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Dear Tim

Paul Dean gave me your contact details. I apologise for the late submission of this evidence but unfortunately, two individual Councillors put forward an amendment to East Sussex County Council's proposals (based on considerable work undertaken by officers) at our County Council meeting on 1 December without any prior discussion either with Lewes District Council or with the Seaford councillors affected.

I have the following comments therefore to make on the County Council's submission to you with regard to county electoral division boundaries:

1. There are a number of issues of concern which is unfortunate as I am aware that the Boundary Commission is seeking unanimity.
2. A number of the proposed changes to the wards do not align with the tolerance levels suggested by the Boundary Commission.
3. Some of the proposals, particularly those for the Lewes District Council electoral area, run counter to the proposals made by Lewes District Council themselves, splitting wards and proposing geographically, economically and socially incoherent wards.
4. With regard to Seaford, the wards as currently constituted, are well established, well understood by the local community and are within the tolerance levels suggested by the Boundary Commission. The pressure points are in the north of the District and it is there that the re-alignment needs to take place.
5. If changes have to be made, then I would prefer the solution suggested by officers of East Sussex County Council in the report that went to the Governance Committee on 19 November 2015. This left my ward largely unchanged with a small addition to the west.
6. To summarise, I strongly oppose the current proposals which were made by two County Councillors apparently working on their own without consultation or any engagement with the relevant authorities and ward members.

I very much hope that you will take my views as a longstanding councillor for this area into account.

Best wishes

Carolyn Lambert

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