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Comment text:

I have noted the initial proposals by the LGBCE for changes to the boundaries of the Surrey County Council divisions.

I note that it is proposed to create a new division to be named Esher & Claygate which would replace the existing division of Hinchley Wood, Claygate and Oxshott.

There are also proposals to make minor changes to the Cobham division which would have a new boundary that would run from the A3 south along the edge of Oxshott Heath, northeast along the railway line and south along Warren Lane/Leatherhead Road (A244). The Hersham HC polling district would also be included in the new Cobham division.

The main impact of these proposals is that the community of Oxshott would be divided between the two divisions of Esher & Claygate and Cobham. This is not desirable because it would result in the Oxshott community being represented by two different County Councillors. One of the major issues for Oxshott residents is the A244 which runs through the centre of the village, links the A3 to the M25 and acts as a “rat run”. It is imperative that a single County Councillor is responsible for this road, meaning that there is no ambiguity regarding whom residents should contact when issues arise – as they do frequently.

I would, therefore, propose that:

1. Oxshott be retained as a single entity;
2. Oxshott be included in the Cobham division;
3. Polling district HC remains within the Hersham division;
4. The division be renamed Cobham & Oxshott.

I appreciate that this change would result in an increase in the size of the new Cobham & Oxshott division which would mean that it is above average in terms of its electorate but this is a price that is worth paying to ensure that the division reflects the community identity of Oxshott.

I do hope that you will consider amending your proposals to reflect the changes that I have suggested.

Yours faithfully,

David J Lewis

Surrey County Councillor – Cobham Division

Attached Documents:

None attached