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To the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Mole Valley review

I am a new councillor for Bookham North in Mole Valley.

I believe the last date for submissions to the Commission was 6 June 2022 and I hope that my statement will still be read.

I would like to say that the exercise to reshape the boundaries in particularly in Bookham and Fetcham in Mole Valley has been a waste of time and effort. Bookham and Fetcham, far from having their individual community characteristics moulded together have been divided with the new boundary lines. That to me is the opposite of one of the Commission's aims to keep communities together.

However, in its favour the exercise has made me think about what is important to us. It has forced us to see things from a different angle, to see if we're on the right path. It has forced us to confront ourselves. It has personally forced me to defend what is right.

I've lived in Bookham for 34 years, and 19 years in Fetcham. I know our boundaries, where Bookham is and where Fetcham is. They are two different places. They're not broken. They don't need changing.

What does need changing is our morally corrupt government that in another time-wasting Local Plan exercise has dumped unrealistic housing targets on Mole Valley. In the process dividing our communities.

Now with the Boundary Commission's so-called need for change our district councillors have had to waste time and energy to push back the boundaries for the sake of it. All I can see from that effort is even more division of our communities.

My suggestion to the Boundary Commission is to please leave Bookham and Fetcham alone!

Our diligent councillors at Mole Valley have gone through the motions. There are no hidden gems that justify a need for change, only more pain and more division.

Thank you.

Monica Weller

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