

**Sent:** 05 March 2013 12:48

**To:** Reviews@

**Subject:** Electoral Review of Shepway

Dear Mr. Morrison,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Electoral Review of Shepway District Council.

Dymchurch Parish Council considered the matter at its meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2013, and I have been asked to inform you of its views.

Firstly, the parish council is disappointed that the number of Shepway district councillors is to be reduced to 30. Parish councillors are of the view that this number is too small for the population of the district.

However, in light of the Commission's decision, the parish council would like to suggest that the current ward of Dymchurch and St. Marys Bay, be increased to incorporate St. Mary in the Marsh, Burmarsh and Newchurch. Thus providing two councillors for the suggested ward.

For information purposes, St. Marys Bay and St. Mary in the Marsh is the same parish, but at the current time is divided in two for ward boundary purposes.

This suggestion places St. Marys Bay and St. Mary in the Marsh (same parish) in the same Ward.

The suggestion would provide the following number of electorates:

Dymchurch and St. Marys Bay	=	5477
St. Mary in the Marsh	=	120
Burmarsh	=	281
Newchurch	=	251
Total		6129

I hope you will be able to give due consideration to the parish council's views.

Best regards

Yours sincerely,

Gillian Smith

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council