



Buriton Parish Council

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Local Government Boundary Commission
(Comments submitted via consultation portal)

29 November 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

Buriton Parish Council considered this matter at its meeting on 27th November and resolved to reiterate the views made earlier in the year:

1. We are pleased that LGBCE is intending to make parishes the building blocks of future district wards, rather than splitting parishes between wards
2. This parish is currently grouped with the parishes of East Meon and Langrish and the Council feels that these current arrangements are logical and work well
3. Our reasoning and rationale to support a continuation of these arrangements includes the following points:
 - there are no opportunities to combine this parish with those to the east as they are in a different county (West Sussex) and a different District (Chichester)
 - there is a significant physical barrier between this parish and those to the south (ie. the steep scarp slopes of the South Downs) and so there is no connection, affinity or joint identity with any parishes to the south
 - the area immediately to the north of this parish is the town of Petersfield which has distinctly different characteristics, identity and issues (urban rather than rural). Furthermore, any amalgamation of any rural parishes with any parts of Petersfield could carry the risk that the more lightly populated part of the area might be overlooked or ignored
 - in the light of the foregoing, warding the parish of Buriton with those rural parishes to the immediate west is clearly the most logical and administratively convenient solution which keeps together a number of communities with similar local identity
4. In addition, all the three parishes in the current grouping are inside the new South Downs National Park and we are sure that you will be paying great attention to the administrative convenience (or otherwise) of having regard to the boundary of the new National Park Authority (NPA). The NPA is now the planning authority for a significant swathe of East Hampshire where different planning policies and practices will apply from the rest of the District. Wards which are either 'primarily inside' the National Park or 'primarily outside' will clearly have a very significant administrative (and policy) convenience
5. This Parish Council would be happy for the existing grouping of the parishes of Buriton, East Meon and Langrish to continue: retaining the grouping of rural parishes on the

immediate southern and western fringes of Petersfield which are all inside the South Downs National Park

6. It was noted that your proposals include the parish of Stroud in the new Ward. Parish Councillors expressed no views on this matter.

7. We are pleased that Buriton is to be recognised in the new title for the Ward and would support this change.

We hope that these comments and rationale are helpful to you and we look forward to seeing your findings in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Karen Crookshank
Clerk to Buriton Parish Council