

16 June 2016

Review Officer (East Sussex and Wealden)  
The Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Millbank  
LONDON  
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Dear Sir

**Electoral Arrangements for Willingdon and Jevington Parish Council**  
**Proposed Wards of Upper Willingdon, Lower Willingdon and Watermill and abolition**  
**of Jevington Ward**

**Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for East Sussex County**  
**Council**

**Paragraph 49 – revised parish electoral arrangements for Willingdon and Jevington**  
**Parish**

**Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Wealden District**  
**Council**

**Paragraph 41 – revised parish electoral arrangements for Willingdon and Jevington**  
**Parish**

I write on behalf of the Jevington & Filching Residents' Association. I am the chairman of the Association and we are very concerned to see the proposed changes to our Parish Wards and in particular the proposed abolition of a separate ward for the village of Jevington and hamlet of Filching.

It is our understanding that when the former Jevington Parish Council merged with Willingdon Parish Council some years ago, it was agreed that there would be a one Member Ward for Jevington and Filching.

This has worked well over the years, and is even more important today for two main reasons. Jevington and Filching are now within the South Downs National Park and our current Parish Councillor for Jevington Ward is also a member of the National Park Authority and represents Parish Councils and Parish Meetings throughout East Sussex. Secondly Jevington and Filching are the only parts of the Parish which are rural. The Parish of Willingdon has been development over the years, a trend that continues with an application in the proposed Upper Willingdon Ward for 390 dwellings waiting determination and another application for some 700 dwellings much of which is likely in the same Ward expected later this year.

In your proposals you state that your recommendations are not intended to be based solely on the number of electors including proposed changes in a five year period but strong identifiable boundaries. We certainly believe that Jevington and Filching are clearly identifiable as a distinct area, and in conjunction with the agreement when the parishes merged, they should remain as a clearly identifiable ward.

Jevington & Filching Residents' Association objects, therefore, to your proposal to abolish Jevington Ward and we propose that the Parish boundaries remain unchanged at present until the build out is clear and other solutions may become clearer to provide for electoral equality in the Parish.

Yours faithfully

**Tony White**  
**Chairman, Willingdon Residents' Association**