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The Review Officer (Surrey)
Local Government Boundary Commission for England PO Box 133 Blyth, NE24 9FE

3rd October 2023

Dear Sir or Madam

We strongly object to your proposal to move Weston Green to a different Division. My wife and I are shocked at your recommendations and do not want to be removed from the parish of Thames Ditton. Thames Ditton and Weston Green is a very old Parish, dating back to 1100 AD. You will not only be removing a boundary line, but sabotaging a community and the history of Thames Ditton.

The Manor of Weston Green was mentioned in the Domesday Book, as part of Thames Ditton. We have been inextricably linked throughout history and when the first local council was established in 1895 (the Esher & District Urban District Council) we became part of the same Division, which has continued to this day.

The Thames Ditton & Weston Green Residents' Association, formed in 1934, is the second oldest in the country. It is the focus of a strong and cohesive community, with an active membership and volunteers who deliver the quarterly magazine (Thames Ditton Today). Our Residents'

Association run a website and hold regular events including our annual Secret Gardens (which alternates between Thames Ditton and Weston Green) and our Nature & Climate Festival, which is in its second year. Weston Green residents feel part of Thames Ditton - our community theatre, local shops, primary and nursery schools, Community Centre and our library are all there.

Your proposals will destroy our Thames Ditton and Weston Green community. There is a real sense of community within the Dittons, enhanced by being served by a single County Councillor, and the two Residents' Associations work closely together. Splitting the two areas would be counter productive.

This ridiculous proposal goes against Surrey County Council's own recommendations and will destroy our community identity and interests;

Your proposals do not meet any of your own three main criteria's:

- Electoral equality
- Community identity and interests
- Effective and convenient local government

Yours faithfully

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Attached Documents:

None attached