

East Hampshire District**Personal Details:****Name:** Gregor Findlay**E-mail:** **Postcode:** **Organisation Name:****Comment text:**

my concern isn't with the actual boundaries but the move to more multi-councillor wards. We are struggling in this country to keep the populace engaged in politics and the running of their councils and country. The move to multi-councillor wards discourages smaller parties and independents and this can only be bad for democracy. If people don't believe that their vote can or will make a difference then they give up and disengage. I'd much rather we went for single councillor wards and reflected the boundaries accordingly. Thanks and kind regards

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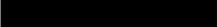
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East Hampshire District**Personal Details:****Name:** Richard Fitzgerald**E-mail:** **Postcode:** **Organisation Name:****Comment text:**

Dear Sir/ Madam, I have read the Boundary Commission's review as it relates to East Hampshire, and disagree with its recommendation for more multi-councillor wards. There is increasing voter apathy in local elections, and when confronted with multiple candidates, voters increasingly either vote along tribal (National Party) lines, or more often do not vote. This leads in part to a perception that things cannot be changed. However, single-councillor wards enable candidates from smaller and independent parties to stand. Voters get to know their candidates, and what they stand for on local issues. In bigger wards with more candidates voters often lose interest. If multi-councillor wards are increased I believe voter apathy will increase, representation diminish, and the possibility for change and fresh perspectives on local issues denied. Sincerely, Richard Fitzgerald

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East Hampshire District**Personal Details:****Name:** Susan Garnett**E-mail:** **Postcode:** **Organisation Name:** Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council**Comment text:**

I prefer single councillor wards more democratic in my neighbourhood but I object to them being paid, in east Hants most are retired, well pensioned and have nothing else to do, it should be a voluntary activity. The council is pressed for funds but over rewards its members, all allowances should stop for councillors over 65.

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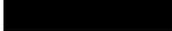
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Organisation Name: [REDACTED]

Comment text:

The Froxfield and Steep ward must have the important village of Sheet included in the title. Suggest Froxfield, Sheet and Steep Ward.

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East Hampshire District**Personal Details:****Name:** Jerry Goddard**E-mail:** **Postcode:** **Organisation Name:****Comment text:**

Having read the East Hants Electoral Review consultation paper I understand from it that there is a proposal to use the A3M as an arbitrary new boundary dividing the current centre of Horndean into Horndean and Rowlands Castle parishes effectively moving Blendworth into Rowlands Castle. I can see no sensible reason to divide the existing village in this arbitrary manner. Based on such a weak and spurious argument one could suggest dividing Rowlands Castle by using the railway line or include Sheet with Liss because it lies to the east of the A3M. Why doesn't the A272 define the boundary between East Meon and Froxfield parishes? I hope the three examples of similar poor thinking have shown that there are no sensible precedents to such a proposal in East Hampshire. One could be forgiven for wondering why such a proposal would even be suggested beyond the projected restoration of voter populations and representation - unless future housing development is put into the equation. Then the potential to build many houses south of Blendworth in the Pyle Lane area, whilst suggesting these are being built in Rowlands Castle, would put a premium value on them for any developer as well as assuaging the consciences of less welcoming residents of Rowlands Castle who would not want any more development within the village other than that currently on the southside - off Whychers Gate Road.

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Starkie, Emily

From: Brian Goldsmith [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 October 2017 21:03
To: reviews
Cc: Guy Shepherd
Subject: Horndean

Dear Sir/Madam

The suggestion of joining Horndean up with Rowlands Castle bear no relation whatsoever to the situation on the ground.

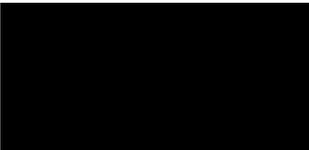
No doubt it makes some sense to an official, at great expense, sitting in an office and drawing a line on a map. Yes, the A3 M is a line on the map but for those of us who live in the area it may well not exist at all (other than as a useful means of getting north and south). Underpasses and bridges mean for us that it is not a barrier or a dividing social line at all.

The Horndean area is a meaningful and vibrant community area and bears no relation whatsoever to Rowlands Castle which may just as well be light years away. Indeed, as has been pointed out already, Horndean and Rowlands castle are separated by a large tract of open country which makes a natural boundary- which may not be apparent on a map, but is in fact true. Nobody from Horndean, or vice versa, usually travels between the two communities other than to get somewhere else- there is no social link between the two as there is in this existing Horndean community. Indeed, "heaven forbid" I hear them saying, Rowlands Castle has far more logical and transport links with Havant than with Horndean !

So, leave the office and come down here and see for yourselves what makes us all tick in this Horndean community.

Please leave things as they are, they work very well.

Fr Brian Goldsmith BA (Geog/Soc Hons), SSC



Starkie, Emily

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 December 2017 12:23
To: reviews
Subject: Splitting Horndean Hampshire into Two

Dear Sirs

I strongly oppose the suggestion that Horndean should be split into two and one half coupled with Rowlands Castle.

We are two completely separate parishes and joining them together makes no sense to local people.

I support the proposal put forward by EHDC to retain the integrity of Horndean.

Yours faithfully

Bruce Graham

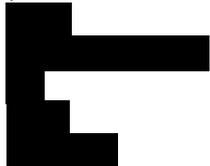
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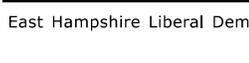
From: Sue Halliday [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 December 2017 20:24
To: reviews
Subject: single-councillor wards request

I note that Liss Parish Council supports the demand for two wards and I support this demand too. Multi-councillor wards in essence discourage smaller parties and particularly independents from standing. We want two single-councillor wards.

professor S V Halliday



East Hampshire District**Personal Details:**

Name: Nigel Hardy
E-mail: 
Postcode: 
Organisation Name: East Hampshire Liberal Democrats

Comment text:

With reference to the proposed local Ward Boundary changes, I am opposed to multi-councillor wards. As a member of the Liberal Democrats I believe that we should be strengthening our democratic system to enable smaller party's a fairer representation of the electorate. The Liberal Democrat's see electoral equality as vitally important in a free and fair democracy. If we succeed then smaller parties and independent candidates will benefit from more open competition during district elections. There is nothing to be feared from a fair and open democratic system. I therefore urge you to support Single councillor wards.

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East Hampshire District**Personal Details:****Name:** Stuart Harley**E-mail:** **Postcode:** **Organisation Name:** **Comment text:**

The new proposed boundaries which moves the main heart of Horndean to come under Rowlands Castle is totally ill conceived. The logical boundary changes to me would be to change Clanfield as suggested and the what was Clanfield move to Rowlands Castle. That the Horndean ward boundary should remain as it is but change the wards within it.

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Personal Details:

Name: Lynda Harris

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Postcode: [REDACTED]

Organisation Name:

Comment text:

I have been a Horndean resident all my life (47 years) and am very opposed to the splitting of the village in two. I believe it would be a great shame. The proposed development on the land to the east is required to stop back garden grabbing and building in unsuitable areas which I do understand but then use it as a reason to divide the village I find very upsetting.

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East Hampshire District**Personal Details:****Name:** Richard Howey**E-mail:** **Postcode:** **Organisation Name:****Comment text:**

I would like to see Single Councillor District Wards throughout East Hampshire District Council as this 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 and Voters on a personal, local and accountable level.

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Starkie, Emily

From: STEPHEN HUNT [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 December 2017 18:11
To: reviews
Subject: Local Government Boundary Review Consultation

To whom it may concern,

I am writing as an individual who has been involved in local government elections, indeed i have been a County Councillor before. I have also been an election Agent both for local and general elections. As such, I am very familiar with the logistics of democracy in England.

My concern now is two-fold. having seen the proposals to reduce the number of Councillors on East Hampshire District Council together with the creation of more multi member wards. The rationale seems to be about reducing cost NOT about representation. Multi-member wards make it much harder for individuals, who wish to serve their communities to actually contact a large electorate. Multi member wards automatically discriminate against Independents and smaller political parties who have neither the manpower nor money to reach out to their constituency. We already have a District Council with NO opposition councillors. Any system that not only retains multi member wards but also increases them is sure to stifle the voice of opposition. Without the possibility of change the Council is virtually a 'rotten borough' and that of course can lead to corruption. The current proposals will only make the situation worse.

I therefore strongly urge the Local Government Boundary Commission to put democracy first and have single member wards throughout the District.

Yours Sincerely,
Stephen Hunt

[REDACTED]

Starkie, Emily

From: Karl Jeffery [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 December 2017 23:58
To: reviews
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: East Hants Ward Boundaries Review: changes to Colemore & Priors Dean.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a resident of the Parish of Colemore and Priors Dean and wish to lodge my objection to the proposed changes to the ward boundaries that would mean our Parish ceases to be in the same ward as Froxfield and Steep.

At a District Council level we are currently represented (very ably) by Councillor Nick Drew as a part of the ward of Froxfield & Steep but I have just learned that there are moves afoot to move Colemore & Priors Dean from its current grouping with Froxfield & Steep to become a part of the ward of Ropley & Tisted. From any basic understanding of our parish, its history, geography, culture and topography, such a move would be patently absurd and at odds with the will of the residents or our parish.

Everyone I know in the parish of C&PD (the majority) are very happy with the current arrangement. C&PD is located adjacent to Froxfield and in many ways the boundary between the two Parishes is quite arbitrary, zigzagging between houses with one neighbour being technically in Froxfield and the next in C&PD. Our parish continuously cooperates and coordinates with Froxfield and Steep, we share many facilities, have a contiguous landscape/topography and even socialise at the same pubs(!)

However, C&PD is not located close to Ropley and we have no commonality of landscape, culture or community issues/concerns. There is simply no logic or good reason for C&PD to become a part of the Ropley & Tisted ward.

To me this smacks of a centralised exercise by someone with limited knowledge or understanding of the practical facts on the ground, a paperwork exercise to rearrange the ward for some arbitrary sense of tidiness, or perhaps convenience, rather than properly reflecting the needs and aspirations of the people that actually live here.

I would also like to ask why the residents of our parish were not informed or consulted about such an important change to their representation at a Local Government level? You may be able to [legally] force such a change on us against our will and without consultation but to do so would be grossly unfair and fundamentally anti-democratic.

I would like to respectfully ask you to reconsider this change and to leave alone an arrangement that has endured for many years, works well for the local residents and is causing nobody any harm or cost.

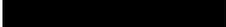
Your Sincerely,

Karl Jeffery.

[REDACTED]

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East Hampshire District**Personal Details:****Name:** Russell Jones**E-mail:** **Postcode:** **Organisation Name:****Comment text:**

I am against this proposal for multi-Councillor wards. It is not clear from this system which Councillor would be representing me and has the possibility to make people disinterested in a system that lacks clarity. I would be very much in favour of single-Councillor based wards which would not have these issues.

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Name: Philip Jordan

E-mail: [REDACTED]

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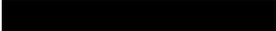
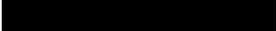
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For Bramshott and Liphook I am satisfied with the current "multi ward" approach of 3 councillors for the whole ward and support the drafts' proposals for EHDC.

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

I have no issues with the ward boundaries. However, being utterly dissatisfied with the way Alton is treated by EHDC, I would very much like to see all Alton services - planning, car parks, rates, sports centre in particular, ceded to, for the want of a better term, an Alton & Villages Borough Council.

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Starkie, Emily

From: David Lougher [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 November 2017 14:47
To: reviews
Subject: Horndean

The proposal to divide Horndean into separate parts is not well founded. To say that the A3(M) provides a viable division is uninformed. The existing bridges provide a more than adequate system of linkage between the different parts of Horndean, and its facilities which are distributed on both sides of the cutting containing the said road. To split the village would result in the half containing the village centre and the war memorial, together with a significant portion of the community being represented under the name of another nearby village, separated from Horndean by a substantial area of woodland. Additionally the Horndean Catherington ward would barely contain any of Horndean.

If a separate ward should be required, then the area of Horndean to the east of the A3(M) could be known as Horndean Blendworth and include the full curtilage of the future LEOH development to the south up to the SDNPA boundary and Havant thicket. This would retain the sense of identity within this community of Horndean, and allow Rowlands Castle to retain its identity as a separate ward.

Yours sincerely
David Lougher

Starkie, Emily

From: David Lougher [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 November 2017 13:33
To: reviews
Subject: Boundary Commission

Dear Sirs,

I certainly disagree with the proposed boundary changes for Horndean.

The proposal to divide Horndean Village in two with half going to Rowlands Castle would result in the village centre, war memorial and significant part of the community being represented under the name of an adjacent village and the new Horndean Catherington ward would no longer include Horndean.

There is extensive woodland between the parishes of Horndean and Rowlands Castle and no way could they be part of the same ward.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jo Lougher
[REDACTED]

Starkie, Emily

From: Alen Louth [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 October 2017 07:48
To: reviews
Subject: Division of Horndean into Rowlands Castle...

When I first learnt of the issue concerning the new boundary proposal between Horndean and Rowlands Castle I thought, so what! But the more I think about it, the more ludicrous it appears.

To divide a village, for whatever reason is nonsensical. There is an obvious boundary between these two areas which is an expanse of woodland and fields. An unfortunate division caused by the A3 may look good on a map but it is an unnatural boundary.

There is a significant development planned in this area, which will fall just outside Horndean according to this new boundary and I can guarantee that the majority of this development would rarely step foot into Rowlands Castle on a regular basis. I makes no sense.

Thank you for your time.

Alen Louth