



Turners Hill Parish Council



Review Officer (West Sussex)  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
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Dear Sirs

We have studied the proposals and numerical information submitted by West Sussex County Council and we strongly object to the County proposals for Turners Hill.

The proposal to split this small parish at the boundary of the Parish Church is completely unnecessary and would have a negative impact for residents. The numbers provided for 2014 and 2020 show a tolerance of +7% and +5%, well within the permitted limit of +/-10%.

The area which County propose will remain in Worth Forest Division is simply making use of the Parish to provide a corridor of connection to Copthorne so that it can remain within the division. There is no gain for Turners Hill in these proposals. The County view is that the western section of the Parish is sparsely populated giving the impression that it therefore does not matter. This area, including Worth Abbey, Worth School and Tulleys Farm, is important to the whole Parish.

Turners Hill Parish wishes to remain part of Worth Forest Division in its entirety. Turners Hill is a rural area and its identity as such is far more suited to Worth Forest Division than the more urban area of Imberdown.

It is already difficult for residents to understand who to contact over various issues; should it be West Sussex County Council or Mid Sussex District Council. Adding to this confusion by having two County Councillors is not acceptable nor does it support local cohesion.

We question the estimated growth in electorate as provided by WSCC. Certainly the figures for Crawley Down and Copthorne are far too low. We assume this is due to Neighbourhood Plans, which identify future development, not yet being made for some areas although we believe that not even current planning permissions have been taken into account. These figures should be revisited as they will impact on the permitted tolerances and any perceived need to alter Divisions.

We sincerely hope that our views will prevail and that Turners Hill remains as one division.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs Chris Marsh  
Clerk to the Council

Cc: James Ironside, West Sussex County Council