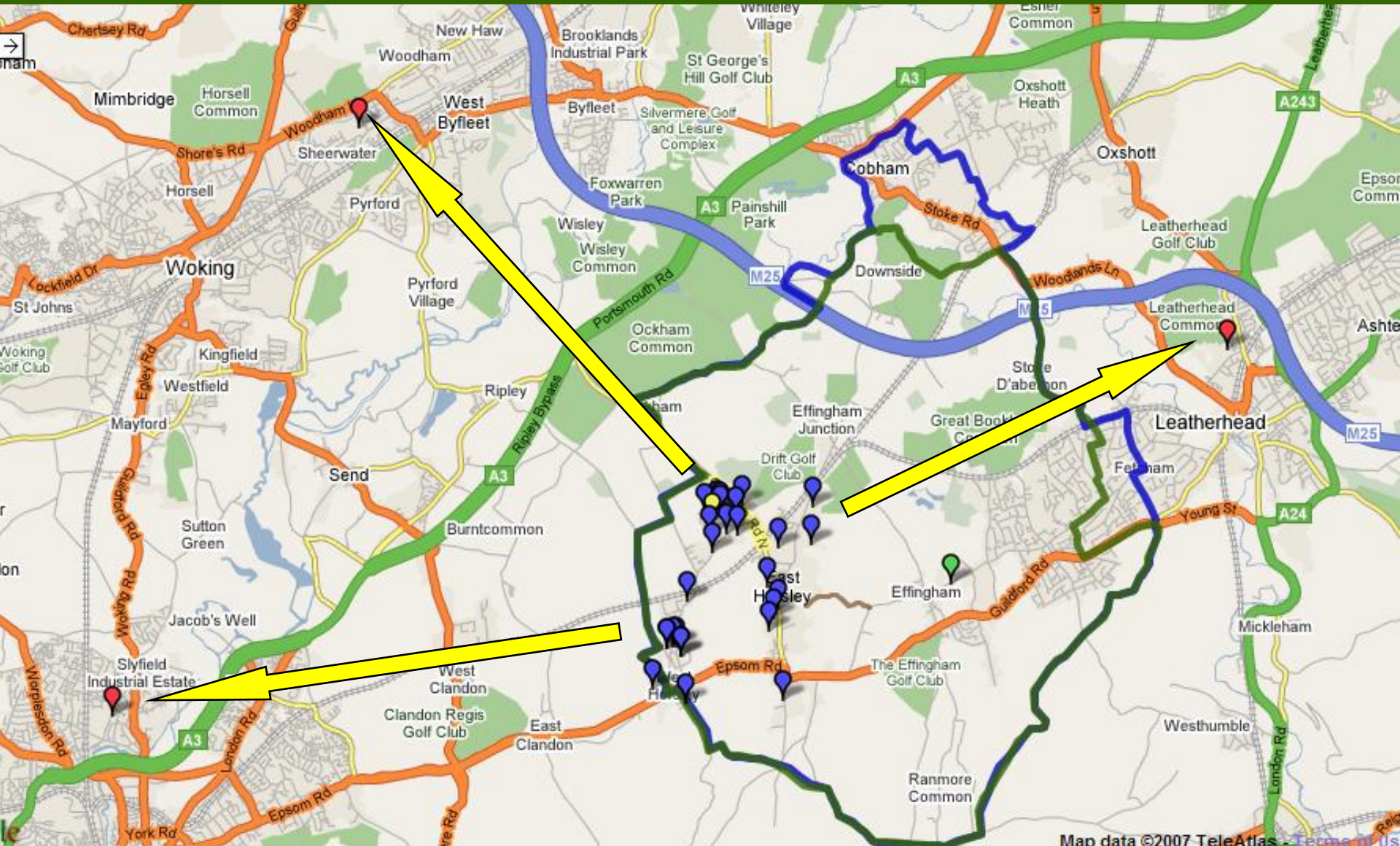


Howard of Effingham

2010 Proposed Policy
A Workable Compromise

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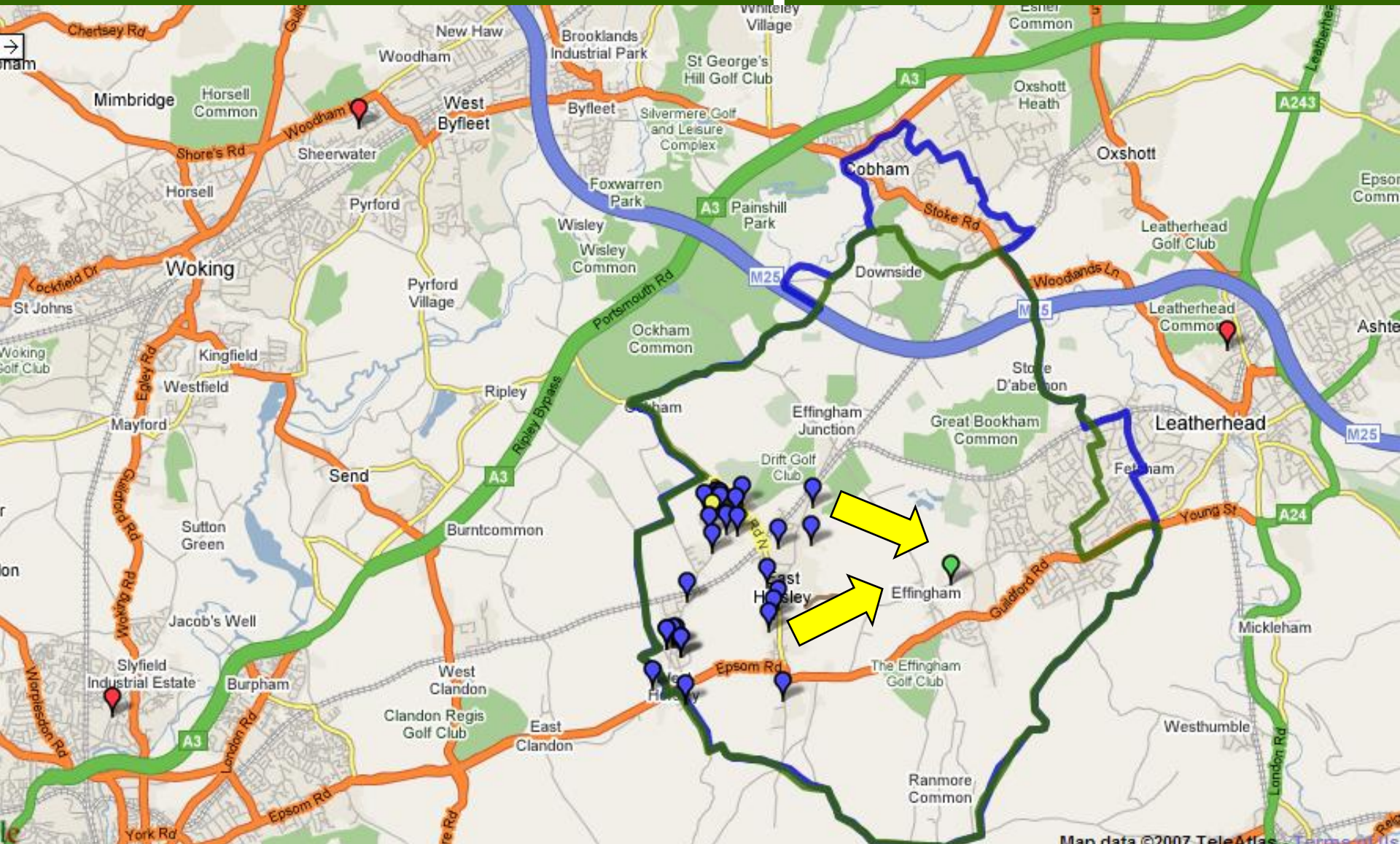
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- Introduction of straight line distance priority resulted in 31 Horsley children displaced from Howard
- First time in living memory Horsley children not granted places at Howard
- Allocated 3 different schools, in Woking, Guildford & Leatherhead.

Do we want to repeat 2007?

- Other “local” schools, George Abbot, St Peters and Ashcombe oversubscribed & so no places for Horsley. This fact remains. George Abbot is most over subscribed school in Surrey. Cannot even accommodate Ripley children (who are nearer).
- Record number of Howard appeals
- Extra class at Howard created as a “one-off” solution

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- Previous admissions policy recognised Howard is Horsley's nearest and only accessible local school
- Schools Adjudicator agreed that not taking account of this was unfair to Horsley children. Hence required use of Nearest Alternative School (NAS) tiebreaker in 2008 policy to reinstate Horsley's access to Howard

..or keep improvements made for 2008 and 2009?

- Adjudicator's 2008 determination recognised the impact on other communities around the Howard.
- He agreed that SCC could introduce priority for those at partner schools to attempt a more even allocation across the historic catchment. We opposed this because our local partner school is often oversubscribed, children would miss out at primary and secondary level.
- 2008 policy admitted all Horsley, Effingham and Bookham children at partner schools.
- Non-partner school children, including several in Horsley, not offered places.
- Howard appeals halved.

..or keep improvements made for 2008 and 2009?

2008 policy had some anomalies. Improvements and further compromise made in 2009 to ensure those living in historic catchment prioritised over those outside it:

- Catchment area reinstated
- Partner schools reduced to 5 schools that had always acted as “feeder” schools to Howard
- Non partner school children living in catchment prioritised over partner school children outside it
- Priority outside catchment on a straight line basis so that Fetcham is prioritised in less subscribed years (as happened prior to 2007)

..or keep improvements made for 2008 and 2009?

- SCC introduce better monitoring and contingency planning for oversubscription issues.
- SCC give undertaking that any displaced children will be allocated to sensible local schools – but this remains very difficult to deliver for Horsley children
- Hence tiebreaker in catchment area of Nearest Alternative School still needed

Impact of 2010 Proposed Policy

Partner school and catchment area admissions policy:

- Limits the extent of oversubscription to the Howard
- Prioritises access for children in the catchment area already at 5 local primary schools.
- Limits ability to move into area temporarily to obtain places
- Children living close to the school can still walk and cycle there, Horsley children can continue to go to their nearest school too.
- Non-partner school children higher priority than in 2008.

Impact of proposed 2010 policy

Numbers not certain but expect admissions will broadly reflect pupil numbers of the 5 partner schools. :

	Estimated places
Effingham	28
Horsley	50*
Ockham & Downside	2
Bookham & Fetcham	150
Other	<u>10 **</u>
Total	<u>240</u>

*Horsley figures lower than class sizes as some children from outside catchment

** Siblings may be slightly higher than prior years because of 2007 extra class, although expect majority will be at partner schools. Figures assume all eligible children go to Howard, so worse case scenario.

Conclusion

- 2010 policy allocates most Howard places to Bookham, and maintains Horsley's traditional access to Howard
- ELP Heads "where demand exceeds supply, communities which have traditionally had access to a particular local school should be enabled to continue"
- Children in Bookham, Downside, Effingham, Horsley and Ockham are all "local children", they have all traditionally gone to the Howard. As, in less subscribed years, have some Fetcham children.

Conclusion: Let's stick with 2009 criteria for 2010 – a workable compromise

