

## East Sussex County

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### Comment text:

Electoral Boundaries for County Council elections in East Sussex SUBMISSION by UDIMORE PARISH COUNCIL  
Udimore Parish Council objects to your recommendation that Udimore becomes part of the Northern Rother division for East Sussex County Council elections. We believe that Udimore should remain in the Brede Valley and Marsham division. Our objection is on the grounds that by separating Udimore from Brede Valley and Marsham the Local Government Boundary Commission has failed to meet its statutory objectives that divisions should reflect community identity and promote effective and convenient local government. These points are explained below. Udimore is a parish of about 300 electors which runs for some two miles along a ridge which separates the Brede and Tillingham valleys, a ridge which it shares with part of Brede parish. The Community Hall, the church and a small playground are the only public facilities in Udimore. The whole of the parish lies within an area of outstanding natural beauty and there is no pressure for development and the population is not expected to increase in the foreseeable future. The lack of facilities in the parish means that for important services residents have to travel to nearby villages or to Rye. Children from Udimore attend Brede primary school. The nearest doctors' surgery is in Brede. The few local buses serving Udimore also serve Brede. Udimore is linked to Brede by the B2089 which is part of the County's strategic road network and the road gives rise to concerns about traffic volumes and speeding common to both parishes. Since the 1970's Brede and Udimore have shared rectors and for certain services Udimore residents have to travel to Brede. Many local church and charitable activities involve Brede and Udimore residents. In contrast, Udimore has few community links with the parishes in Northern Rother, even with those, Beckley, Peasmars, and Northiam, that are geographically close to Udimore. You have recommended that Brede and Udimore form a single ward for district council elections, a recommendation Udimore Parish Council supports. Splitting Brede and Udimore for county council elections would not contribute to convenient and effective local government. Two county councillors would need to become involved in issues common to Brede and Udimore. We recognise that you have a duty to achieve equality in electoral representation and respectfully submit that the movement of 300 electors from Northern Rother to Brede Valley and Marsham would not cause either division to be under- or over represented when judged against your 10% tolerance. As noted above the number of electors in Udimore is unlikely to increase. Udimore Parish Council June 2016

### Uploaded Documents:

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