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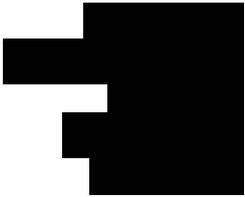
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Comment text:

Further to the previous submission by the Residents' Association on the 7th November to this consultation, it has become apparent that Wealden District Council has proposed, without consulting the local residents, that the Association's area of benefit should fall into the District Ward of Hailsham South. We utterly oppose this proposal. Please note that, in 2005, the residents petitioned (see attached document), for a change in the boundary such that the residents would come under Arlington Parish. This change was accepted and effected. Wealden District Council's proposal, whilst on the face of it appearing not to change the Parish allocation, means the Association' residents would not be best served by District Councillors who would act in the interests of Hailsham Town and not for our Association whose affinity is with Arlington. Should the Boundary Commission be minded to create a Ward called Arlington, including the Parish of Arlington, then the Association's residents wish to be in the Arlington Ward. This changes our previous request in the light of the later information revealing Wealden District Council's position. I reiterate the principal reasons for this as: • Greater affinity with the views and aspirations of Arlington Parish • Existing integration with the social community of Arlington, for example:- events in Arlington were attended by the Association's residents • Active participation by the Association's residents in Arlington community projects, for example:- active fund raising in connection with the restoration of Arlington Village Church.

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6th September 2005

Review of Parish Boundaries in Wealden – Arlington Map Area A1 (copy enclosed)

Dear Sir / Madam,

I write in both my capacity as Chair of the Residents' Association (Arlington Road West, The Glade and Robin Post Lane (north) and as a resident in the A1 area.

At various meetings of the Association, we resolved to request that those properties in The Glade, Robin Post Lane (northern end) and Arlington Road West which lie outside of the current Arlington Parish boundary be considered for inclusion within it.

The principal reasons behind this resolution are:

- Greater affinity with the views and aspirations of Arlington Parish
- Existing integration with the social community of Arlington, for example:- the Millennium and Jubilee celebrations in Arlington were attended by the Association's residents
- Active participation by the Association's residents in Arlington community projects, for example:- sponsorship of Millennium events and active fundraising in connection with the restoration of Arlington Village Church.

Both Hailsham Town Council and Arlington Parish Council were formally contacted by letter. An acknowledgment of receipt was received from the former with no subsequent contact from its Officers or Members, and the latter passed a resolution supporting our request.

The support, or otherwise, from the two Councils underlines the reasons described above for the moving of the boundaries.

As an individual resident I fully support the proposed boundary change. The Residents' Association, having initiated the request, also supports the change.

Yours sincerely,

Ray Collins, Chair of the Residents' Association and local resident