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Dear Review Team @ LGBCE,

Please find my submissions / comments / options / reasonings below. Previously sent to All Relevant HBC Officers / HBC Internal Working Arrangements Group / HBC Cabinet Members / HBC Council Members for their consideration. HBC Council have decided that LGBCE should determine. Many Thanks.

Please acknowledge receipt,

Yours Sincerely,

Phil Scott

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From: Councillor Phil Scott
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From: Councillor Phil Scott
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 09:03 AM GMT Standard Time
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Hollington & Wishing Tree Boundary Review

Hi Chantal,

Please find my submissions and comments below in respect of the four options being put forward for consideration by HBC Cabinet / HBC Council / Boundary Commission.

I am the Hastings Borough Council Member for Wishing Tree Ward (20 + Years) and East Sussex County Council Member for Hollington & Wishing Tree (14 + years) My Colleague in Wishing Tree Ward is Councillor Alan Roberts. I am also a member of the Cross Party Working Arrangements Group set up by Hastings Borough Council to look at the Boundary Review in Hastings to make a number of recommendations to Cabinet and Council and the Boundary Commission.

There are four options below being put forward for consideration, three of which I have put forward myself and spent considerable time looking at. I will list each in terms of our / my and Councillor Roberts preference.

Option 1 - Move Area 49 & 23 into Wishing Tree Ward.

This is both my and Councillor Roberts preferred option. This option seems to provide geographically the best link and most straightforward in terms of natural flow from Wishing Tree Ward through both Battle Road and Hollington Old Lane from the South to Battle Road and Hollington Old Lane in the North. You can see from the maps there is a direct correlation with natural continuity for both Communities. Access across the area is good. There is historically a natural community link here which would have been through the old Hollington Area. Area 49 was in Wishing Tree Ward before the 2000 Boundary Review so moving it back into Wishing Tree should just be something of a minor tweak. In short it fits perfectly.

Option 2 - Move Area 49 & 50 into Wishing Tree Ward.

This is both my and Councillor Roberts second preferred option. With this option it has been more contentious with my colleagues in Hollington Ward who would see a sizeable area displaced into Wishing Tree Ward. With this move it would create the original link with Wishing Tree Ward & The Slides joining Wishing Tree Road to the Original Wishing Tree Ward Boundary at the top of Wishing Tree Road junction with Churchwood Drive. Once again although a larger area I believe it fits very well.

Option 3 - Move Area 22 into Wishing Tree Ward.

This is the least preferred of the the four options. If this area was attached to Wishing Tree Ward it would be so geographically isolated and remote that it would be seen as almost a stand alone area, an Island for all intents and purposes electorally. Certainly the area on the map shows that so very clearly. Access to and from Robsack by road to other parts of Wishing Tree Ward because of its remoteness is some considerable distance in each direction whether linking to Ironlatch Avenue off of Gilsmans Hill or Blackman Avenue. Footway links to the areas highlighted above are also poor with Churchwood Drive having little or no footway only highway verges. The only direct footway links to Wishing Tree Ward in either direction are by poorly lit areas that in my opinion are a Community Safety Issue. The other link would be through Hollington Church in the Wood, and a local nature reserve close by and that link would only be achieved once again by foot.

I understand that one of the Hollington Councillors suggested that Area 22 Robsack used to be in Wishing Tree Ward 20 years or so ago, that is partly true, part of Area 22 also used to be in West St Leonard's, it was at a time when the site was being developed and only parts of the site were occupied, when fully developed the site stretched right up from the bottom of Churchwood Drive to the top of Whittlewood Close which abuts the Church in the Wood Local Nature Reserve in Hollington.

Option 4 - Move Area 48 Sedlescome Road South into Silverhill

This is an area I offered up from Wishing Tree. My direct contact with Wishing Tree Residents over 20 plus years has led me to believe that they would be better placed in Silverhill Ward. Some residents have always believed they are actually in Silverhill Ward and feel more affiliated to Silverhill. So I believe this is not contentious or controversial at all.

Whichever option is chosen it is clear that with the variance in Hollington currently running at 10% with predictions in 2021 of some 16% Hollington will have to lose a substantial area within its current Ward Boundary. That substantial area I am told is having to go into Wishing Tree Ward which for all intents and purposes according to HBC officers is 'perfect' at -1%. I have been doing my best to cooperate and you will see clearly have been doing my best to compromise.

In putting forward these options and considering all four I believe I have been both reasonable and realistic, flexible and accommodating. Have demonstrated due regard to the three statutory requirements, considered the natural flow of long established communities, shown concern about access and community safety issues in relation to option 3.

Chantal, Please acknowledge receipt.

Regards,

Phil

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