

Tandridge

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Dear Sirs

I write as a resident of Titsey Parish, currently represented as Tatsfield and Titsey. Under the proposed changes I understand that we would come under the three-member ward of Limpsfield and Tatsfield. I have two objections to this; one emotional and the other very substantial.

I feel that the removal of the Titsey name would be a sad move. We are an ancient settlement, mentioned in the Domesday book, and have always been separate from both Tatsfield and Limpsfield. Our removal from the name of the ward would just highlight our irrelevance from local decision making.

This irrelevance from local decision making, however, would be very real. Limpsfield has a much bigger population than both Tatsfield and Titsey and it has a very intense local political scene. There is a high probability that all three local councillors would come from Limpsfield and the rest of us would not have any effective say. We are geographically and culturally distinct from Limpsfield and very different types of settlement. I am very aware of this as I have frequent dealings with representatives of Limpsfield. Their concerns are completely different from ours as their overriding concerns are to stop development in their town whereas we do not feel the same development pressure and are more concerned by the more rural issues such as fly tipping, rural crime and rural road quality. Under the current arrangement I can easily talk to our councillor who understands our concerns. Under the proposed changes I have no confidence that this would continue to be the case. Limpsfield is a very similar town to Oxted and, indeed, the boundary between the two is not clear and little understood by its residents. It would make more sense for those settlements to be linked.

I would be grateful, therefore, if you would record my strong objection to the proposals. It would change a current system that works for us to one that would probably leave us effectively unrepresented or at least represented by someone who does not feel our concerns. Please leave us in a single councillor ward linked to Tatsfield.

Yours faithfully



Attached Documents:

None attached