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I write further to your letter regarding the Community Governance Review and the parish boundary.

It has always struck me as odd that our house, although not all of our land, was in Otford Parish when all of our close neighbours were in Shoreham. Could you please let me know why [REDACTED] is the only property in the vicinity in the Otford Parish. Doesn't it make more sense that everybody is in Shoreham ?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards
[REDACTED]

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Received 27 JUL 2012

Community Governance
Review

26.07.12

Against any change in the curtilage
of my property which has been in my family
since 1924

Dear Mrs Bigwood,

Thank you for your letter of May 2012 to which I
responded with an almost immediate phone call.

I explained at that time my reasons for not
wishing to agree to a change in the parish boundaries
which would affect my 34 acre property [redacted]

[redacted] where I have lived all my life
(79 yrs) which my Father had built in 1923-24 (bought
and where he had our bungalow built. he was
a keen conservationist & it was a ~~bungalow~~ bungalow
to have a large roof area to collect rainwater & we
did not go on the mains until 1970! Silas CARTER

My father's cousin was the wife of the farmer at
Dunstable Farm, Shoreham & my father [redacted]
[redacted] had visited this farm for holidays with

his family since before the first World War &
dearly loved Shoreham which was why he moved, as
he thought, to the parish of Shoreham - unfortunately
he perhaps did not realise when he chose to
have the bungalow built by a local builder Charlie Green
at a sensible distance from the lane that the building
was on a boundary. Personally I have always treasured
my Shoreham frontage & would rather my home itself
were in Shoreham. The present curtilage has never
been a problem.

Please do not make changes which will alter my
curtilage except it be to place my bungalow
home in SHOREHAM. Yours faithfully [redacted]

Shoreham Parish Council



Badgers Mount Shoreham Well Hill

7 August 2012

Mr I Bigwood
Electoral Services Manager
Sevenoaks District Council
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Dear Mr Bigwood

Re: Community Governance Review

Thank you for your email dated 27 July 2012.

Shoreham Parish Council is happy to consider the wishes of the occupants of the three properties in Row Dow Lane and if they wish to stay in Shoreham Parish, the Council has no objection.

Yours sincerely



Sharon Palmer
Clerk to Shoreham Parish Council

Ian Bigwood

From: Otford Parish Council <otfordpc@btinternet.com>
Sent: 16 August 2012 09:15
To: Ian Bigwood
Subject: Re: Community Governance Review

Dear Ian

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

At the Council meeting on Monday 13th August it was agreed that the Council still wished the revised boundary to be as agreed with Shoreham Parish Council and submitted to SDC.

I should be grateful if you could let me know what happens now.

Also is there an outcome re Twitton?

Kind Regards

Brenda

Brenda Hambrook
Otford Parish Council

From: Ian Bigwood
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2012 8:57 AM
To: Parish.Council, Otford
Subject: Community Governance Review

Good morning Brenda

Are you able to update me on your Members' view on Row Dow Lane?

Thanks very much.

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From: Otford Parish Council [mailto:otfordpc@btinternet.com]
Sent: 30 July 2012 08:48
To: Ian Bigwood
Subject: Re: Community Governance Review

Hi Ian

Thank you for your email and I am pleased that residents are giving their input.

I shall put this matter on the agenda for the Council meeting on 13th August .

Kind Regards

Brenda Hambrook
Otford Parish Council

From: Ian Bigwood
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2012 2:08 PM
To: Parish.Council, Otford
Subject: Community Governance Review

Hi Brenda

One of the District Council's draft recommendations, as you know, is to realign the parish boundary between Otford and Shoreham in Row Dow Lane so as to include the whole of the three properties Stursdon, Mount Farm and Mount Farm Cottage in just one parish, namely Otford. This recommendation followed submissions from both Parish Councils for this realignment.

The occupants of two of the properties have responded (a remarkable 66.6% response rate!) saying that they would much prefer their properties to be in Shoreham, one for detailed historic family reasons and the other because neighbours in the properties in the rest of the road are already situated in Shoreham Parish. Their proposed change and the reasons they give make me wonder whether this is a better proposal than just re-drawing the parish boundary down the middle of Row Dow Lane. I really would like the views of your Members on this latest proposal, though I appreciate they have already considered this subject in June. Whilst the deadline for responding to the draft recommendations is 31st July, I am happy of course to receive the views of your Members after this date, let's say by mid August though I'm open to negotiation.

I am writing to Shoreham Parish Council in the same vein.

I'm very grateful to you for your help in this matter and look forward to hearing from you.

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Subject: Re: Community Governance Review

Dear Mr Bigwood

Ian Bigwood

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 24 May 2012 16:32
To: Electoral Registration
Subject: Community Governance Review Twitton

Categories: Red Category

Thank you for your letter dated May 2012 regarding the proposal to transfer the Twitton properties, currently situated in Shoreham, over to Otford.

Having lived in Twitton, on the Otford side, for some 65 years, I would say that it is a matter of some indifference to me as to whether I live, technically, in Shoreham or in Otford. In practice, the fact that I have lived in Otford, has made not a jot of difference to my life. Both Shoreham and Otford Parish Councils have officiously interfered in planning matters on the other's side of the road. In the case of the application by The Rising Sun for a car park, the interference by Otford was very much to the detriment of Twitton.

If the transfer takes place, where is it proposed that the boundary between Shoreham and Otford should run? Would we continue to have the situation where the hedge on one side of the road is in Otford and on the other side in Shoreham?

In truth, I appreciate that legislation requires you to carry out this review, but I regard it as pretty much a complete waste of time and money, as do those of my neighbours with whom I have spoken, all of whom are quite happy with the status quo and have no desire for change either way.

Apologies for this somewhat negative view of the whole process.

our faithfully

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