

Review Officer (West Sussex)
The Local Government Boundary
Commission for England
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Dear Sir/Madam

OBJECTION TO PROPOSED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS: BURGESS HILL

We are responding to the Boundary Commission's Boundary Review Consultation on behalf of the two main Shopping Centres in Burgess Hill town centre and also as representatives of Burgess Hill Town Centre Partnership.

Burgess Hill Town Centre Partnership was formed in 2012 following a recommendation by the Portas Review to establish "Town Teams" to promote town centres across the country. Burgess Hill Town Centre Partnership is made up of a wide range of local interests including landlords, developers, two shopping centres, independent retailers, local authorities and the business community.

We have worked together very successfully for the last four years and have developed a programme of events and initiatives to promote Burgess Hill Town Centre. During this time, footfall and trade have increased. Our Local County Councillor has been very supportive and has played an important role in securing the support of West Sussex County Council.

After many years in the pipeline, a major planning application to redevelop a significant area of the town centre has recently been submitted. This will provide £40 million of much needed investment and will transform Burgess Hill Town Centre.

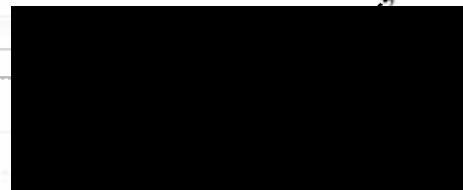
We are therefore extremely concerned at the Boundary Commission proposal to split Burgess Hill Town Centre between three divisions. This could result in a loss of focus by the County Council on issues that are their responsibility and may harm or delay this major redevelopment.

We have been advised by the Town Council that it has put forward a simpler proposal which leaves the Town Centre wholly within its current division. We fully support their proposal.

Yours faithfully



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Regional Centre Manager
Market Place Shopping Centre



Mr Ian Goodridge
Regional Manager
Martlets Shopping Centre