

East Hampshire District

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Comment text:

I intend to upload the document submitted by EHDC summarising the collective and unanimously agreed views of all 7 EHDC Cllrs representing Alton. I have the following comments to add in amplification of those collective views: 1. It is strongly recommended that the element of the 'further proposals' for Alton Holybourne to the W of the Sports Gd, opposite Anstey Lane, should be included within the Alton Eastbrooke ward. Not only does this element of the current Eastbrooke ward strongly identify with the proposed Eastbrooke ward but major and ongoing project work to address issues of significant deprivation is very closely focused on the involvement of the Alton Health Centre. Moreover, thus would achieve a much more recognisable and logical boundary. 2. Whilst the proposed Alton Wooteys ward also has significant deprivation aspects in particular parts, there are distinctive housing and socio-demographic differences between the newer (early '70s) Wooteys Way and linked elements and the older Lipscombe Rise, Dowden Grove, Pound Gate area. The latter is much more closely aligned with the community of Alton Eastbrooke and much involved with the shared interests of the local residents' association. Similarly, the Alton Wooteys ward should retain all of the Plovers Way properties which front onto Anstey Lane. All share open rear access onto Plovers Way and, from a community cohesion and identity perspective, very much share common interests with the Wooteys ward. 3. Suggested amendments to the 'further proposed' boundaries of both the Alton Whitedown and Alton Ashdell boundaries have sought to recognise the practical extent of the town. Whilst there are no electoral numbers implications at this stage, the extensions have practical management implications for Alton Town Council, particularly the Jubilee Playing Fields area at the W end of Chawton Park Rd. As for the Alton Ashdell ward, retention of the Winchester Rd element and the inclusion of Mounter's Lane (currently an isolated part of Chawton) would both recognise their essential 'Alton' location and the natural Ashdell boundary of the MidHants railway line. The further adjustments of the Alton Ashdell boundary to include the Lynch Hill area enclosed by the A31, Montecchio Way and the R Wey/Waterbrook Rd (currently part of Binsted and Bentley Parish), plus the the orphan element of Worldham Parish to the W of the A31 enclosed by the Caker Stream, whilst having no current electoral impact, would recognise both the natural and recognisable town development boundary of the A31. I have now reviewed the EHDC submission document and associated mapping which amounts to some 10Mb. Given file size limitations I believe that my comments above will relate closely to that separate submission without requiring additional arrangements.

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