

KEEP OUR VILLAGES IN MID SUSSEX

THE PROBLEM

Bureaucrats in the Boundary Commission are working on plans to reform our parliamentary boundaries. But they have come up with a horrific plan that would see our villages of Scaynes Hill, Horsted Keynes, West Hoathly and Sharpthorne moved to a constituency centred on Uckfield and East Grinstead!



All our natural links are primarily with Haywards Heath. That's where we go for health, education and transport needs and most of our regular shopping. No-one travels to Uckfield for these things. Our weekly shop is likely to be in Haywards Heath and if you want the train to London or Brighton, you're not going to drive to Uckfield to catch it.

And of course Uckfield is in East Sussex, so under all the things that matter – from roads and libraries to social care and fire service – all these would be under the influence of an MP who would see our villages as a distant outpost, not a priority.

OUR SOLUTION – ACT NOW

The Boundary Commission are consulting on their proposals and we must show the weight of opinion locally wants to keep our villages in Mid Sussex. You need to let the Boundary Commission know your views. You can do this by going to the following website <https://www.bcereviews.org.uk>. Or you can write to them at: Boundary Commission, 35 Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3BQ

But you must act NOW. The consultation closes on **5th December**. Some of the points you might want to make to the Commission are overleaf.

The Boundary Commission attach considerable weight to the volume of responses they receive. Please act today and ask your family, friends and neighbours to do the same.

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IDENTITY

Our High Weald villages have been in the Mid Sussex Constituency for 40 years and form an important part of the Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) area.

Keeping District Council and Constituency boundaries joined up is better for businesses, schools, health facilities and residents.

SERVICES

As the residents of High Weald villages, including Scaynes Hill and Horsted Keynes, have Haywards Heath addresses, they automatically align and fall in catchment areas for services that are provided in Haywards Heath which they cannot access in their villages for example doctors, dentists, senior schools. Young adults would attend the recently reopened local 6th form college in Haywards Heath.

TRANSPORT

Bus routes from High Weald radiate towards Haywards Heath to access, for example, the Princess Royal Hospital and the catchment areas of doctors and local services.

The main A272 runs from Haywards Heath through Scaynes Hill.

Cycle routes look to connect Scaynes Hill in High Weald to Haywards Heath to provide safer ways for the children from this area to cycle to school and college and to Haywards Heath train station.

Haywards Heath station is used regularly for travel to London and Brighton for work, education and relaxation.

LEISURE

Although we have a number of excellent pubs and restaurants in our villages, many of us go to Haywards Heath for eating out opportunities. The Dolphin leisure centre is important for us and many participate in a variety of leisure activities in and around Haywards Heath.