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Dear [REDACTED],

Please record my and my husband's ([REDACTED]) objections to these proposed changes, for the following reasons:

Bookham and Fetcham are two clearly defined villages for all who live in them. My husband and I have lived in both over the years and they are very different in terms of structure and character. Bookham has a clearly defined and very strong centre at the crossroads of Church Road/High Street/Lower Road and two clearly defined Wards in North and South Bookham.

Both villages have large and growing populations and the current four Wards are needed to meet their needs. Reducing the number two three would add an unnecessary work load for the remaining three Councillors.

Parts of Bookham and Fetcham would suddenly be lumped together in "Eastwick Park" which is a term which means nothing to locals. It would also throw up some very strange anomalies. For instance, St Nicolas Church, which is literally and figuratively at the heart of Great Bookham would be shifted into the strange new hybrid ward with a meaningless name to local people. St Mary's is the Anglican church in Fetcham, St Nicolas in Great Bookham (Little Bookham has its own church).

Both villages have strong, individual, identities, and his proposed move seems contrary to the LGBC's stated objective to maintain village and conurbation identities.

I suspect that when Boundary Commission representatives visited the area they failed to see the separation of Fetcham and Bookham which is clear to residents but not so clear to visitors with just a local map to guide them.

I cannot see any positive outcomes from such a move, but several negative ones, most of all the reduced service from a reduced number of local Councillors.

Regards,

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