

ELHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Sirs,

Re: Electoral Review of Shepway: Draft Recommendations

Your recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Shepway District Council were discussed at the Meeting of Elham Parish Council on the 1st July 2013.

Councillors were very unhappy with your proposal for Elham being linked to North Downs East. They feel very strongly about this for the following reasons:

This will become a vast area. Hawkinge used to be a medium size village, but a few years ago it was proposed that it should be expanded and it has now grown so much, with so many new houses, supermarkets and shops etc. that it is more like a large town. Elham is a small village and will be swamped by it all. The other villages in this proposal, are much more closely linked with Hawkinge and would possibly fit in better. Both Elham and Stelling Minnis are very small rural areas and have a lot in common. In fact, one part known as Wheelbarrow Town, has houses in both Elham and Stelling Minnis and this would cause a large rift for the inhabitants if they were linked to different areas.

Elham shares the same PCSO and Community Warden as neighbouring Lyminge and is also geographically linked by public transport with the other villages in North Downs West.

We do hope you will take our views into account and you will be able to keep our link with Stelling Minnis and Lyminge, something residents have enjoyed for very many years.

Yours faithfully,

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Shirley Marshall
Clerk to Elham Parish Council