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Sent: 25 June 2012 13:23
To: Ian Bigwood
Cc: Parish.Council, Penshurst
Subject: Community Governance Review Leigh

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Dear Ian,

Leigh Parish Council still wishes to object to the proposals, despite SDC's recommendation that the two properties transfer to the Penshurst parish. The Parish Council reiterates the view that the boundary is historic and it would set a precedent. Members do not believe that a historic parish boundary should be changed just because the residents of these two properties feel more inclined to be included in another parish. Future residents of these properties might feel the opposite and would prefer to be included in the Leigh parish. The Parish Council does not believe that the reasons for change are strong enough.

Kind regards,
Louise.

From: Ian.Bigwood@sevenoaks.gov.uk
To: Louise.leighclerk@hotmail.com
Subject: Community Governance Review
Date: Wed, 16 May 2012 09:36:18 +0000

Good morning

Please find attached the draft recommendations of Sevenoaks District Council in respect of the community governance review. A consultation period now commences and runs for the next 12 weeks, deadline 31st July 2012. The District Council would welcome a response from your Parish, positive or negative, that helps Members of the Council when they determine their final recommendations in due course.

I am sending a copy of the draft recommendations to the occupants of the two properties proposed to transfer from Leigh Parish into Penshurst Parish.

I should be grateful if you would publish the attached notice of draft recommendations throughout your Parish.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Dear Mr. Bigwood,

Thank you for your letter of 5th July 2012

Since the Leigh Parish Council has sought to re-iterate its case at this juncture, we welcome the opportunity you offer to set out very briefly what we consider are the principal reasons for the change we have requested.

This submission is not trivial, it is based on half a lifetime of living and contributing fully to activities in Penshurst village.

Comments and Reasons for change.

1. Simply to say that a boundary is "historic" is not in itself at all acceptable. It must be historic for a reason, and no reason is given. The 1881 Census clearly shows the buildings attached to Redleaf House listed as in PENSURST which would include the Lodge built 9 years previously in 1872, together with the adjoining agricultural property (now known as Woodside Kennels).
2. The Localism Act has provided a one-off opportunity to make a sensible change. Therefore to say the change would set a precedent is on the face of it entirely inappropriate.
3. North Lodge was built in 1872 as an adjunct to Redleaf House - as staff accommodation and a dairy to supply the House. Redleaf House itself is recognised as being in the parish of Penshurst – so why isn't its Lodge, together with the adjoining property at Woodside Kennels which was then the pasture for the dairy?

4. Lastly we would simply point to the officially allocated address set out above ,which identifies North Lodge as lying in **Penshurst Road, Penshurst.**

We would welcome a Site Visit to demonstrate the sense and the simplicity of this adjustment.

We are grateful for this further opportunity to explain our position and hope that the Council will hold to its decision to support the change.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr Bigwood,

Further to your letter of the 5th of July I would like to register our support for the points raised in the attached letter from [REDACTED]

We too would like to think that you will hold to your original decision to support the change of boundary to include our two properties within Penshurst Parish.

Yours Sincerely

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