Shoreham Parish Council



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Mr I Bigwood Electoral Services Manager Sevenoaks District Council Council Offices Argyle Road Sevenoaks Kent TN13 1HG

Dear Mr Bigwood

Re: Shoreham Parish Council

Shoreham Parish Council would like Sevenoaks District Council to consider making East Hill a separate ward within the Parish.

At present, the Parish consists of Badgers Mount, Well Hill, Shoreham Village and East Hill. Badgers Mount will be splitting off to form a separate Parish. Well Hill is already a separate ward. Shoreham Village and East Hill form the other ward.

East Hill is similar to Well Hill in both size and that it is separate from the village of Shoreham. It is a hamlet of houses with no meeting rooms or social areas. There is one pub and a church nearby. There is no Residents Association. Shoreham Parish Council is very concerned that East Hill and Romney Street is somewhat isolated and to be designated as a ward with a Parish Councillor to represent the residents would be beneficial. District Councillor M Lowe has also indicated that she would support the proposal.

The Parish Council has sent out an additional newsletter at East Hill asking for the opinions of residents to this change and also attended a local fete to enable Parish Councillors to speak to local residents about the possibility of becoming a separate ward. The only responses that have been received have been positive.

The eastern boundary of the new ward is suggested to follow the footpath from Upper Austen Lodge to the area between Magpie Bottom and Fackenden Lane.

The number of Parish Councillors for the new Shoreham Parish would be as follows: 6 Parish Councillors for Shoreham Ward, 1 Parish Councillor for Well Hill Ward and 1 Parish Councillor for East Hill Ward – 8 in total.

The Polling Station for East Hill Ward is proposed to be the Fox and Hounds Public House in Romney Street.

Shoreham Parish Council would appreciate it if this proposal could be looked at favourably.

Yours sincerely

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