

Local Residents submissions to the West Sussex County Council electoral review

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Kingsley, Paul

From: Fuller, Heather
Sent: 22 January 2016 08:50
To: Kingsley, Paul
Subject: FW: West Sussex Boundary review

From: Mike & Rosie [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 January 2016 17:28
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Cc: Becky White [REDACTED]
Subject: West Sussex Boundary review

Dear Sir or Madam

The effect of reducing the number of West Sussex County councillors from 71 down to 70 is barely worth the time taken and certainly not worth the cost.

Tinkering with the division boundaries will not achieve any noticeable change in the way the county is managed nor the costs of local government.

This should be used as a golden opportunity to grab the situation by the throat and make some substantial changes that will make a significant difference to all of the residents. There is a significant discrepancy in the gender balance within the elected councillors.

My suggestion:- Halve the number of divisions but each division will have at the next election two prospective councillors lists. One list will be totally male and the other totally female. Each elector will have two votes, one for each list. Instantly the gender imbalance will be solved, the electorate will have the same number of councillors to represent them. This proposal will have a significant effect on the makeup of the council and would have an obvious effect on the relationship of the council with the electors as females probably make up more than 50% of the population.

Yours faithfully

Mike Beal



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Kingsley, Paul

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2016 19:18
To: reviews
Subject: West Sussex boundary review

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a resident of Westfield Road in West Green, Crawley. I have recently found out - quite by chance as there seems to have been no publicity to raise awareness of a change - that it is proposed to move my part of West Green into a different county council division from the other part.

I disagree strongly with this proposal. West Green has a vibrant community, and should remain part of the same seat with the same representative on the county council. Splitting the neighbourhood is also likely to lead to confusion for voters, which can easily be avoided through an alternative solution.

Nobody in my area seems to be aware of the proposed change, which is worrying. Different tiers of local government are already confusing enough for voters, without splitting borough wards into separate parts.

I note an alternative proposal has been mooted that West Green as a whole becomes part of a county division with Northgate and the town centre. This division makes sense given proximity, and also allows the community in West Green to remain united. Linking a part of West Green to a division which includes Three Bridges simply does not make sense!

I remain concerned that there has been no proper community consultation on these proposals, and would ask that greater consideration be given to how these kind of proposed changes are communicated in future.

In the meantime, I would strongly urge you to seriously consider the town centre and Northgate proposal here - for the good of the community in West Green, which must remain united.

Best wishes,

Alison Berridge (Ms)

Kingsley, Paul

Subject:

FW: West Sussex Review

From: Vanessa Cumper [REDACTED]

Sent: 06 February 2016 22:22

To: reviews

Subject: West Sussex Review

As a former Councillor for West Green and a resident of Westfield Road, I am deeply unhappy that you are recommending splitting West Green in two in your review of West Sussex Electoral Divisions, with over half of West Green being with Langley Green but the area where I live being put in with Southgate and Pembroke Park which will make no sense at all to local people.

West Green is one of Crawley's oldest and smallest neighbourhoods. This contributes to our strong local identity and community spirit. If a neighbourhood has to divide to make up county electoral divisions, then it should be a larger one like Southgate or Langley Green where a split will have less impact on the neighbourhood.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Regards
Vanessa Cumper

West Sussex County

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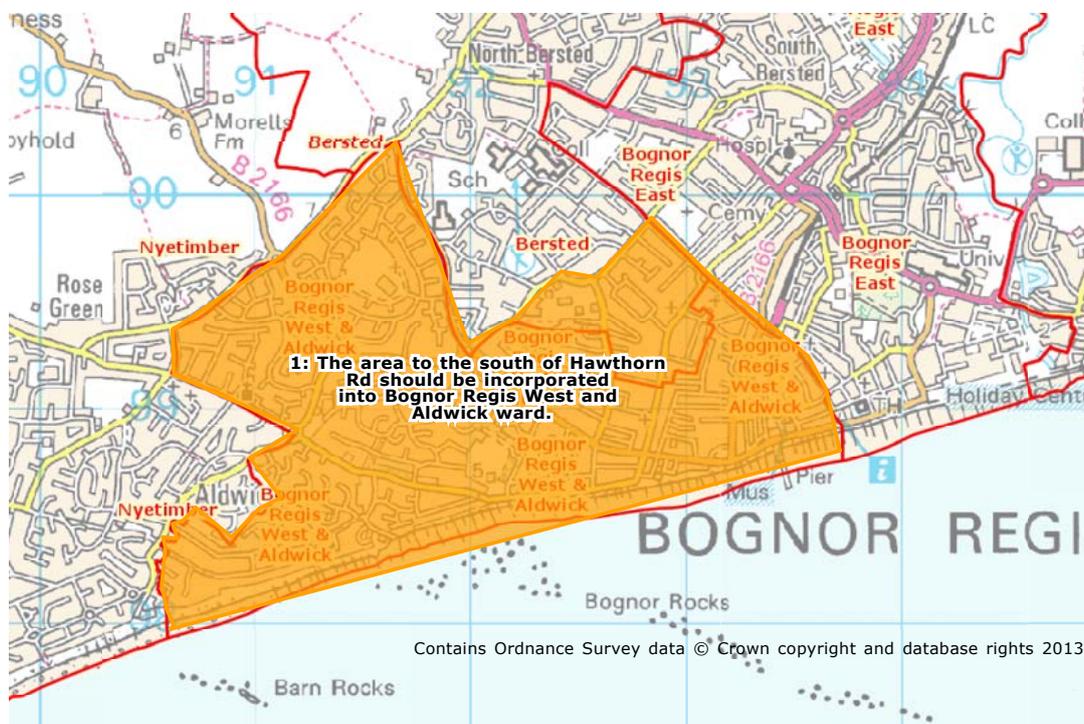
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Whilst it is understood that you need to make change and that your proposals are probably based upon sound judgement and evidence the village of Poling sees itself more a part of Arundel and Wick area rather than Angmering or Findon. If change is required why not make it more logical and community based. I think by using the eastern most Parish bounday and including Poling in the Arundel and Wick constituency will be a better and more easily understood arrangement. As a community Poling is more a part of Arundel than Angmering so it makes sense that this is reflectred in the new arrangements.

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West Sussex County**Personal Details:****Name:** Peter Edgington**E-mail:** [REDACTED]**Postcode:** [REDACTED]**Organisation Name:****Feature Annotations****Map Features:**

Annotation 1: The area to the south of Hawthorn Rd should be incorporated into Bognor Regis West and Aldwick ward.

Comment text:

Areas south of Hawthorn Road should be incorporated into the Bognor Regis West and Aldwick ward. We are represented by Bognor Regis Town councillors, not Bersted Parish Councillors therefore we should not be included in Bersted. This follows the principle of 'no taxation without representation'. The ward boundaries should also be redrawn so this area is part of 'Marine' and not 'Pevensey'. The housing stock is also similar.

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Kingsley, Paul

From: Biz [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2016 23:38
To: reviews
Subject: Boundary Review

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I am a resident of Northgate in Crawley and am responding to your consultation requesting feedback about your proposals for electoral arrangements for West Sussex County Council. I think that county divisions should match borough wards as much as possible to avoid any confusion. The town centre is now growing in population with offices becoming flats and these new residents should stay in Northgate for both West Sussex and Crawley elections rather than in Southgate, which looks odd. Many residents of Northgate, like myself, walk into the town centre from home and the proximity of Northgate to the town centre is a reason why many people move here.

In the town centre, once you are at the High Street, you are on the edge of West Green and I would have thought when putting neighbourhoods together to make county divisions that cover larger areas, that West Green would be better to match with Northgate than Three Bridges due to the many facilities in Northgate and West Green that the residents of both areas use.

Three Bridges stretches all the way out to Pound Hill, bordering Furnace Green, 'largely' bordering Pound Hill and also bordering Maidenbower! The border with Northgate is slight and divided by a 40mph main road.

Northgate has a strong border with West Green as both contain the Town Centre and I think of Sainsbury's West Green as my local supermarket. It's where we shop. It's where my in-laws shop and they walk. Most Northgate residents probably would consider it so. I don't consider Tesco's in Three Bridges as remotely 'local'.

Those are my feelings on this issue.

Andrea Guidera
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

West Sussex County

Personal Details:

Name: Brian High

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Postcode: [REDACTED]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

Cuckfield and Lucastes Ward extends east of the London/Brighton railway on to land south of Rocky Lane and west of Fox Hill, Haywards Heath. The new estates developed and being developed on this land are sustained by Haywards Heath Town for all their services (except, perhaps, for the new "free" primary school in Bolnore Village) and are in practice part of the town's 'built-up area'. This land was proffered for development by Cuckfield and Lucastes Ward (and also by Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council) in order to minimise their need to identify development sites elsewhere in the Ward. The estates built here are in the south-west quadrant of Haywards Heath Town, which provides their infrastructure, and it is rational that this area should be part of Haywards Heath Town Ward.

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Personal Details:

Name: Glyn Jones

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Postcode: [REDACTED]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

The map of Haywards Heath appears inaccurate in that it takes no account of the Haywards Heath Relief Road, now A272, which now acts as a natural barrier between parts of the town. It is suggested that all areas of Haywards Heath south and east of this road naturally fall into the area of Haywards Heath East as all of them are pretty well equidistant from the town centre and cannot really be regarded as being part of the town centre.

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Kingsley, Paul

From: MATT LAIRD [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2016 18:06
To: reviews; mattlaird
Subject: West Sussex review (Crawley)

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To whom it may concern.

As a resident of West Green, Crawley, I was very unhappy to see the recent recommendation of splitting the ward in your boundary review.

I was only just made aware of this consultation and believe that many residents are unaware of this process... and if advertised appropriately many people would object to the original recommendation. As West Green is made up of many older residents not everyone has Internet access, and to make it fair with a broad segment of the residents I would suggest that it is promoted in the paper or at least postal info.

In your review of West Sussex Electoral Divisions you have suggested that over half of West Green being with Langley Green and the other 25% put in with Southgate and three bridges which will make no sense at all to the local residents.

I am not happy that we are suggested to be linked with Langley Green. This may have many ramifications just to change a boundary. Could impact with residents insurances (car and house), house prices in general, schooling options and unfortunately the stigma related to the ward mentioned which is a LNIA with being an area of deprivation. (Just a few to mention)

I would suggest an alternative to keep West Green together and to avoid it losing its identity and impact to the ward. If having to do so - linking it with an alternative ward such as Northgate as would mean West Green would stay together.

Kind regards

Mr M Laird

Yours sincerely,

Mr Matthew Laird

From: sally pavey [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 February 2016 17:41
To: reviews
Subject: Electoral Review

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To Whom it May Concern

I would like to strongly object to the parish of Warnham being included with Broadbridge Heath.

Warnham is rural and has no similarities to Broadbridge Heath which is urban.

Sally Pavey

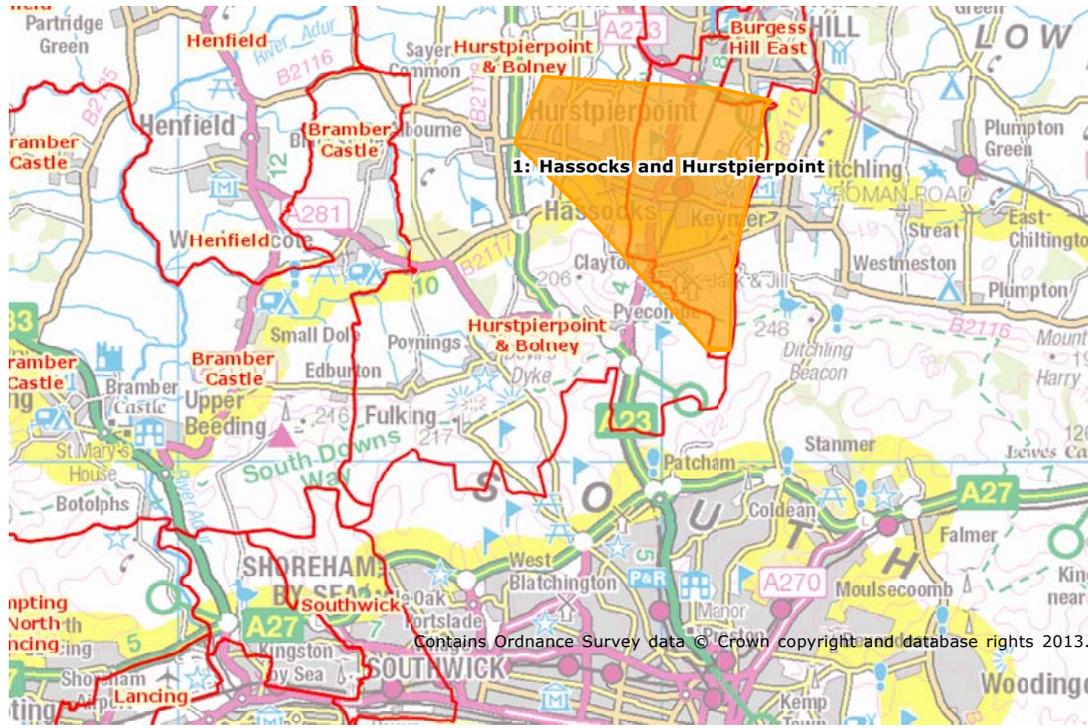


West Sussex County

Personal Details:

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Feature Annotations



Map Features:

Annotation 1: Hassocks and Hurstpierpoint

Comment text:

Hassocks has much more in common with Hurstpierpoint than the industrial and commercial part of Burgess Hill.

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Kingsley, Paul

From: Mayers, Mishka on behalf of reviews
Sent: 03 February 2016 14:14
To: Kingsley, Paul
Subject: FW: Rogate Ward

From: James Stock [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 February 2016 13:43
To: reviews <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Subject: Rogate Ward

The ideal and radical change for government of the Rogate Citizen.....

West Sussex CC should be enlarged to combine for example Surrey CC and East Sussex CC to form a unitary council called The Downs Government (DG)

District councils such as Chichester DC should be subsumed into the DG and all responsibilities and operations come under one managing board in DG.

Single larger wards/administrative areas representing areas like the current CDC North would replace wards and feed into the DG

This structure would eliminate much bureaucracy/cost to the tax payer and provide no less democracy while we are a member of the EU, since Brussels make most decisions for the current Westminster and Local government structures.

At the same time the current House of commons should be halved in number and represent England only: English Parliament. The House of Lords renamed the UK Government with elected members would take care of federal matters for the UK : Defence, Foreign Policy and Economic Strategy. This would serve democracy, improve decision making and reduce duplication/cost.

This overall structure would mean there are effectively 4 levels of government for a citizen of Rogate given our membership of the EU:

EU
(UK*
(England*
Downs
CDC North

*Note these two are separate chambers with different responsibilities and therefore count as one level of government – unlike the current set up in Westminster.

Without the EU we would be down to effectively three tiers of government with a return of sovereignty and big improvement in the democratic deficit and effectiveness in delivering policy outcomes.

The less radical and I would hope just an interim change for Rogate.....

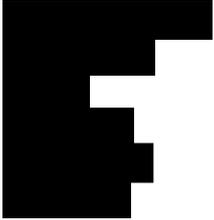
- 1) Entirely agree on your reduction of CDC councillors. Further reduction very desirable. We are over governed!
- 2) Rogate ward should be reduced to 7 councillors from 13 which reflects the reduction in CDC. This may mean Parish Councillors will be elected for a change (!) rather than co-opted and we get a better quality of Parish Councillor. Localism is all very well but quality rather than quantity of councillor is needed for effective output. There is far too much activity and not enough successful core outcomes.
- 3) Rogate Parish should be enlarged to take in Nyewood, Dumford, Trotton, Chithurst and Stedham up to the Midhurst/Fernhurst border. The major change would be the elimination of the Stedham ward and it being split into Rogate and Harting.
- 4) An enlarged Ward will make for efficiency and the introduction of new blood

5) The boundary change is based on community, social, cultural, church, communication, historic , topographical logic.

Do not forget to get EU approval! We are after all a vassal state of the EU and its unelected technocrats.

Regards

Mr P J Stock



Kingsley, Paul

From: Gloria Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 February 2016 19:16
To: reviews
Subject: West Sussex Review

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I am writing to show my disappointment in talk of West Green, Crawley, being merged with either Langley Green, or Southgate for the voting. West Green was one of the first estates to be built in Crawley as a New Town. To date, we have lost our Doctor's Surgery, our Post Office, and now it like we are losing our independence as an estate. Langley Green is on the other side of the A23 to us, and Southgate is the other side of the track. I think we should be left alone.

Yours sincerely,
G. Williams.