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Related subject: Oxshott

I disagree with the proposal to split Oxshott into two constituencies / wards. Oxshott is a community. We have about 5 000 people living here. We have a medical centre, a village hall, a church, a high street, a station and schools. This is my community where I live and interact. Arbitrarily splitting it in two based on a road makes no sense. I do not identify with either Cobham or Claygate / Esher. I live in Oxshott, my life is in Oxshott.

I am also distressed by the proposal to remove the name of Oxshott from the ward names. This is disrespectful to all the people to live here and the community which we have. It feels to me as if actions are being taken to erase our community.

The residents of Oxshott are not mere numbers that can be arbitrarily allocated to meet electoral targets in different constituencies. We are a community that need to remain as a whole and be represented as a whole.

My request is for LGBCE to revise its recommendations based on the principle of “Ensuring that the recommendations reflect community identity”. I would suggest that this can best be done by retaining the existing boundaries whereby Oxshott continues to be part of the division of Hinchley Wood, Claygate & Oxshott.

Attached Documents:

None attached