

## Lewes District

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### Comment text:

The current boundaries for Barcombe and Hamsey ward, should be maintained as the needs of Hamsey parish will continue to be best addressed by effective local representation. The existing Barcombe and Hamsey ward is currently represented by a single councillor who, due to the geographical proximity and similar issues affecting both parishes, should be able to provide effective representation through a real and deep understanding of the needs of our community. The proposed new Chailey, Barcombe and Hamsey ward will encompass a large geographical area making it very difficult for the two councillors to be "in touch" with the real issues affecting the many diverse communities within the ward. Furthermore, the proposed ward does not represent a logical re-distribution of the existing boundaries as the facilities / services / transport links for the communities of Hamsey and Barcombe are focused around Lewes whereas those for Chailey are more focussed around Haywards Heath and Burgess Hill. The issues and needs of the parishes of Hamsey and Barcombe have little in common with those of Chailey, and will therefore make it difficult to foster a real sense of cohesion within the proposed new ward in terms of priorities and focus. As the overall number of Lewes District councillors is proposed to remain the same at 41, we are unable to understand the rationale for the proposed boundary changes. However, if a change must be made, a far more logical re-distribution of the ward boundaries would be to retain the existing single councillor Barcombe and Hamsey ward, for the reasons outlined above, and to create a new Newick and Chailey two councillor ward, due to their relative sizes and geographical proximity, with Wivelsfield becoming a new single councillor ward.

### Uploaded Documents:

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