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Related subject: Guildford - Jacobs Well

I strongly object to Jacobs Well being moved from Worplesdon division to Guildford North division. It fails to meet the three main considerations guiding the Commission in the review:

1. "Ensuring that the recommendations reflect community identity."

Jacobs Well identifies very closely with Worplesdon, since it has been part of Worplesdon Parish Council for very many years and will continue to do so. As far as I can see, there are no plans to change the Parish Council. It has always strived to retain and perpetuate the identity of a village community with typical village social structures like other areas of Worplesdon (e.g. village hall, village green, village shops, village events), rather than become swallowed up into the general urbanisation of Guildford.

2. "Providing arrangements that support effective and convenient local government."

Being part of Worplesdon Parish means that issues that affect Worplesdon in general tend to affect Jacobs Well in particular. This is best represented by a Councillor covering all of Worplesdon Parish, as is the case currently.

3. "Improving electoral equality by equalising the number of electors that each councillor represents."

Surely the Guildford North division will already be disproportionately increased in the near future by the impending Weyside Urban Village development of 1,500 scheduled new homes (approx 3,195 residents) within its existing boundaries? It therefore doesn't make sense to increase the numbers yet further by incorporating Jacobs Well into it as well.

Attached Documents:

None attached