has already submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission its response to the proposed changes to Waverley Borough Council Ward boundaries, as part of the public consultation.

In essence, it objects on behalf of its residents, to the proposal to remove Hambledon from a Ward that combines it with local settlements to which it has considerable links, to others with which it has little day-to-day connection.

It feels that our Borough Council representation would be diminished if its Ward councillors were not also involved in those nearby areas with which Hambledon has close ties, especially Witley and Milford.

Hambledon has no state schools, junior or senior, no dentist or doctor surgeries, and its residents largely go to Milford and Witley for these services. Although Hambledon does have a good community-run village shop, most residents go to Milford to use mini-supermarkets and a farm shop as well as to refuel vehicles.

The nearest railway stations are Witley and Milford. Hambledon has limited bus provision, but the service that runs from the village three times a week goes to Milford and on to Godalming and Guildford. A more regular service on the nearby Petworth Road connects to the same area via Witley.

It is for these reasons that Hambledon Parish Council has stated robustly that it wishes to remain within a borough council Ward with which it has affinity.

The Local Government Boundary Commission seems to have paid no regard to Hambledon Parish Council's submission to date, and is continuing with the proposal to place Hambledon in a Ward that includes distant Alfold, Dunsfold and Chiddingfold.

This may meet the requirements of a statistical exercise based on numbers of electors but it makes no sense in terms of democratic representation and would clearly be to the detriment of Hambledon residents.

Hambledon villagers may make some limited use of services in Chiddingfold, but almost none in Dunsfold and Alfold.

Currently, our Ward councillors are local to us, living in the Witley and Milford areas, and are frequently present at our monthly parish council meetings and other parish activities. If we were

represented by a Ward councillor living in, say, Alfold, it would take 20/30 minutes to reach our village hall and with no public transport option.

Hambledon Parish Council is grateful that this issue has been taken up by local Waverley councillors and several have indicated to us that they are sympathetic to the idea of Hambledon remaining in a Waverley Ward that includes Witley and Milford.

Additionally, Hambledon Parish Council has established close links with Witley Parish Council (but very limited ones with Dunsfold, Alfold and Chiddingfold) and is grateful that Witley Parish Council has indicated its support to Hambledon remaining in a shared Ward.

Yours faithfully,

Cllr Stewart Payne
Chairman to Hambledon Parish Council

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