

East Hampshire District

Personal Details:

Name: Paul Mackie

E-mail: 

Postcode: 

Organisation Name: Home owner

Comment text:

I would like to see Single Councillor/Member District Wards throughout East Hampshire District Council

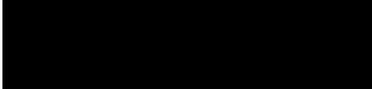
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Personal Details:

Name: Ian Macnabb

E-mail: 

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Organisation Name:

Comment text:

I am a Froyle resident. I see very little link with Bentworth, however there are a lot of connections with Bentley and Binsted, and so I believe we would be better linked with that ward. Ian Macnabb

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Starkie, Emily

From: Trevor Maroney [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 December 2017 21:30
To: Starkie, Emily; reviews
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: East Hampshire Ward Boundary Review - Bramshott & Liphook

Importance: High

Dear Emily

I fully accept and support the proposed single-councillor ward boundaries submitted by the Liberal Democrats throughout East Hampshire and will therefore not include them in this submission. I am a resident living in Bramshott & Liphook ward. The following contains my personal comments on the East Hampshire draft recommendations.

I object most strongly to any imposition of multi-councillor wards in district elections. My reasons are based upon considerable, practical experience campaigning in a range of local and national elections in many wards since 2011. Since then I have visited thousands of households and spoken to over 3,500 voters. I am therefore very familiar with the community's views on a wide range of issues and the campaigning techniques of all political parties. Indeed, I now manage campaigns. Although I will use Bramshott & Liphook as an example the lessons learnt apply equally to all other multi-councillor wards.

We have a single 3-councillor ward and each elector has 3 votes. This means that voting cards normally have the names of between 9 and 15 candidates. As a result the majority of voters on the doorstep don't bother getting to know the candidates or their policies they just vote along tribal lines. Just look at the past district election results. After a while, supporters of smaller parties lose interest and stop voting saying that it's a waste of time as "the Tories always win." Political parties, too, lose interest but need to keep their parties profile up for the county and general elections.

As a result smaller parties just put up 'paper candidates' in district elections – they deliver a leaflet containing a few policies, as they know that they won't be elected and therefore able to implement them. Finding candidates willing to lose also presents a problem. In the case of independent candidates, who in their right mind will want to stand at odds of 3:1 against? I stood in the 2015 district election on the condition that we fought the election with the aim of winning. I'm retired but one colleague worked and the other had limited mobility. I therefore tried to canvass the whole ward in 6 weeks on my own; I managed 2,400 households working flat out. I can therefore fully understand the charade with which minor parties apply to this type of democracy and why many talented people drop out of politics after standing in only one election. This has to stop!

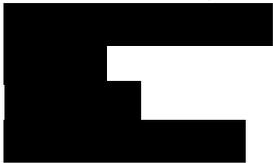
The changes we would like to see is restoration of the democratic principle of one person, one vote – single councillor wards. Making each councillor directly accountable to their own electorate. There would be an immediate incentive to open up district elections to real competition. Independents and smaller parties would have an equal chance of winning. The public would be offered a wider range of policies to choose from and many more people may start voting again.

In my view the present system leads to a lack of accountability with the 3 councillors sharing the job and the electors not able to determine properly who is doing what. The current system also creates continuous one party rules with no opposition holding them to account. Indeed the present electoral system empowers parties more than voters. No wonder the public trust in politics is in decline.

It is now time to address this decline and creating single-councillor wards throughout East Hampshire will, in my opinion, redress the balance. I should add that this is a view shared by the Labour, Green, Justice and Whitehill and Bordon Community Parties and by some district councillors. Such a change would no doubt be welcomed by many future candidates standing as independents.

Yours sincerely

Trevor Maroney



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Personal Details:

Name: Simon Mason

E-mail:

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Organisation Name:

Comment text:

Petersfield: why will the number of councillors be reduced when the population isn't reducing?

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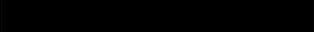
Name: Robert MATTHEWS
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]
Organisation Name:

Comment text:

Should not the Froxfield & Steep Ward be called "Froxfield, Steep and Sheet" Under the proposed title noted above Sheet appears to have disappeared.

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East Hampshire District**Personal Details:****Name:** Barry McClure**E-mail:** **Postcode:** **Organisation Name:****Comment text:**

The proposal to split Blackmoor from Oakhanger and Selborne appears to be an odd one on the basis the Parish council comprises all three villages. There is historically numerous connections between the three due to land ownership, residents and business connections. All three are closely tied by their day to day life where as Blackmoor shares little commonality with Whitehill given Blackmoor is principally a farming based community, unlike neighbouring Whitehill's urban makeup. Its interests seem better served therefore in a more rural ward rather than being dominated by a "town" ward where its interests will be alien to its dominant partner. I fear Blackmoor's residents will be ignored and be the poor relation to Whitehill and Bordon's self centred interests.

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East Hampshire District**Personal Details:**

Name: Ann meakin
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]
Organisation Name: Horndean resident

Comment text:

The proposal to divide Horndean village in two using the A3M as a so called natural boundary is totally unacceptable. This road, fortunately since it was built has 2 large bridges which has allowed Horndean to keep itself whole as it has done for centuries. Since the closure of Gales Brewery, Horndean has put a lot of effort into improving its appearance, facilities and to bringing the village community together. To break it in half is ridiculous. The proposal to transfer the village centre, war memorial, 2 active pubs and half its shops to another village several miles away is ridiculous. Remember Horndean and its adjacent Parish Blendworth have long standing histories which must be retained for future generations. I find it hard to believe if they came up with the A3M as a natural boundary. Did they really visit the site - I don't think so - this is a numbers game with no consideration for the community of Horndean. If there is a desire to identify a structured boundary then the extensive woodland between the parishes of Horndean and Rowlands Castle provide this with the two communities separated by several kilometres of woodland. The area of Horndean to the East of the A3M if a separate ward could be called "Horndean Blendworth" and include the future LEOH development to the south up to the SDNPA boundary and Havant thicket. This would retain the sense of identity of this community with Horndean and allow Rowlands Castle to retain its unique identity as a separate ward - which I am sure they would prefer.

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East Hampshire District**Personal Details:**

Name: Brian meakin
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Postcode: [REDACTED]
Organisation Name: Horndean resident

Comment text:

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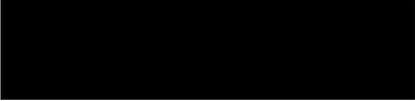
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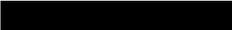
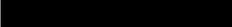
Organisation Name: Liberal Democrats

Comment text:

I have never understood the logic for having more than one member per ward. If a ward is considered too big for one representative then why can't it be divided into two. This doesn't alter the total number of voters for the council as a whole. Having 8 candidates representing 4 parties fighting one ward is, to say the least confusing for the electorate and none to easy for the candidates either. More wards in a council area will increase party costs a little perhaps and also perhaps election costs but they will be much better and fairer elections.

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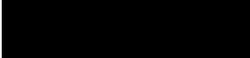
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East Hampshire District**Personal Details:****Name:** Kevin Moger**E-mail:** **Postcode:** **Organisation Name:** N/A**Comment text:**

I believe that to maintain single councillor wards in preference to multi-councillor wards would mean greater democracy for the electorate and greater accountability of elected members. To be 'lost' in a multi-councillor ward with accountability and responsibility spread between a number of elected members would, in my view, reduce the effectiveness of elected members.

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East Hampshire District**Personal Details:****Name:** Stephen Morris**E-mail:** **Postcode:** **Organisation Name:****Comment text:**

The proposal to split Horndean will mean that the village centre will "belong" to Rowlands Castle and the rest of Horndean as a separate ward. Surely to ensure that Horndean is managed as a whole village with cohesive policies requires local representation and not the policies/requirements of a neighbouring village. The current road network is such that the A3M is not a division to the locals of Horndean. A divided Horndean is not the way forward.

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Starkie, Emily

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 December 2017 19:58
To: reviews
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Consultation for East Hampshire

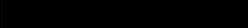
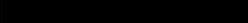
To whom it may concern

There is the strongest of cases for maintaining single councillor wards in East Hampshire. They are far more democratically representative of the differing opinions of voters than any other configuration.

The variety of settlements in East Hampshire require and deserve a rich variety of representation and this can best and indeed only achieved by maintaining the single councillor arrangement. This pattern enables all shades of voter opinion to be voiced and resists the slide towards larger corporate one party led states.

I know the parts of East Hampshire which are in the Meon Valley Parliamentary Constituency well in my capacity of secretary of the Meon Valley Labour Party. While these views are my own rather than our party's I am confident I can speak authoritatively about this crucial matter of local democracy.

David Picton-Jones
Chairperson, Meon Valley Labour Party.

East Hampshire District**Personal Details:****Name:** Andrew Pope**E-mail:** **Postcode:** **Organisation Name:****Comment text:**

I should like to see Single Councillor district wards throughout East Hampshire: because this helps reduce the domination by the majority party/ies. Encouragement of independents and minor 'parties' provides incentive for all. Here in Bramshott & Liphook I recommend warding into three single councillor wards; this will better reflect community identity and provide more effective local government at this level. My local friends also take this view, by the way: and I say this because the number of ordinary responses from members of the public to the earlier consultation was deplorably low, inevitably drowned out by vested interests in the status quo. The Commission is not yet consulting and listening effectively, in my view.

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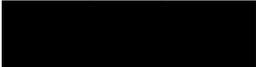
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Starkie, Emily

From: Keith Price [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 October 2017 15:13
To: reviews
Subject: Re proposed new Horndean Boundary

I agree with the comments made by Cllr Guy Shepherd. The splitting of Horndean does not make sense.

Keith Price
Lychgate Drive

East Hampshire District**Personal Details:****Name:** Anthony Ransley**E-mail:** **Postcode:** **Organisation Name:****Comment text:**

There are far too many local councillors. You have Parish/town Councillors, District Councillors and County Councilors. Halving the number would still leave you with a fair representation and a significantly reduced cost to the community. Now Social housing is removed from their remit, the case for having any district councils is not a good one, as planning could be streamlined between parish/town and county councils. The case for managing benefits distribution through districts is similarly weak. Rather than tweak boundaries its time to look at the system strategically.

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Starkie, Emily

From: ian raper [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 December 2017 18:32
To: reviews
Subject: Proposed multi councillor ward changes.

Dear sir

I wish to express that I do not believe that the proposed changes are in the best interests of electoral equality.

Single councillor wards offer better opportunities for independent and smaller party candidates to do well and I feel this allows councillors to be more in touch with the local community.

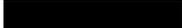
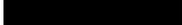
I support the proposed ward boundaries submitted by the East Hants Lib Dems.

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Regards

Ian

[REDACTED]

East Hampshire District**Personal Details:****Name:** pelham ravenscroft**E-mail:** **Postcode:** **Organisation Name:****Comment text:**

I am worried that amalgamating Selborne/Blackmoor (a smallish rural village) into the huge Whitehill and Hogmoor would create very disparate elements - sure those issues found in established small communities are wholly at odds with issues commonly found in much larger conurbations. likewise having Single Councillor District Wards throughout East Hampshire District Council also aids the chances of minority political parties and a non political person standing as a Candidate being elected in local elections. This helps keep the relationship between Councillor & Voters on a personal, local and accountable level. My Father was a district councillor for many years, and it was his personal relationship amongst those in the community with whom he lived which proved vital to his service right across the political spectrum to all who needed help. Local council matters in the community are indeed surely best resolved where possible by people working well with each other based on other local knowledge. None of which strangers will have. At county, or national level it is a different matter. kind regards

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Starkie, Emily

From: Lynne Ravenscroft [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 December 2017 18:58
To: reviews
Subject: East Hampshire District Council Boundary Review

To Whom It May Concern

I write as someone who has been involved with local and national politics for nearly 50 years, as a Parliamentary candidate, district council candidate, parish councillor and agent for local authority elections. There is a dearth of candidates at local government level and this will not be helped at all by the increase in multi-member wards. This militates against the independent and minority party political candidates, particularly in rural areas, where candidates have large areas to cover, and where a candidate may be well known in one area and not in the neighbouring one, perhaps 10-15 miles away, where the votes can be cast. This is unfair and undemocratic. In this area we have a one party administration, which whatever the political flavour, is distinctly unhealthy and can all too easily lead to allegations of corruption if not corruption itself. Without an active, well-informed opposition, this can certainly lead to narrow and ill-thought out policies and solutions to society's difficult problems.

Several of the proposed boundary changes take little account of historical ties and loyalties between villages. No one suggests that it is an easy task to try and achieve some parity in the numbers of electors in a given ward, particularly given the vagaries of population changes, but there does seem to be an element of cost-cutting rather than an element of equitable and reasonable redistribution in the plans relating to East Hampshire.

Yours Faithfully, Penelope Ravenscroft

East Hampshire District

Personal Details:

Name: Jane Robertson

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Postcode: [REDACTED]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

The proposal to include the part of Horndean which lies to the east of the A3M into the Rowlands Castle ward is ludicrous and I strongly object.

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Starkie, Emily

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 November 2017 19:43
To: reviews
Subject: Boundary change

The idea of putting a new boundary through the centre of the village is preposterous . This Sunday 12 th November the centre will become the focal point for the people of Horndean for the annual remembrance service . This is the centre of Horndean and should remain as this , and not become part of Rowlands Castle . We value our identity as a community .

Jenny Rowney

Sent from my iPad

Starkie, Emily

From: Frank Rowney [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 November 2017 20:40
To: reviews
Subject: Planned division of Horndean in Boundary Commissions ward changes

Sir/Madam

Please accept my thoughts on the proposal to split Horndean down the middle.

The A3m does not go through or form a convenient dividing line through Horndean Village.

The A3m goes round Horndean with Junction 2 of the A3m allowing traffic to enter Horndean and the B2149 will all traffic to access Rowlands Castle.

The two communities are very neatly separated by woodland thus making two separate and individual communities.

On the 12 November residents local to Horndean will attend the Remembrance service in Horndean Village at the war memorial. This memorial has recently been replaced with some funding by local residents contributions. Also Armed Forces day and the Christmas carol service activity takes place at this memorial. I assume people living at Rowlands Castle will be doing exactly the same somewhere in Rowlands Castle.

No thought seems to have been given as to how the two communities will accept being split apart like this, or is it planned to leave it as it is. Each celebration taking place as it is at present.

As a resident of Horndean I only pass by Rowlands Castle when taking the back route to Havant. Horndean and Rowlands Castle are in no way associated with each other.

Whoever is planning this change seems to have taken advice from the team who planned the Partition of India. I doubt any lives will be lost but there will be much anger at this change, which seems to be done with no rhyme or reason behind it.

I think you need to go back to the drawing board bearing in mind you are dealing with people who have lived quite happily with the situation as it is.

yours sincerely

Mr RF Rowney. [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Starkie, Emily

From: Raine Ryland [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 December 2017 15:11
To: reviews
Subject: Re: Boundary review of wards: Bramshott and Liphook

Dear sirs

I write with respect to the review of ward boundaries in East Hampshire, and with respect to the ward I live in, Bramshott and Liphook [REDACTED].

I am really disappointed that you are recommending a retention of the multi councillor wards for Bramshott and Liphook. I note that this is almost the only ward area that East Hampshire District Council itself has voted to retain multi councillor wards for. There is no explanation about why this should be an exception and it is incredibly hard to avoid the conclusion that the council follows the desire of the sitting councillors, all of whom have been elected from one party (which in the interests of my own transparency I don't vote for) because of the multi councillor wards at present. Yet within this ward there is huge divergency of opinion, need and aspiration - and one party does not represent that. Our children attend local schools, and we work very hard to engage them in their local community and in time to see the point of voting: our 13 year old daughter is very interested about the state of the world around her locally and nationally and globally. We try to encourage her participation by explaining that as part of a democratic process means that her voice counts - yet she is clear that where only one party can be elected that is clearly not the case and there is no point.

I really urge you to reconsider your proposals in the interests of encouraging more people to feel their voice counts in local democratic processes - : I do not know all the research ins and outs at all, but it does seem obvious to me that where there are smaller wards local people can be more engaged with the candidates standing for election, who are more likely therefore it seems to me to be interested in acting for the best interests of their local community (rather than a national party) and who will bring a diversity of opinion and experience as a result to the local district council. They will be more accountable to their constituents and will be better known in their ward.

I do not understand why the retention of multi councillor wards is proposed and I can see no explanation on your website - it seems to me to go against all principles of a universal franchise and serves to ensure that there is only ever national party politics at play in local neighbourhood issues.

Raine Ryland
[REDACTED]