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**To:** Ward, Lucy; Porter, Johanna  
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**From:** Alison [mailto: ]  
**Sent:** 25 November 2015 09:01  
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Dear Sirs

Please find attached a copy of Arlington Parish Council's response to the boundary changes as proposed by Wealden District Council. As you can see, Members of the Parish Council would like to strongly object to the proposals; and additionally are extremely concerned at the extension of what was a ward consultation to include the fairly wholesale reorganisation of the parishes surrounding Arlington, to fit into Wealden's plans for large scale housing development in the area.

This 'land grab' to suit Wealden's motives is unfortunate at best, and suggests stealthy forward planning at worst. It is not how we would expect our residents to be treated and we trust that this counter-intuitive strategy will be reconsidered before it goes any further.

We further understand that East Sussex County Council will be rejecting these proposals on the basis that they anticipate County Divisions and Ward Boundaries to be coterminous, without creating a confusion and the need to reroute major roads.

Please be assured that this proposal will be fought robustly by local residents who object to Wealden's heavy-handed approach towards imposing its policies on, what it, perhaps, considers to be, hapless communities.

Yours sincerely

Alison Stevens  
Also Clerk to Arlington Parish Council

# ARLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Email: [REDACTED]

Interim Clerk: Mrs R Rudin

## **Boundary Commission**

Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
14th Floor Millbank Tower  
Millbank  
London, SW1P 4QP

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## **BOUNDARY CHANGES – WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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Councillors are further alarmed by:

1. The speed in which these proposals have been put out to consultation, with barely enough time for Parish and Town Councils to make meaningful submissions.
2. The apparent association of the new wards with the delivery of housing as outlined in the Issues & Options consultation as part of the Local Development Framework. The proposals contained within this proposals are unsustainable in every way, including:
  - a. Lack of infrastructure
  - b. Destruction of the rural nature of the existing parishes
  - c. Insufficient transport links
3. The fact that it is unlikely that East Sussex County Council would agree with the Wealden District Council proposals as it is likely to retain its boundary line as represented by the current route of the A22.
4. As stated in the Boundary Commission's covering letter, "*The Commission has no power to consider changes to the external boundaries of a parish or the creation of new parishes.*" We would accordingly ask that the Boundary Commission rejects the proposals submitted by Wealden District Council and additionally requires Wealden District Council to retain the Arlington Parish boundaries in their existing form.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Rudin  
Interim Clerk to Arlington Parish Council



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