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Related subject: Limpsfield

I would strongly object to combining Limpsfield into an electoral ward with Tatsfield and Titsey.

You seem to acknowledge the level of objection and the good reasons for keeping them separate in paragraphs 49-55 of your draft recommendations but then cast these aside within paragraphs 54-55. This seems totally illogical.

Limpsfield is a completely separate area from Tatsfield and Titsey. Geographically, Tatsfield and Titsey are at the top of the North Downs and are more linked in their day to day affairs with Biggin Hill and Westerham. They even have a different dialling code. They see themselves and the issues which they have linked very much in with those areas.

Limpsfield is at the bottom of the North Downs and beyond. Limpsfield is much more connected with Oxted. Limpsfield also has its own issues and has a dynamic parish council concerned with issues covering the impact of housing and the rail and road transport issues also associated with Oxted and the A25. These are very different from those in Tatsfield and Titsey.

There is absolutely no connectivity between the northern areas of Tatsfield and Titsey with the southern areas of Limpsfield, Limpsfield Chart and beyond to the south. To try and join them up with three councillors for the whole area would be to leave the residents short-changed. The proposal is without merit in terms of the electorate whom the proposals are purportedly intended to serve.

A councillor with a ticket for Tatsfield issues is likely to be far removed from a councillor with concerns about issues relating to Limpsfield Chart and on towards Haxted further south. The proposals which are being made to give three councillors to this joint ward are likely to see some residents without anyone to properly represent them at all. They would severely damage the connectivity which currently exists for those in Limpsfield or in Tatsfield and Titsey having a councillor who is very much actively involved in the direct area in which they live.

You have seen the objections and strength of feeling against this proposal which has been poorly thought out and not thought through. I sincerely hope that it will be rejected and the status quo maintained.

Attached Documents:

None attached