



HANHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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ELECTORAL REVIEW 2017 SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL

Comments on draft recommendations from Hanham Parish Council

On behalf of Hanham Parish Council I wish to submit the following comments.

Members concur with the comments made by Hanham Abbots Parish Council, a copy of which is attached for ease of reference, and would like to add the following comments.

Proposals

Members believe that Hanham District Ward should incorporate the East Ward of Hanham Abbots Parish Council. The West Ward is already within the Hanham District Ward. This would aid the decision-making process and ensure continuity of service delivery. By incorporating just over 1,000 electors from the Woodstock Ward, which is unparished, this would create inequality as services provided by the parish council could not extend to the unparished area.

Hanham Ward is on the urban fringe of South Gloucestershire and historically has strong ties with the rural setting of Hanham Abbots. Whenever the Hanham Ward has been significantly enlarged it has taken in electors from the Hanham Abbots area.

Reasons not to extend into the Woodstock Ward

Members do not consider the A4174 Ring Road as a natural boundary between Hanham and Hanham Abbots East as the Ring Road was constructed under the A431 and did not and does not separate the two communities. The A431 is the major transport route which links Hanham with Longwell Green and the rural community of Bitton. There is a rural road along Abbots Road through Court Farm Road in Hanham Abbots East joining the A431.

The public transport links tend to be centred along the A420 in Kingswood and the A431 in Hanham. The nos. 42, 43, 86, 19 and 319 serve Kingswood through to Cadbury Heath and Bitton. The 44,45 and 37 serve the communities along the A431.

The school children in Hanham and Hanham Abbots attend Samuel Whites Infants, Hanham Abbots or Christ Church primary schools and secondary school children attend Hanham Woods Academy on Memorial Road. The children in the Woodstock Ward attend Beacon Rise or Courtney Road primary schools and King's Oak Academy for secondary pupils.

South Gloucestershire's Community Engagement Groups run along Ward lines with Hanham and Longwell Green forming one group. These groups were originally centred around the Neighbourhood Police Beat Teams. Woodstock Ward came under the Kingswood Police Beat Team and was teamed with Kingswood because these Wards are designated Priority Areas where a large number of residents have specific needs and priorities than other Wards. These Wards are also eligible for considerable additional monies from South Gloucestershire Council in order to address issues, e.g. high unemployment or crime, in their areas. This money would not be forthcoming to those residents who were transferred to the Hanham Ward because the money stays in the Ward, it doesn't follow the people. Therefore the people who most needed help would not be eligible for any additional services which would have been provided to them if they still resided in these PA's.

My council therefore proposes that no electorate is transferred into the Hanham Ward from the Woodstock Ward but the Hanham Ward is extended to incorporate the East Ward of Hanham Abbots Parish Council to retain a 3 Member Ward.

Nicola Little
Clerk to Hanham Parish Council
16th October 2017