

Mole Valley District Council

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Comment text:

Overall I like the concept of changing the boundaries in Bookham from a North/South split to an East/West division, particularly as Little Bookham has a strong sense of identity evidenced by residents' recent campaign to change the postal address to differentiate between Little and Great Bookham. In the current North/South ward pattern Little Bookham is split in half. I am not in favour of the currently proposed nomenclature for either of the Bookham wards. The name 'Eastwick' has strong associations with the primary school there and not all residents in this newly proposed ward have an affinity to this, particularly those living further away in the southern part of the ward. The use of Eastwick also tends to disassociate the ward from the village of Bookham which has a strong sense of identity. The use of 'The Bookhams' strongly implies that this ward includes all of Bookham, thus also inferring that somehow Eastwick Park is no longer part of the Bookham community. In my view the word Bookham should be retained for both wards and my preference would be to have Bookham East and Bookham West. I remain concerned about residents in The Ridgeway and Bell Lane feeling divorced from the heart of Fetcham as they are so close to St Mary's Church and the historic Fetcham Park House. More consistent community representation could perhaps be achieved by including all of the Glade (both sides) and Woodside into the Eastern ward of Bookham and allowing the Ridgeway/Bell Lane homes to remain in the Fetcham ward.

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