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Related subject: Long Ditton

I strongly disagree with this change in boundary proposal. The proposed changes would separate Long Ditton from Thames Ditton, communities which, as can be gathered by the name, are very closely linked and have been since the Middle Ages. The Dittons have a lot in common and the two communities are closely linked by schools, friends and families, as much as by geographic proximity. As you can see by the list outlined below - there is such a close bond that these communities share that splitting them breaks the community support that has been established over many years.

- 1) Stokes Field Nature Reserve in Long Ditton is used by many in Thames Ditton and is a shared space enjoyed to meet friends and family from the Ditton community.
- 2) We share a Scout Group – The Dittons
- 3) ‘The Dittons Fair’ takes place on Giggs Hill Green, in Thames Ditto
- 4) Both communities use the pubs in each other’s locale (e.g., The Angel, The Limping Fox, The City Arms, The Ferry, The George & Dragon)
- 5) The TDWGRA made a significant financial donation supporting the Village Green campaign in Stokes Field and One Tree Hill, Long Ditton
- 6) Many Thames Ditton residents use the Long Ditton Green Belt land recreationally (as demonstrated via the Village Green survey)
- 7) LDRA & TDWGRA officers often collaborate on various issues and are fully united against this proposed change
- 8) Currently, one Surrey County Councillor serves The Dittons community as a whole

Attached Documents:

None attached