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Related subject: Oxshott

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes recommended by the Boundary Commission (BC) for Surrey County Council (SCC) boundaries in Elmbridge, specifically regarding the division of Oxshott.

Upon careful consideration and after consultation with local SCC councillors and Elmbridge BC councillors, I am compelled to voice my disagreement with these recommendations. The proposed division of Oxshott down the A244, with the western portion merging with Cobham and the eastern part with Esher & Claygate, is deeply concerning.

Firstly, splitting Oxshott in this manner, particularly by arbitrarily drawing a line along a major road, would threaten the sense of community cohesion and identity that our town has long enjoyed. This division risks creating poorly defined and unclear representation within SCC, which could have serious implications for securing funding for vital improvements to the A244, a matter of great importance to our community.

Additionally, the decision to remove the name of Oxshott from the names of the new wards is unjustifiable and erases the historical and cultural significance of our town.

I support the submission made by FEDORA, which rejects these recommendations and advocates for the retention of the existing boundaries, which combine Oxshott with Claygate and Hinchley Wood. These boundaries better reflect the shared interests and identity of our community.

I implore you to consider the views of the residents and uphold the current boundaries that have served our community well. I urge you to take into account the concerns raised by FEDORA and the many residents who oppose these proposed changes.

Attached Documents:

None attached