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Submissions for Lewes District Council and East Sussex County Council

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Subject: Draft recommendations for East Sussex County Council and Lewes District Council

Newhaven Town Council considered the draft recommendations for future electoral arrangements for East Sussex County Council and Lewes District Council at its meeting on 5th April 2016.

The Town Council resolved to object to the proposals, which it felt were short sighted and inappropriate.

It was felt that the proposed wards which included Newhaven did not at all reflect the interests or identities of local communities.

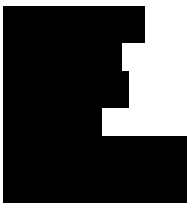
With regard to those proposed for Lewes District Council, the northern part of Newhaven has little in common with Beddingham or Firle and so it was felt that the inclusion of these villages in the Newhaven North ward was inappropriate. The residents of Newhaven do not generally recognise a common interest or identity with Beddingham or Firle, and would not expect that the residents of Beddingham or Firle would feel any particular kinship with Newhaven. The river in Newhaven forms a natural boundary and if the town is to be divided into two this would be where the boundary between two slightly different communities would naturally lie.

With regard to the proposed wards for East Sussex County Council, the inclusion of a small, rather random part of Seaford in the proposed Newhaven & Bishopstone ward seems arbitrary – and the boundary line does not appear to match the area which people think of as being “Bishopstone”. Meanwhile, the proposed Ouse Valley West and Downs ward lumps a number of even more random and arbitrary communities together with a small area of north-western Newhaven – these communities share no common history, culture or even infrastructure with Newhaven. Their interests and identities are extremely diverse.

Please accept this as the official response to the consultation from Newhaven Town Council.

Kind regards,

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