

# Staffordshire

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## Comment text:

We would like to make the following points in response to the interim report.

Firstly the most important point:-

Para 50 You agree variance of 11% is acceptable due to other factors. Therefore I argue that other variances can be accepted if community needs prevail.

There has been a lot of protest against the split of Long Ditton and Thames Ditton as we suggested. Ever mindful of what people on the ground want.

Therefore we now suggest a border along the A309, with the name 'The Dittons' as most of Thames Ditton would now be included.

The area south of the A309 would join Esher and Claygate Division (and if that pushes the population too much then allocate a bit to Oxshott to Cobham).

The area to the West of A309 could join a division called 'Moseley' thus answering objections about the split there.

Other points we would like to make:-

Para 39. Elmbridge Liberal Democrats suggested 7 divisions, not 9 as stated. To be realistic and practical we based our suggestion on 9 divisions.

Para 40 There are no reasons stated for the 2 exceptions when you state 'despite being no direct road connectivity between north and south settlements'

Para 46 You say Lib Dems dont provide evidence of community links. Nor do the stated proposals. This submission is written by people living in these locations who understand the communities.

Local knowledge of the community takes into account roads, bus routes and services.

Para 48 Is there a typo here? Surely not 'Elmbridge Divison' but Weybridge Division?

Para 49 We welcome these changes.

Thank you for the enormous amount of Surrey officer's careful work put into this, thank you SCC.

The above and previous suggestions are made without full population details being available to us but have at heart a desire to make our political borders meaningful.

Democratic arrangements are at the heart of Lib Dem beliefs.

Thank you

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## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*