

East Sussex County

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Comment text:

Re: proposes ESCC Ouse Valley West & the Downs division: Currently the county ward of Newhaven and Ouse Valley West is a contiguous geographical area of our villages and part of Newhaven directly linked directly by road (the C7). Although Newhaven issues are often different to those for the villages of the lower Ouse at least they are close by and can be reasonably served by one councillor. The main problem with the new proposals is that the new ward will be extremely large geographically and is effectively separated by Lewes Town. Geographically it is only linked via the South Downs. Whilst issues are often common across counties and regions; the local issues can be very different between those of west of Lewes and our area to the south east of Lewes. It's my belief that the boundary commission should have linked the parishes in that area with other parishes such as Wivelsfield and Chailey which are close by to them. I believe we should retain the existing county council ward which are close by and can reasonably be served by one County councillor. If the current boundary commission proposals are adopted the new councillor will have 11 parishes including and the Newhaven Town Council to serve. It is important that there is good liaison between parish district and county councillors. As a district councillor I try to attend the evening meetings and other meeting such of the 5 parish councils in my area. So does the County Councillor. This is in addition to our own commitment to attend committees and meetings of our respective councils. Also we both get appointed to other bodies; for instance the County Councillor is a member of the East Sussex Fire Authority. In the case of Newhaven there are other meetings and matters to deal with such those relating to the Newhaven Economic Zone for instance. To add extra responsibility by tacking on another 4 parishes each of which have their own separate issues as well as meeting schedules is, I believe, a step too far. I hope you will revise your plans. PS: please see the attached image showing the proposed ward which I'm concerned about. The division in question is coloured orange. Victor S Ient, MSc MIOD MBCS - Lewes District Councillor - [Kingston Ward: Falmer - St Ann Without - Kingston - Swanborough - Iford - Northease - Rodmell - Southease - Piddinghoe] [REDACTED]

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