

Wealden District

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Arlington Ward. Currently the boundary between Hailsham town and the rural area of Arlington and other villages is marked by the A22 road. Wealden District Council has proposed that two groups or properties to the west of the A22 which are currently in Arlington should be included in Hailsham wards. These are properties in Hempstead Lane West which would become part of the new Hailsham West Ward and properties in the first part of Arlington Road West, including the Glade and Robiin Post Lane which would become part of Hailsham South. I can see no justification for this change based on the need to have Wards of relatively equal size. I think the reason that Wealden District Council has made these proposals is related to their proposals for housing development as part of the Wealden Local Plan Issues, Options and Recommendations. The preferred option of WDC includes 5,380 dwellings in an urban extension on land at West Hailsham with the re-routing of the A22. This would mean building in the two areas which it is proposed should be included in Hailsham Wards (Hempstead Lane and Arlington Road West). I appreciate that the Boundaries Commission is not involved in decisions relating to the delivery of the Wealden Local Plan but I would ask that the Commission looks carefully at the justification for changing the Arlington boundary as described above since I think that it is no co-incidence that WDC has proposed these boundary changes in the light of their proposals to extend housing development to the west of the current location of the A22.

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