


Richard Beesley

From: voting <voting@tmbc.gov.uk>
Sent: 03 February 2016 09:46
To: Richard Beesley
Subject: Fwd: Re: Community Governance Review (Kings Hill Parish)

>>> Matthew Balfour 02/02/2016 16:59 >>>
Dear Richard

I agree!

Regards - Matthew


>>> voting 02/02/16 1:46 PM >>>

Dear colleague

I am writing to advise you that Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council have commenced a review of parish electoral arrangements. This review, known as a Community Governance Review, has been requested by Kings Hill Parish Council due to recent and ongoing development that has extended beyond the current Kings Hill parish boundary.

Following informal discussions with representatives from the three potentially affected parish councils, Members of Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council have met and agreed (through General Purposes last night) to undertake this formal review. The enclosed booklet provides more details. In so doing, they have identified three distinct geographical areas (labelled as A1, A2 and B in the attached booklet) and made draft recommendations concerning each of these.

A formal consultation period has now commenced, ending on 9 May 2016. Local parish, Borough, County and Parliamentary representatives for the area concerned have been contacted and supplied with a copy of the attached booklet, as have a number of other statutory consultees.

Before the Borough Council arrives at a final decision about future arrangements, we want to give you the opportunity to put forward your views so that we can take them into account. We would welcome your written views by Monday 9 May 2016. Our contact details can be found at the back of the booklet. The Borough Council (via the Electoral Review Working Group and General Purposes) will consider all comments received before making a decision about future arrangements. If you have any questions about this review please contact me.

We welcome your comments whether you are in support of the recommendations or opposed to them. However, it would be useful if you could give your reasons for or against when you contact us. In particular, if you do not agree with any aspect of the draft recommendations, it would be very useful if you are able to suggest a suitable alternative, noting the statutory criteria below:

"The principal council must have regard to the need to secure that community governance within the area under review -

- (a) reflects the identities and interests of the community in that area, and
- (b) is effective and convenient."

Please note that we will not be making any changes to the parish electoral arrangements until the review is complete. Any changes that are made will, subject to agreement by other stakeholders, be changed with effect from

the next scheduled parish elections in 2019.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, I look forward to receiving your views.

Kind regards

Richard

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Richard Beesley

From: [REDACTED]@electoralcommission.org.uk>
Sent: 03 February 2016 16:46
To: Richard Beesley
Subject: RE: Community Governance Review (Kings Hill Parish)

Hi Richard

Thanks for your email. Given that the Boundary Committee, which was a statutory Committee of the Electoral Commission, separated from us several years ago, you should make contact with them directly on the subject of your review. They are now known as the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) . Here are their contact details:

<http://www.lgbce.org.uk/about-us/contact-us>

I hope that this make senses and guides you sufficiently!

Best wishes

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From: Richard Beesley [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 February 2016 13:30
To: infoengland
Subject: Community Governance Review (Kings Hill Parish)

Hello EC

We have today launched a consultation on proposed boundary changes for Kings Hill parish. As a statutory consultee, please find attached the consultation booklet and covering letter.

Kind regards

Richard

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Richard Beesley

From: voting
Sent: 02 March 2016 10:38
To: Richard Beesley
Subject: FW: Community Governance Review 2016

For you.
Carol

From: Susan Cockburn [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 March 2016 09:50
To: voting; voting@tmbc.gov.uk voting
Subject: Community Governance Review 2016

Good Morning

My Council refers to Richard Beesley's letter of the 2nd February with accompanying booklet.

They welcome and support the decision that the Parish Boundary - Proposal B remain within Wateringbury

Thank you

Regards

Mrs Susan Cockburn
Clerk to Wateringbury Parish Council

Richard Beesley

From: voting
Sent: 15 March 2016 09:02
To: Richard Beesley
Subject: FW: Change of Parish Boundaries

-----Original Message-----

From: Vivienne Meheux [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 March 2016 06:26
To: voting
Subject: Change of Parish Boundaries

We are opposed to A2 being included as part of Kings Hill Parish Council. There is no need as this land is a country park, undeveloped open space and woodland in East Malling and Larkfield and can be enjoyed by all who use it.

We do not want this land built on by Liberty in future years. Joining Kings Hill and East Malling as one!!!

Regards

[REDACTED]
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Sent from my iPad

Richard Beesley

From: voting
Sent: 16 March 2016 09:31
To: Richard Beesley
Subject: FW: **Richard Beesley** Parish Boundaries - proposed Amendment to the parish boundary between the parishes between Kings Hill - East Malling & Larkfield Parishes

From: Rob Wade [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 March 2016 09:20
To: voting
Subject: Fwd: **Richard Beesley** Parish Boundaries - proposed Amendment to the parish boundary between the parishes between Kings Hill - East Malling & Larkfield Parishes

FAO: Richard Beesley

I write to formally communicate my **objection** to the proposed amendments to the parish boundary between the parishes Kings Hill - East Malling & Larkfield Parishes (see drawing below)

There is no pressing justification that warrants the movement of the parish boundaries as identified and proposed by The Kings Hill Master Plan.

There are many many examples of cross parish boundary land lines/activity crossovers where residents and users from either parish are interlinked and overlap! Golf courses and playing fields for example.

There is clearly a bias towards new build develops and towns making life easy for governing bodies. However, there is an equally if not greater bias within local communities towards maintaining our green space, green fields and countryside from developments and new towns which damage the heritage and recreational space already used by the public and community.

Please take this as my formal objection to any proposals to change or alter the parish boundary as identified below.

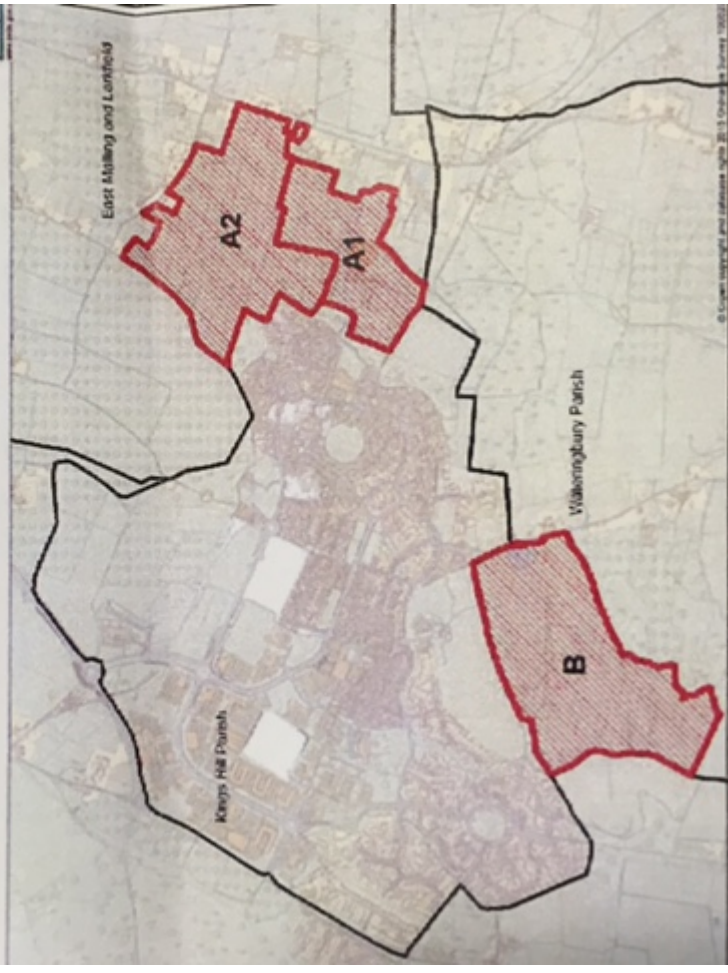
Please contact me directly on [REDACTED] if you wish to discuss further.

Robert Wade [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

ment and Public Involvement in Health Act 200

invited to comment on these proposals, and/or suggest alternative options by 9 May 2016.

Review 2016



PROPOSALS

TONBRIDGE & MALLING

Richard Beesley

From: voting
Sent: 11 April 2016 09:52
To: Richard Beesley
Subject: FW: Proposed Extension of KHPC boundary

From: Viv Tanna [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 April 2016 13:23
To: voting; voting@tmbc.gov.uk voting
Subject: Proposed Extension of KHPC boundary

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a resident of The Heath and would like to object to the proposed extension of the boundary of KHPC covering the areas A1 and A2 and B. I agree with the proposals put forward by TMBC in refusing the application covered by the area A2 in that residents along the Heath have always been a part of East Malling community and have no connection with Kings Hill in any shape or form and area B as these two areas do not meet the required criteria for transfer.

Whilst I can see the logic of allowing Area A1 to be included in the parish of Kings Hill as the current boundaries stand, I am concerned that over time, with the possibility of land to the west of A2 (Broadwater Farm) being moved into Kings Hill, because it has been labelled as potential development land, that eventually it would appear logical to also include the area A2 as it lies between area A1 and Broadwater. I note that in the Local Development Plan the area of Broadwater Farm is already being listed as Kings Hill, which is incorrect as it has always been known as Broadwater Farm and has been formally marked as such since the very first ordnance survey was carried out, so I do not know by what authority its name has been changed. Perhaps someone at TMBC could enlighten me on this point.

There are no guarantees that Kings Hill will not subsequently put buildings within the area A2 as they have done in A1 and then put in a further application to move the boundary because they are legitimately using the area, as they have done with area A1. This gradual creep of Kings Hill which is already impinging on surrounding local communities and is already causing problems with traffic and infrastructure needs to be firmly stopped as we will otherwise lose our community to the developers.

Yours faithfully

Vivienne Tanna

Richard Beesley

From: voting
Sent: 12 April 2016 13:36
To: Richard Beesley
Subject: FW: Review of Parish electoral arrangements: Kings Hill; East Malling and Larkfield

From: Douglas Ramsay [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 April 2016 12:44
To: voting; voting@tmbc.gov.uk voting
Subject: Review of Parish electoral arrangements: Kings Hill; East Malling and Larkfield

Dear Julie

Please accept the following as the views of Tonbridge and Malling Labour Party on the proposals.

We support Proposal A1 on the grounds that the land proposed to transfer from E.Malling & Larkfield Parish to Kings Hill Parish is already in use by residents of Kings Hill.

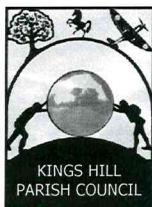
We support Proposal A2. We agree that A2 area should remain in E.Malling & Larkfield Parish since it is not solely used by Kings Hill and any further infilling development would continue to link the area with East Malling village.

We did not have any views on Proposal B.

Please could you acknowledge receipt of this email.

Regards

Douglas Ramsay
Secretary
Tonbridge and Malling CLP



Kings Hill Parish Council

Enhancing the lives of the Kings Hill Community

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Julie Beilby
Chief Executive
Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
Gibson Building
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15 April 2016

Dear Ms Beilby

Kings Hill Parish Council (KHPC) has considered the Community Governance Review draft proposals to amend the Kings Hill parish boundary and have the following comments:

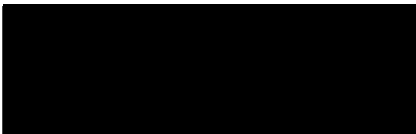
1. Area A1 – KHPC are pleased that this area is included in the draft proposal
2. Area A2 – KHPC are disappointed that this area has not been recommended for inclusion into the parish of Kings Hill.
 - a. This area includes Warren Woods and other land at Heath Farm. The land at Warren Woods is specifically designed to serve the residents of Kings Hill and forms part of the Section 106 obligations of the developer as part of Phase 2 of Kings Hill.
 - b. It is also adjacent to Area A1 and directly accessible from the Sports Park in Area A1.
 - c. Therefore KHPC believe that Area A2 meets the criteria on exactly the same basis as Area A1, namely that there are no residential properties in this area and it is designed to serve the residents of Kings Hill.
3. Area B – KHPC are similarly disappointed that Area B has not been recommended for inclusion into the parish of Kings Hill.
 - a. This area is a protected open space (as identified in the TMBC Open Space Strategy 2009) and therefore is extremely

unlikely to be available to residential development as mentioned.

- b. The Golf Club is only accessible from Kings Hill. It is not accessible from Wateringbury parish by vehicle at all. Pedestrian access is also extremely limited and is hard to access from Wateringbury parish.
- c. The current parish boundary cuts right through the Kings Hill Golf course and cannot be described as "effective and convenient" as it currently stands.
- d. It is adjacent to Kings Hill residential areas but a significant distance from the centre of Wateringbury village.
- e. Therefore KHPC believe that Area B meets the statutory criteria as there are no residential properties in this area and it can only be accessed through Kings Hill so it would be effective and convenient to have the whole golf course within the boundary of Kings Hill rather than just a portion of it. This would "reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area" as the round trip for Wateringbury residents is prohibitively onerous.

KHPC looks forward to receiving confirmation of the final decision taken by the Borough Council.

Yours sincerely



Helen Munro
Chief Executive Officer
On behalf of Kings Hill Parish Council

WATERINGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council - Mrs Susan J Cockburn

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15th April 2016

Ms Julie Beilby
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Dear Ms Beilby

Community Governance Review 2016

Wateringbury Parish and East Malling & Larkfield Parish

Wateringbury Parish Council were pleased that the consultation draft of the proposals appeared to respect and reinforce the long standing wishes of the community as recently confirmed by Steve Humphrey of Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council governing access between the emerged Kings Hill development(s) and the Wateringbury parish (conditions 33 & 34 as the planning agreement between Kent County Council, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council and Rouse Kent and the planning agreement re permission TM/10/02234/FL) The meeting between members of the Parish Council and Richard Beesley, the Special Works Projects Officer, appeared to cement the wishes of Wateringbury Parish Council by not proposing changes to Area B. Wateringbury Parish Council strongly supports no change to this proposal

Of concern are the proposed changes to area A1 as far as the detail of the change to the southern boundary thereof where it abuts part of the northern established Wateringbury boundary. Wateringbury Parish Council is concerned to ensure that any change or transfer reiterates that the insubstantial gap between the southern boundary of area A1 and the highway within our parish boundary (Teston Road) cannot be breached, however inadvertently by any consequence of such transfer, as the same would nullify the conditions referred to above to the great concern of Wateringbury Parish Council for the reasons promulgated at the time the Kings Hill development was approved.

Cont/-

We accordingly ask that any change considered or adopted to the parish boundary A1 ensure that our concerns as outlined above are taken fully into account. Wateringbury Parish Council also supports all comments made by Teston Parish Council

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Susan J Cockburn (Mrs)
Clerk to Wateringbury Parish Council

cc All Parish Councillors
Cllr Simon Jessel
Cllr Matthew Balfour
Richard Beesley
Teston Parish Council
East Malling & Larkfield Parish Council

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East Malling & Larkfield Parish Council



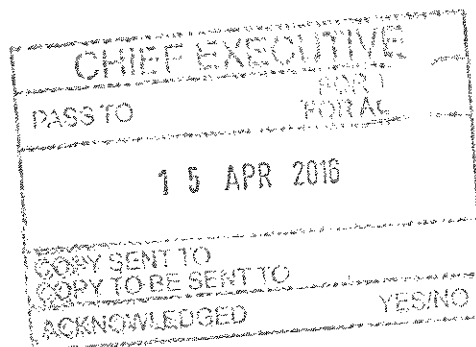
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Clerk to the Council: Mrs Val Severn

13th April 2016

Julie Beilby
Chief Executive
Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council
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Dear Julie

Community Governance Review Kings Hill/East Malling Boundary

I refer to this process and the leaflet setting out draft proposals for consideration.

We have contacted Kings Hill Parish Council to see if any agreement was possible between the two parishes but so far a reply has not been received.

In the meantime the Parish Council did hold a well attended Public Meeting on 14th March 2016 when this item was discussed and copies of your draft proposals were handed out.

Some residents wanted to express their own views and email or write in themselves.

There were some present who felt no change to the long standing boundary should be made on the grounds no houses were involved and that where the boundary ran made no difference to Kings Hill Parish Council's management of the allotments and sports pitches and facilities.

There was however no one at the meeting who spoke in favour of transferring Area 2 to Kings Hill and especially those with houses fronting onto Wateringbury Road and The Heath, East Malling.

There was a query raised as to whether the eastern boundary of A1 is correctly confined to the sports area and should not include any of Corio Farm, which is on the "Call for Sites" map of the Locan Plan Review. It was felt if houses were built there access would be off Wateringbury Road and any houses should be in East Malling. Perhaps this could be checked on a larger scale map. We think it is excluded and would remain in this Parish?

The same applies to the re-developed Heath Farm where it was queried if the strip of land adjoining forms part of the sports area or not. This query is coloured pink on the attached plan.

It was promised the above 2 queries would be made.

It was indicated the Parish Council was inclined to agree to the transfer of Area A1 subject to the above queries, and on the basis of the legal position set out in the draft proposals booklet.

On this basis those present who wished, signed the attached petition which it was also promised we would submit.

The Parish Council will submit its own detailed response shortly but in the meantime please acknowledge receipt of this letter and petition.

Yours sincerely

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(Mrs.) Val Severn
Clerk to the Council

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To: Chief Executive
 Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council
 Gibson Building
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PETITION

We the undersigned, residents of East Malling, **OBJECT** to the transfer of Area A2 on the Borough Council's community Governance Review 2016 booklet from East Malling to Kings Hill.

We consider this area of rural land, including Warren Wood Nature Park, and its public footpath connections to The Heath form part of East Malling and should remain within the Parish.

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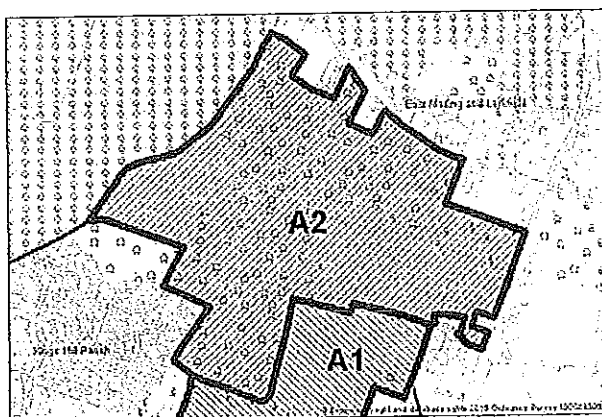
CLARE WOOD DRIVE



Parish boundary – Proposal A2

The Borough Council proposes that the parish boundary between Kings Hill and East Malling & Larkfield parishes be amended such that the area marked A2 on the map below remain within East Malling & Larkfield parish. We have been asked to consider, and therefore consult, on the possible inclusion of Area A2 within Kings Hill parish. However, we do not consider that it meets the statutory criteria. This is because it is not used solely by Kings Hill residents and so cannot be considered to “reflect the identities and interests of the [Kings Hill] community.” Ownership of the land does not in itself identify a community use, and therefore cannot be considered to be criteria enough to transfer the land to be included within Kings Hill parish.

If future in-fill development were to take place, along The Heath or Wateringbury Road, the properties would currently be within East Malling. They would be part of the East Malling community, neighboured by other East Malling properties. However, if the land were to move to Kings Hill, future in-fill developments would be part of Kings Hill parish, which would not be reflective of their community identity or interests. The land includes the country park, land identified through the Kings Hill Phase 3 Masterplan as being allocated as ‘Natural Green Space’, and other undeveloped open space and woodland. This land is served by footpaths and bridleways, which open it up for use by both Kings Hill and East Malling residents.



Area queried if in sports area?

Richard Beesley

From: voting
Sent: 27 April 2016 14:19
To: Richard Beesley
Subject: FW: Community Governance Review 2016 - Parish Boundaries - East Malling and Larkfield / Wateringbury / Kings Hill

From: Mike Barlow [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 April 2016 14:18
To: voting
Cc: [REDACTED] office@emandlpc.co.uk
Subject: Community Governance Review 2016 - Parish Boundaries - East Malling and Larkfield / Wateringbury / Kings Hill

Dear Ms Beilby,

We strongly object to the realignment of the parish boundaries as proposed by Kings Hill Parish Council, most particularly as depicted bordering areas A2 and B in the plans which accompany the Community Governance Review 2016 consultation.

The fact that a change in parish boundaries has been proposed suggests that Kings Hill Parish Council has plans to change the way in which the underlying land is managed and used. This is neither welcome nor desirable.

It is important to preserve the separate identities and residential environments offered by urban Kings Hill and the more rural surrounding villages. Doing so gives people a choice of housing and community type in which to live, in line with Government policy. Constancy in management and usage of the land adjoining the Kings Hill development is highly beneficial in achieving this urban/rural balance and is thus greatly valued.

It should be remembered that the parish boundaries as they currently exist have been accepted by all residents moving into the area including those living in Kings Hill. There has never been any public expectation that the boundaries would be amended or that the management of and use to which the land shown in areas A2 and B would be changed.

To preserve the important residential environmental balance, therefore, it is essential that the parish boundaries, as they relate to areas A2 and B in particular, remain as they are. In this case, preserving the status quo will best facilitate the broader needs of existing and future local residents by preserving the choices of housing and locale available to them.

Mike and Sue Barlow

[REDACTED] The Heath East Malling ME19 6JL

Richard Beesley

From: voting
Sent: 03 May 2016 11:39
To: Richard Beesley
Subject: FW: Community Governance Review 2016 - Kings Hill/East Malling and Wateringbury Boundaries

From: EM&L Parish Council Valerie Severn [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 May 2016 10:34
To: voting; voting@tmbc.gov.uk voting
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Community Governance Review 2016 - Kings Hill/East Malling and Wateringbury Boundaries

Hi

I refer to the Consultation document issued in this matter setting out the draft proposals by the Borough Council in response to a request to change the Parish boundaries by Kings Hill Parish Council.

I also refer to the Petition we have submitted signed by local residents at a public meeting we held.

Also to the comments submitted by Wateringbury and Teston Parish Councils.

The Parish Council is aware from the public meeting that some residents feel the boundaries should remain unchanged as they represent a long standing historic feature.

There is also a strong concern that incorporating additional land within Kings Hill could pave the way for its future development and expansion.

There is also a fear that Teston Road from its junction at The North Pole Public House could be opened up for public vehicular traffic which since the inception of the Kings Hill Development has been ruled out.

The Parish Council understands these fears and also the case for keeping long standing boundaries particularly as in this case there are no properties involved such as where a new development is bisected by a Parish boundary.

The Council however, has looked to the terms of the Statutory criteria set out in the consultation and is responding on that basis.

As far as Area B, being part of Kings Hill Golf Course, is concerned we can see no case for transferring the land from Wateringbury to Kings Hill. As recorded there no properties involved; the course is not owned or managed by Kings Hill Parish Council; and we agree the statutory criteria have not been met.

Indeed there are many golf courses which are crossed by parish boundaries and for example the Cobtree Golf Course area is partly in Aylesford and partly in Boxley so is crossed by a Borough boundary too.

This Parish therefore supports the Borough's draft proposal that Area B should remain within Wateringbury Parish.

Turning to **Areas A1 and A2** currently within this Parish, these together from what was Heath Farm, East Malling.

The Parish Council accepts that in respect of **Area 1** this area includes the relatively new allotments managed by Kings Hill parish Council and the sports pitches and pavilion which are all accessed by vehicles from within Kings Hill which they were designed to serve although others from outside the Parish may use them.

There are no properties within Area 1 and although there is no rule that, for example, one Parish cannot have allotment land in another we note the Borough's view the statutory criteria have been met.

Although the wording of the 2007 Act is rather wide on the basis Kings Hill Parish Council is managing these facilities primarily for its residents, we accept its transfer to Kings Hill.

With regard to **Area 2** this comprises undeveloped land including open space and woodland. It includes the Warren Wood Nature Park and is crossed and accessible by public footpaths MR114 and MR115 from The Heath, East Malling plus the permissive paths that have been created. It acts as a green buffer between East Malling and Kings Hill being used for recreation by residents of both Parishes and the wider area.

The map of Area A2 has been drawn to exclude the existing properties in both Wateringbury Road and The Heath which are all in East Malling.

However, if any development of the undeveloped areas fronting either road took place those properties would end up in Kings Hill Parish creating a "pepper box" effect.

While views at the public meeting as to Area A1 were mixed but no one spoke in favour of transferring Area A2 to Kings Hill Parish and the lodged Petition reflects that view.

Area A2 is allocated as "Natural Green Space" in respect of the nature park plus the other undeveloped open space and woodland as recorded by the Borough Council in the consultation document.

The Parish Council shares the Borough's view that the transfer of this land would not meet the statutory criteria. The area continues to be part and parcel of East Malling.

We therefore conclude that neither Area A2 nor B do not meet the statutory criteria so should remain in East Malling and Wateringbury respectively.

Though we regret changing an historic boundary we do accept there is a case for transferring Area A1 to Kings Hill.

Please acknowledge safe receipt of this email and advise when this matter will be coming before members please.

We have copies this to Wateringbury and Teston Parish Councils.

Regards

Val Severn
Clerk to East Malling and Larkfield Parish Council

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East Malling & Larkfield Parish Council

Richard Beesley

From: voting
Sent: 04 May 2016 09:05
To: Richard Beesley
Subject: FW: Boundary changes

-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Root [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 May 2016 00:49
To: voting
Subject: Boundary changes

To whom it may concern,

I am very concerned about the proposed boundary changes, Kingshill seems to be taking over the area, you cant possibly have houses with a kingshill address in East Malling! I also hate the thought that we will be losing valuable green spaces between our villages, its just becoming an urban sprawl.

Please, dont agree to these proposals, I know there is a need to build houses, but why should heavily built up areas have to provide the same land provision as less built up areas.

Maidstone borough council has ensured there is no green space left this side of maidstone, we have a responsibility to help maintain some green space between here and London, just for the sake of one or two generations, like we are the only people that matter! In a hundred years the same problems will exist, save some land for future generations.

Once that land has gone it can never ever be returned to what it is now.

with Kind Regards,

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Teston Parish Council

Ms Julie Beilby
Chief Executive
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4th May 2016

Dear Ms Beilby,

Community Governance Review 2016 - East Malling & Larkfield, Kings Hill and Wateringbury Parishes

We have become aware of the above review and we are concerned that Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council will exercise its powers to effect changes to boundaries that are outlined within the Draft Proposals.

Background

It is evident that Kings Hill Parish Council has pressed the review and we are concerned about the possible long-term implications for Teston, Wateringbury and East Malling & Larkfield Parishes. To be specific, we refer you to Teston Road. This runs from the junction of Malling Road and Wateringbury Road roughly westwards until it comes to a dead-end, created when the airfield that is now Kings Hill was established in 1940. In the Community Governance Review, area A1 abuts the western end of this current cul-de-sac. The various development phases at Kings Hill have, on occasion, raised the prospect of this cul-de-sac being opened to some vehicles, if only emergency vehicles or buses. Should that happen at any time, it would presumably not be too long before there was pressure to open it up for all vehicles.

Malling Road and Wateringbury Road through Teston, Wateringbury and East Malling & Larkfield Parishes are already heavily used, particularly during rush-hours, even though these roads are narrow, winding in places and with limited or no pavements for much of their length. We have traffic surveys that demonstrate a considerable speeding problem on the Malling Road at the northern end of Teston and we suspect that Wateringbury Road has similar issues.

Our concern

We are strongly opposed to more vehicles being released onto Malling Road and Wateringbury Road via a re-opened Teston Road. This proposed boundary change must only increase the probability of such re-opening, as, presumably, Kings Hill Parish would press for a road link to the east of their Parish, rather than being restricted to Ashton Way / Malling Road along its western boundary.

Issues with Draft Proposal

We must also point to factual inaccuracies in the Draft Proposals:

On page 6 it states: " the area marked A1 is already, or very soon will be, used by residents of the parish of Kings Hill. It is accessible via Kings Hill parish, and is designed to serve the

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residents of that community.". That does not accord with the fact that, as the review itself states, the Sports Ground is commercial. It is far from restricted to use by Kings Hill Parish residents; users come from far afield to use the five football pitches, substantial car parking and other facilities. Its scale was clearly designed not just to serve Kings Hill.

On page 6 it also states: "There are no residential properties in this area, and the only commercial properties are the Sports Park itself". While, as is stated in the Draft Proposals, there are no residential properties within area A1, the nearby properties potentially most affected by activities at the Sports Park are in East Malling & Larkfield Parish.

The process that must be followed and, as noted in the Draft Proposals, criteria that must be applied are set out in the Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, part 4, chapter 3, paragraph 93 i.e.:

- (3) *The principal council must consult the following—*
 - (a) *the local government electors for the area under review;*
 - (b) *any other person or body (including a local authority) which appears to the principal council to have an interest in the review.*
- (4) *The principal council must have regard to the need to secure that community governance within the area under review—*
 - (a) *reflects the identities and interests of the community in that area, and*
 - (b) *is effective and convenient.*
- (5) *In deciding what recommendations to make, the principal council must take into account any other arrangements (apart from those relating to parishes and their institutions)—*
 - (a) *that have already been made, or*
 - (b) *that could be made,**for the purposes of community representation or community engagement in respect of the area under review.*
- (6) *The principal council must take into account any representations received in connection with the review.*
- (7) *As soon as practicable after making any recommendations, the principal council must—*
 - (a) *publish the recommendations; and*
 - (b) *take such steps as it considers sufficient to secure that persons who may be interested in the review are informed of those recommendations.*

We are not aware that consultation has been as legislated. We have made known our interest in Kings Hill matters for several years, but only heard about this matter through local links.

While there are no residential properties within the area A1, the closest adjacent residential properties are in East Malling & Larkfield Parish and, if this proposal is accepted, would remain so. This proposal would therefore fail on criterion 4(b) above. As for the other criterion, as the sports facilities are a commercial enterprise (not restricted to use by Kings Hill), we do not understand why Parish boundaries have to be re-drawn to match their estate, as otherwise Parish boundaries would be in perpetual flux all over the country.

Summary

We do not believe that the Draft Proposals reflect the reality of the situation and, as such, do not meet the requirements of the above Act. We therefore request that the Draft Proposals are not carried forward and that Parish boundaries remain as they now are.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Michelle Tatton
Clerk

Copy: East Malling & Larkfield Parish Council, Watlingbury Parish Council
Cllr Fay Gooch (Maidstone)

Richard Beesley

From: voting
Sent: 05 May 2016 16:26
To: Richard Beesley
Subject: FW: CGR review 2016 Kings Hill expansion.

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephen Lockett [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 May 2016 15:35
To: voting
Subject: CGR review 2016 Kings Hill expansion.

Dear Mr Beesley,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed boundary changes and expansion of Kings Hill. If the A1 and A2 boundary changes happen it would change the nature of East and West Malling forever, by renaming the area Kings Hill it will be destined to become a large extension of the development to a level that cannot be supported by local infrastructure.

It will remove the green boundary and amenity shared by all neighbouring parish residents.

It will damage heritage assets and conservation areas.

It will not protect the identities of East, West Malling and Wateringbury.

Just because Heath farm is owned by a new landowner who wishes to maximise its development potential why should it be renamed. This will assist in the transformation of green open spaces into sprawling urban development.

Although it will not help Rouse Kent I feel it is much better to develop on Brown field sites such as Aylesford newsprint with more affordable housing to assist our existing local communities.

On Google maps show the outline of roundabouts with exits to nowhere are already present, so it seems the developer is confident to get permission, this should not happen.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Lockett

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Sent from my iPad

Tonbridge and Malling Liberal Democrats



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3rd May 2016

Dear Sirs,

Community Governance Review – affecting East Malling & Larkfield, Kings Hill and Wateringbury Parishes

Thank you for consulting with us upon the above.

We agree with the proposal to transfer area A1 from East Malling to Kings Hill Parish. The area does not contain any residential properties and the allotments are clearly intended to be used by Kings Hill residents. While the sports facilities are used by residents from outside Kings Hill the only access by road is from within Kings Hill itself. In the circumstances, while we are reluctant to see an historic boundary changed, we agree that it would be consistent with effective and convenient community governance to transfer area A1 to Kings Hill.

We agree with you that areas A2 should remain within East Malling and B within Wateringbury. Area A2, with its areas of open space, public footpaths, bridleways and the Warren Wood Nature Reserve, is an area that is not used solely by Kings Hill residents. Furthermore, we agree that if further infill development occurs on Wateringbury Road or The Heath this would present difficulties with existing properties being in East Malling while new properties would be within Kings Hill. This, in our view, would not be a good reflection of the community identity or interests of any the residents. The same would apply in relation to area B should that area be transferred and later infill development takes place in Danns Lane or Canon Lane.

In summary, therefore, we agree with the proposals as presented.

Yours faithfully,



David Thornewell

Chairman

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Richard Beesley

From: voting
Sent: 09 May 2016 08:42
To: Richard Beesley
Subject: FW: Objection to proposed boundary change for East Malling & Larkfield / Kings Hill

From: Gordon Taylor [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 May 2016 20:13
To: voting
Subject: Objection to proposed boundary change for East Malling & Larkfield / Kings Hill

Dear Sir,

I wish to register my opinion that there should be **no changes** to the existing parish boundary between East Malling & Larkfield / Kings Hill.

There seems to be no valid reason to change this historical division and I think the parish boundary should remain as it stands. The Kings Hill development has already extended far beyond the original proposals and if the clear area of open space is lost between the two areas, the unique character of this as yet unspoilt area will be lost forever.

Yours faithfully,

Gordon Taylor

Richard Beesley

From: voting
Sent: 09 May 2016 08:43
To: Richard Beesley
Subject: FW: Proposed Boundary Change East Malling & Larkfield and King's Hill

From: Susan Taylor [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 May 2016 19:18
To: voting
Subject: Proposed Boundary Change East Malling & Larkfield and King's Hill

Dear Sir,

I strongly believe that there should be no changes to the existing parish boundary between East Malling & Larkfield and King's Hill. I can see no strong reason to change this historical division and believe the parish boundary should remain as it stands. King's Hill has already developed far beyond the original proposals and it is important that a clear area of open space is maintained between the two to ensure that each retains its unique character.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Sue Taylor

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8th May 2016

Ms Beilby
Chief Executive
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Dear Ms Beilby,

Review of parish electoral arrangements under the Local government
Involvement in Public Health Act 2007:

**Proposal to amend the parish boundary between the parishes of between
Kings Hill and East Malling and Larkfield parishes.**

We are writing to express our grave concern and objections regarding the above
proposed planning arrangements by TMBC.

First of all we wish to object to the manner in which these changes are being
proposed with insufficient consideration of the negative impact upon residents
of East Malling. For example, the Broadwater farm maps do not show
designated conservation areas and the fact that these should be protected.

Secondly, the statutory criteria state that:

*"The principal council must have regard to the need to secure that community
governance within the area under review - (a) reflects the identities and
interests of the community in that area and (b) is effective and convenient".*

The proposal to change the boundary A1 and A2 would lead to a blurring of the
identities of East Malling and West Malling. The conservation areas and historic
and heritage assets of East Malling and West Malling would be irrevocably lost
for all future generations.

Furthermore by renaming the area Kings Hill, it will inevitably lead to an extension of Kings Hill. Unlike the original Kings Hill development, which had planned infrastructure and was on a Brown Field site, this will cut into the countryside, changing green spaces to a conglomeration of buildings with no carefully planned infrastructure. There are many Brown Field sites in TMBC and a more responsible approach to the identity and interest of East Malling and the area as a whole would be to proactively search and identify these sites. The proposed change of boundaries is simply a *smokescreen* to permit landowners to maximise development for personal financial gain. It had no merit in terms of abiding by the principle of reflecting the identities and interests of the community.

East Malling is currently a village with its own identity, community activities and neighbourhood. WE consider that TMBC should protect the separation of village identities. This should include protecting conservation areas and the open countryside. Historically East Malling is of considerable interest and the current proposal would damage the whole village forever. The proposal will lead to a quiet, peaceful village being subsumed within a sprawl of buildings with no corridor without housing and little community life and inadequate infrastructure. The impact on East Malling will be very damaging. It would not be effective or convenient. It would blur identities and lead to unnecessary complications at local level, thereby leading to inefficiency and ineffective governance.

There is some evidence to suggest that planning permission in principle is being considered for developments and that these proposed boundary changes are being proposed to accommodate these proposed planning developments from landowners. This is against the interests of the local community and raises serious questions about the motivation and purpose of these proposed changes in local governance. The principles should be for the community and not for prospective developers to make personal profit. As indicated above, Brown Field sites should be the priority for developments and these would go some way to ensuring towns and villages maintain their identities and that we do not end up with a sprawling mass of urbanisation across the Kent countryside.

To conclude, we urge TMBC to abolish this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Baumber and Michael Mansell

cc Richard Beesley

Richard Beesley

From: voting
Sent: 09 May 2016 08:44
To: Richard Beesley
Subject: FW: CGR 2016 Proposed boundary change Kings Hill and East Malling & Larkfield Parish

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 May 2016 21:02
To: voting
Subject: CGR 2016 Proposed boundary change Kings Hill and East Malling & Larkfield Parish

Mr & Mrs Church
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5th May 2016

Dear Julie Beilby

Re:Community Governance Review 2016 - Boundary between Kings Hill and East Malling & Larkfield Parish

With regards to the above proposal we are writing to advise that our family are very much against the alteration to the boundary between Kings Hill and the East Malling and Larkfield parish.

As there are currently no residential properties on the area which Kings Hill wishes to obtain why is a Community Governance Review (CGR) taking place at all ? The area in question does not currently have any residents and therefore no interests and identities of individuals need to be considered and there would not be any beneficial gain for the boundary to be altered.

We are very fortunate as residents of East Malling to still have natural beauty and conservation within our parish. We should protect this for the sake of the community and for our future generations so that they can have the same enjoyment as we currently get from our surroundings.

It is our understanding that some of the land in question is 'Grade A' farmland and that Broadwater farmland houses a listed building.

Many of the local residents have chosen to live in the East Malling village and immediate vicinity because it has retained much of its heritage. Once taken this will be gone forever which will be tragic.

It is obvious that by changing the boundary as requested by Kings Hill Parish Council we will one day see the concrete jungle which consumes Kings Hill invading closer to East

making suffocating and diminishing the natural beauty, paths, walks and landscape which have traditionally stood within the parish for many years.

It is extremely apparent to differentiate the hardcore physicality's of Kings Hill compared to the traditional East Malling parish. It may be at a whim that these boundaries could possibly be altered but there will be a long term devastation to nature. If this boundary were to change where would the limits end. Would Kings Hill continue to grow and dominate the landscape like a cancer through the neighbouring parishes?

We strongly oppose this change.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Church

Mrs J Church

Miss L Church

Mr B Church

Mr S Church

Richard Beesley

From: voting
Sent: 09 May 2016 10:48
To: Richard Beesley
Subject: FW: Community Governance Review 2016 - Parish Boundaries - East Malling and Larkfield/Wateringbury

From: paul sharp [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 May 2016 09:24
To: voting
Cc: Gel Sharp
Subject: Community Governance Review 2016 - Parish Boundaries - East Malling and Larkfield/Wateringbury

Dear Mr Beesley/Ms Beilby

I write to express my concern and strong objection to the potential realignment of the parish boundaries and in particular areas A2 and B as depicted on the draft proposals.

The fact that Kings Hill Parish Council has sought to realign these boundaries encapsulating additional land would suggest they have intent to develop this land further in line with Kings Hill expansion plans.

Having lived on Kings Hill for three years upon moving out of London, I can appreciate the environment created is ideal for a number of families with housing and amenities to hand, but not for everyone. The estate is of significant size already and future development will impact on the adjacent land and usage of that space along with the overall aesthetics of the rural environment.

I chose to move my family from Kings Hill onto The Heath in East Malling as the road is surrounded by farm land, woodland and rural areas giving a fantastic, quiet environment for a family to grow with nature on the door step, the Kings Hill environment wasn't for us as we appreciate and enjoy a more peaceful way of life.

By realigning the boundaries I feel this would have a direct impact on both the environment and my family's existing way of life will be compromised should future development be proposed.

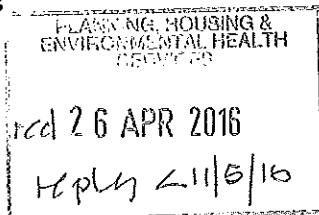
I do hope mine and other resident's in the area's concerns will be taken under consideration and these plans be rejected.

I shall be watching the outcome with anticipation.

With best regards,

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RECEIVED 26 APR 2016

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23rd April, 2016

Dear Mr Humphrey

We Strongly Object to Development in the Proposed Development in the Broadwater and East Malling Area, and to changes in the Parish Boundary, on the following grounds :

Development Sites

We are all familiar now with threats visited on irreplaceable rural landscape by easy and profitable development on greenfield sites, irrespective of the impact on local communities and the overburdened infrastructure and services they depend on.

There are many and sufficient brownfield sites in our area to address sensible development, and a way must be found to enable such solutions. Surely the time is with us urgently to look at ways to equalise incentive for proposed development on brownfield sites as opposed to precious greenfield landscape.

We look to our elected parliamentary and local representatives to recognise and protect the quintessential character of Kentish landscape with its spirit and sense of place, and all the benefits that these entail.

Two areas in which we have a particular interest :

- The Research Station – this is a worldwide contributor to food crop production, with its innovative rootstocks and fruit development programmes. Along with all the standard arguments in favour of scientific work, Kent should be proud and supportive of this important institution.
- Residents in the existing TMBC designated 'New Barns and Broadwater Farm Conservation Area' wonder why this area is even included in the list of proposed sites, bearing in mind that the Conservation Area has already been recognised as important both visually and historically.

Parish Boundary

The growth of Kings Hill – already a small town – has inevitably led to pressure in the surrounding towns and villages, owing to wholly inadequate essential amenities within its own boundaries. The character of Town Malling in recent years has increasingly been compromised by inaccessibility and damaging pressure on facilities and infrastructure.

We very much object to the proposed Parish Boundary change, and the consequential further extension of this very different community, overwhelming and urbanising rural hamlets and farmland.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
 Anthony and Sue Drake
 MR AND MRS A. R. DRAKE

Cc : Sasha Luck, Sophie Shrubsole, Brian Luker, Roger Roud, Daniel Markham, Trudy Dean, David Thornewell, Tom Tugendhat

